



## Christmas Newsletter

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Well, what busy bees we have all been this term! In line with Ofsted expectations, we have been looking at the breadth of the curriculum we offer children at Roydon Primary School, and even we were amazed by the wide variety of activities and opportunities we offer. With visitors coming into school, children going on visits, groups taking part in local events, fundraising, performing, and all the practical learning that takes place in the classroom, school these days is certainly a lot more than children sitting at desks. The staff are to be congratulated on making it to the end of the term still (semi-)upright! I wish them all a happy and restful break.

### New faces

We are always delighted to welcome new governors, and I am delighted to tell you that we are in the very fortunate position of having a FULL GOVERNING BODY! This may not seem like big news, but all schools struggle to find a group of willing volunteers to take on the responsibility of running a school, and we have 12! Just this term we have been joined by Lynn Bower and Robbie Evans, and Michael Turner will join us officially next term. Welcome and thanks to you all.

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

New blogs have been created, and the children love to read your comments & know you have visited!

### Comings and goings!

We are waiting with bated breath to hear news from Mrs Davis since she started her maternity leave on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thanks to Mrs Clarke who is now the class teacher in Squirrels and thanks to Ms Keen for standing in for the last couple of weeks of term. We also thank Mrs Hines who has been working with Miss Leftley in The Burrow for the last few weeks, and we look forward to seeing Mrs Crawley again in the new year.

### Times Tables Rock Stars

If your child is in Year 2 to Year 6, you should have received a letter about Times Tables Rock Stars. It is an online program that encourages children to practise their tables regularly and earn 'coins' to dress up their rock star avatar. The competition is most definitely hotting up between children, classes and other schools. Of course the children need to enjoy their Christmas holiday, but I suspect for some that will involve trying to get a better guitar or hair style! It is a safe and secure site and already we are seeing ENORMOUS improvements in the children's times tables knowledge.



### What is your child doing online?

Do you know how safe your child is online? Do you really know? Do you know who they are talking to online? Do you know what is involved in the games they play? Do you know how those who want to hurt children can use your child's favourite game? Please don't think your child is too young or too innocent or is quite safe because they live in Norfolk. It is real and it is here and we need to know how to teach children to look after themselves. A few minutes of your time could protect them from online dangers; go to <https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/roydon> to create an account. Surely your child is worth it.

### Attendance and punctuality

Just a little reminder that we need a 'phone call every day that your child is off because they are unwell, even if we sent them home because they were ill. It is part of our safeguarding procedures as required by the Local Authority. Also remember that our registration system records how many minutes late your child is each morning because five minutes a day equates to one day of absence a term. Every minute really does count!

### Helping on trips

We do appreciate offers of help and very often need parents to volunteer for a trip to run. We understand that emergencies occur and that sometimes plans have to change, but once you have offered your help, please remember that we will be relying on you when we work out staffing ratios to keep the children safe. We came close to having to cancel the trip to the panto because of late notice that parents are no longer available ☹️

# HEADLINES

# Reasons to celebrate

## Class assemblies

We are delighted to tell you that the dates have been set for class assemblies when you can join us at 9.00am to find out what your children have been learning:

- Otters – 31<sup>st</sup> January
  - Owls – 1<sup>st</sup> March
  - Kingfishers – 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - Badgers – 28<sup>th</sup> March
  - Squirrels – 23<sup>rd</sup> May
  - Foxes – 6<sup>th</sup> June
  - Rabbits – 13<sup>th</sup> June
  - Woodpeckers – 20<sup>th</sup> June
  - Hedgehogs – 4<sup>th</sup> July
- See you there!

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all your donations for Save the Children. We have raised at least £115!

## Disco alternative

Next term, instead of discos, FoRPS will be running a Movie Night for Juniors and a Party Time for Infants. Details to follow, but you might want to put the 14<sup>th</sup> February (Juniors) and the 15<sup>th</sup> (Infants) in your diary.

## Reports

Please remember that children in Reception to Year 5 will receive a written report in March and you will be able to meet with your child's teacher at a parents' evening in the Summer term. Year 6 parents will be invited to a consultation meeting with their child's teacher on 26<sup>th</sup> February when they will be able to discuss SATs preparation, and a written report will be sent out at the end of the year.

## SATs information evening

Calling Year 6 parents! Have you made a note of the SATs information evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January? See you at 3.30pm.

## Performance Perfection!

How amazing were your children in the Christmas performances? We were so proud of every one of them and the audiences were suitably 'wowed'! All the staff and children worked so hard to produce such fantastic entertainment and their efforts have certainly been celebrated in the positive feedback we have received. Thank you to EVERYONE who was involved.

## Student teachers

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Casbolt and Ms Bolderstone into Badgers class next term as they each start their second teaching practice. We look forward to them bringing new ideas to support our children's learning.

## Fabulous FoRPS!

Those amazing ladies just can't stop raising money to support your children's education! £1,580.06 at the Holly Fayre, £317 from the Lakeside shopping trip, £120 from Bag2School, 2 discos plus other bits and pieces bring the total for the term to around £2,600. Thank you so much for your hard work, ladies!

## Christmas raffle

Many thanks to Morgan Sindall for organizing the raffle to raise money for the defibrillator case, including some fabulous prizes donated by the employees themselves. Well done to the Garnhams who will be enjoying the contents of a wonderful hamper over Christmas. All prize-winners have been notified.

