

Roydon Primary School

Christmas 2021



There is not a day that goes by at Roydon Primary School when the children and staff do not amaze me! School life is certainly challenging at the moment, but the quality of teaching and learning that takes place every single day is testament to the hard work and resilience of everyone in our school community. Everyone has earned their Christmas break and we hope they all have a lovely holiday.

Goodbye, Mrs Carlyle!

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Carlyle today. She has been Owls teacher this term and has worked hard with the teaching team to give them the best start to the school year that we could have hoped for. Thank you for everything you have done for us, and good luck in your new job as a headteacher in January!



Hello Mr Thompson!

Mr Thompson will be joining us after Christmas as Owls new class teacher. We are looking forward to working with him.

Diary Dates

5th January
Children return to school

7th January
4th February
Full Governors meeting

9th February
Ollie Day road safety magic show for Y1 – Y5

11th February
Class photos
Last day of half term

HEADLINES



Website

We have a new website on its way, so don't panic if you have a look and find it is not available. It will be worth the wait, and information should be easier to find.

Fab-u-lous FoRPS

The FoRPS ladies are amazing! They all have busy lives, but again and again they find the time to organise exciting events for children and their families, and raise so much money to support your children's learning. This term, through the money trail, the pumpkin competition, the Lakeside trip and the Holly Fayre, they have raised over £2,000!! We thank the committee for their efforts and to all our families for sending in money for the different events. What will next term bring?



Teaching students

The Squirrels have really enjoyed working with Miss Bugg this term and we are looking forward to her return in the summer. Next term, Squirrels will be joined by Miss Ballaam.



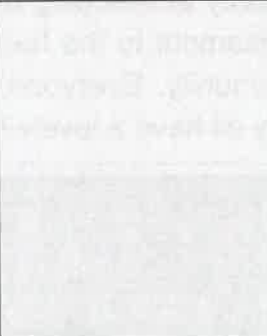
Let the festivities begin!

We have had such a lovely time preparing for Christmas this year, despite the limitations we have in school at the moment. As always, the wonderful kitchen ladies did us proud with delicious Christmas dinners, and the FoRPS ladies prepared an exciting day of fun and games in our Holly Fayre with a Difference. Santa spent a day in school so every child could pay him a visit, and yesterday he joined our final assembly to deliver class presents and remind us to be in bed early on Christmas Eve. I think we are now all ready for the celebrations to begin!



Young Voices

Just to confirm that the Young Voices singing event in London has been postponed until later in 2022. More details to follow when we have them.



Punctuality

As we said in the last Heads Up, after Christmas we are going to return to our pre-lockdown arrangement for morning drop off when all children come into school at 8.45am, rather than between 8.45 and 9.00am as has been in place for the last year. When lessons can begin at 8.50am it adds nearly an hour of extra learning time to the week.

Even with the quarter of an hour flexibility, a growing number of families are arriving at school later and later and, while it may not seem to be a big deal, it has a significant impact on children. Walking into the classroom after a lesson has started draws attention to their lateness, they have missed the important interactions with their friends while getting ready for the school day, and they will have missed at least some of the teaching, and instructions about what to do.

We do understand that mornings can be tricky for some children and their parents, but establishing a routine of punctuality – and sticking to it – is the very best way of overcoming those challenges.



We would like to wish all the children, their families, our staff and governors, and the school's community a very happy Christmas, peaceful New Year and restful break.



See you on Wednesday 5th January!