



## Autumn Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Here we are again in December, with carpets decorated with glitter, the children so excited and the staff looking forward to a lie-in on Saturday! This half term is always a magical one, but the staff never lose sight of the children's learning while making decorations, practising for the plays, learning songs, baking, and planning a wide range of engaging learning opportunities. Their ability to keep all the balls in the air is to be recognised and applauded. As we close for the Christmas holidays we all send you our best wishes for a very merry Christmas with friends and family, and a peaceful year that brings you the best of everything!

### **Our new handy man!**

On the last day of last half-term, Miss Stannard and two governors interviewed and appointed Mr Bradford as our new handyman. He has moved into the shed in the car park and is working hard to repair and improve our school environment. The staff are finding lots for him to do! We are also very pleased to welcome Claire Apea-Agyei as our new cleaner. She is working incredibly hard and the school looks great!

### **Governor news**

At the risk of confusing everyone, I am very sorry to tell you that Nigel Huddleston has again resigned from the Governing Body! While he thought that his increased workload would still allow him time to support Roydon Primary School, he has found that he is unable to make a regular commitment and has decided it would be best to leave us as a governor. After 16 years of dedication to promoting the very best for our children and staff, we wish Nigel all the very best and insist that he stays in touch! If you would like to contribute to his collection, please drop it in to the school office.

Have you visited our website recently at [www.roydonprimary.co.uk](http://www.roydonprimary.co.uk)?

### **Gratitude**

On behalf of all the staff, I would just like to say thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we have received. We appreciate your generosity, especially when you all have so many people to think of.

### **Facebook**

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to like our school Facebook page to receive updates about what is going on in school.

### **Tea towels**

Thank you, Louise, for organising the printing of the ForPS tea towels. I suspect a lot of people will be receiving one in just over a week's time. I know it was a huge effort, but it has been much appreciated.

### **Mathemagician**

The children have been hugely inspired by Andrew Jeffrey's visit earlier this week, and we are very grateful to him for getting the extra orders of his book to us today. Look out for maths tricks being played on you over the next couple of weeks.

### **School Crossing**

Many thanks to all those who have signed the petition set up by Becky May to improve road safety around the school. If you have not done so already, follow the link from our website.

### **Governor information**

There is a new folder in the lobby for parents that contains information about the governors. Do take a look!

**See you back in school on THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017!**

# HEADLINES

# Reasons to celebrate

## Our competitive streak!

This half-term children have travelled far and wide to compete against other schools in Norfolk in cross-country and sportshall athletics. As always, the children represented the school brilliantly and with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. They all REALLY enjoyed taking part. Once again, some of our cross-country runners have got through to the next round – we wish them luck next term.

## Musical talents

We are very proud of our choir who have been in demand this half-term, singing at the Holly Fayre, the switching on of the Christmas lights in Diss, and the Mayor's carol concert. Thank you Mrs Bennett for all your time and effort in rehearsing with them.

## Prize Draw

Well done to the final six children for getting into the prize draw this morning: Annie, Natalie, Oscar, Freddie, Laylah and Sophie G.

## And the winners are ...

Thomas E., Joe, Sebi, Sophie G., Annie and Lexi B. who will be joining last half term's winners at High Altitude right at the beginning of next term.

## Performances

As always, the Christmas performances were stunning and the children excelled themselves in preparing for the events and on stage. The staff put in a huge amount of time and effort and that has been recognised in the very positive comments we have received from the audiences. All the photos are available on the school website in the 'Children' section – do take a look!

## Our A-MAZ-ING kitchen ladies

Our wonderful kitchen ladies work so hard throughout the year to provide such high quality, delicious meals for children and staff. The uptake increases week on week and we are astounded that they have produced an incredible **962** this week alone. The Christmas lunches were second-to-none. Enjoy your rest, ladies!

## Mannequin Challenge

Do have a look on our Facebook page to see our fantastic Mannequin Challenge filmed and compiled by Mr Santy. It made us all laugh in assembly this morning, and shows that we can all sit still if we try really, really hard!

## Bethany and Benjamin

The two teddy bears came to visit our youngest children to teach them about how to stay safe when they are out and about on the pavement and in the car. All the children in school will receive some road safety training during the year, a free service provided by Norfolk County Council.

## ForPS

The ForPS ladies deserve a well-earned rest. All their hard work in preparing for the Holly Fayre resulted in a whopping £1641.08 profit, and that's besides the discos they organise and run each half term. Thank you, ladies, you are very much appreciated!

## Charity work

The children worked really hard to raise as much money as possible for Children in Need by running more than 17 marathons altogether! The latest total is an enormous £1,160.06. Christmas Jumper Day has raised £167.20, although some people have promised to bring money in at the end of the day. Then there was the Samaritan's Purse shoebox collection, and a huge amount of food was picked up this morning by Waveney Foodbank. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed at all over this very expensive time of year.



## Dates for your Dairy

### January 2017

4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school School Nursing Team coming in (flu nasal spray)
9 <sup>th</sup>	High Altitude visit for award winners
13 <sup>th</sup>	Heywood taster sessions for all children Kingfishers, Rabbits & Foxes cake sale
19 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Fairbrother coming in to see Year 6 re: transition
26 <sup>th</sup>	Governors' Resources Committee meeting 6.30pm FoRPS' Family Bingo Night

### February

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Full Governors' meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	FoRPS' Discos
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception height and weight check
24 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrels & Badgers Cake sale

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	6.30pm FoRPS meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Governors' Effectiveness Committee meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos Woodpeckers & Hedgehogs cake sale
16 <sup>th</sup>	Governors' Resource Committee meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	M&M Productions – The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe
24 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm FoRPS Mothers' Day Sale Full Governors meeting
28 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/Year 6 vision & hearing tests
29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/Year 6 vision & hearing tests 3.20pm Easter Fair
30 <sup>th</sup>	FoRPS' Discos
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term