## Lunchtime sports

Did you know that each half term two year groups have the opportunity to attend a lunchtime sports club with Mr and Mrs Bobbins, funded by our school Sports Grant? This term Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 have been the lucky ones! Ask your child if they have taken part.

## Merry Christmas!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope that you have fun with friends and family over the festive season. Don't forget that children return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – see you then!



## Dates for your Diary

### January

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| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | School opens for the Spring Term  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R<br>3.30 – 6.30pm 'Mental Health in the Primary School' INSET for all staff    |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 3.45pm Mrs Campbell – PE Cluster meeting @ DHS  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> | 3.30pm SATs meeting for Year 6 parents  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | am Mrs Cambell – SCITT mentor training  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R<br>4.00pm Junior staff – reading cluster moderation @ DJS                     |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 3.20pm Squirrels and Badgers cake sale  |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 1.15pm Governor Resources Committee meeting<br>4.00pm Infant staff – reading cluster moderation @ Winfarthing |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.00am Otters class assembly<br>4.00pm Miss Willer – MFL liaison meeting @ DHS                                |

### February

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>                               | am Mrs Walsh and Mrs Plowman – safeguarding course @ Norwich<br>2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting                                      |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>                              | Safer Internet Day<br>am Mrs Campbell – Getting it Right: KS1 maths course @ Norwich<br>4.00pm EYFS staff – PSED cluster moderation @ Bressingham |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                            | am Mrs Campbell – Getting it Right: KS1 writing course @ Norwich<br>am Mrs Bradford and Mrs Chamberlain – cluster meeting @ Roydon                |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>                             | 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>                               | 4.15pm Full Governing Body meeting  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>                              | Safety Week<br>am Year 1 Cluster Dance Festival @ DHS   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                           | 4.15pm Mrs Walsh – Science Update @ Norwich   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>                            | 3.30 – 5.00pm FoRPS' Movie Night for the Juniors  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>                              | 3.30 – 4.30pm FoRPS' Party Time for the Infants   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | HALF TERM   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>                             | 3.30 – 5.30pm Year 6 parents' evening   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>                            | 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R   |

### March

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| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>                             | 9.00am Owls class assembly   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> | World Book Week  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | 4.00pm Junior staff – writing cluster moderation @ Garboldisham                                    |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>                           | am Mrs Plowman and Mrs Bradford – staff monitoring course @ Norwich                                |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                         | 4.30pm Mrs Walsh – SEND Forum @ Norwich  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>                          | 4.00pm Infant staff – writing cluster moderation @ Dickleburgh                                     |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>                            | am Mrs Campbell – SCITT report-writing session<br>4.15pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | am Mrs Bradford – HTs Cluster meeting @ Burston  |

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| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R<br>4.00pm EYFS staff – reading and writing cluster moderation @ DIS<br>4.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | 9.00am Kingfishers class assembly   |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Football & netball tournaments for some Juniors @ DHS   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Badgers class assembly   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>   | 4.15pm Full Governing Body meeting  |

## **April**

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Safety Week  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Kingfishers, Otters and Owls visiting the Space Centre, Leicester  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R<br>pm DVD afternoon<br>4.00pm Mr Santy – English & maths liaison meeting @ DHS<br>FoRPS discos |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | National Autism Awareness Day<br>LAST DAY OF TERM  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Reception Offer Day (for Reception 2019)   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Children and staff return to school  |

## **May**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>                                 | May Day Bank Holiday   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>                                | 3.45pm Mrs Campbell – PE Cluster meeting @ DHS   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>                              | am Mrs Bradford – HTs Cluster meeting @ Scole<br>4.30pm new Reception parents' meeting |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> | SATs Week  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 4 go to Ringsfield Hall   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>                                | Year 4 return<br>4.15pm Full Governing Body meeting                                    |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>                                | Safety Week  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                               | Reception vision and hearing check<br>3.30 – 6.30pm 'Outdoor Learning' INSET for staff |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                             | Reception vision and hearing check   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                              | 9.00am Squirrels class assembly<br>FoRPS discos  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>                                | pm Roydon's Race for Life<br>LAST DAY OF TERM  |

## **June**

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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Infants' 'Around the World' Week                 |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> | 3.30 – 6.30pm 'Outdoor Learning' INSET for staff |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00am Foxes class assembly                      |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 4.15pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.15pm Mrs Walsh – Science Update @ Norwich      |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Rabbits class assembly                    |

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| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 4.30pm Mrs Walsh – SEND Forum @ Norwich              |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | pm Mrs Walsh – SENDCo Network meeting                |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00am Woodpeckers class assembly                    |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | pm Enterprise Afternoon                              |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 3.30 – 6.30pm parents' evening (Reception to Year 5) |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> | am Mrs Bradford – HTs Cluster meeting @ DHS          |
|                            | 3.30 – 5.30pm parents' evening (Reception to Year 5) |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Norfolk Show Day                                     |
|                            | 4.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting         |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 6 Fun Morning @ DHS                             |

## **July**

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>     | 2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sports Day: am Juniors, pm Infants           |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.00am Hedgehogs class assembly              |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | am Shuffle Up                                |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Reserve Sports Day                           |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | Infants' Cluster Sports Picnic               |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | Busking Day and BBQ lunch                    |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | pm new Reception children's sports           |
|                            | 4.15pm Full Governing Body meeting           |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>  | FoRPS summer discos                          |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea          |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | DVD afternoon                                |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Leavers' Assembly                     |
|                            | 1.30pm Final whole school assembly           |



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

