



Autumn Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019

We do hope you have had an opportunity to visit us in our new home! We are all very excited by how beautiful our new learning space is and the fabulous facilities we now have. We are so sorry that Squirrels have been in a mobile this term, but we will be able to start moving classes into their proper classrooms by the end of November and that makes us all very happy. We hope to have all of the old part of the building back by the end of term, with a redecorated hall and library, a food tech. room, revamped classrooms ... and the mobiles will disappear! In the meantime ...

28th October Children & staff return to school	29th October	30th October Flu vaccinations for all year groups 3.30 – 5.00pm Parents' Evening	31st October 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R	1st November 9.00am Dr Hunt in for R&R 3.30pm FoRPS AGM & meeting
4th November	5th November Cross-country qualifiers 9.00am Hearts & Minds coffee morning Y6 watching Little Shop of Horrors @ DHS	6th November 9.00am Otters class assembly	7th November	8th November am Squirrels & Badgers visiting Quaker Wood 3.20pm Otters & Owls cake sale

HEADLINES

THANK YOU!

The staff at your children's school are AMAZING! You probably don't realise the enormous amount of work that went into moving us from the old building to the new, or the number of hours that our staff voluntarily put in to ensuring the smoothest transition for which we could have hoped. They are to be applauded for their hard work in making sure we were in a position to offer the highest quality education to your children from the moment they stepped in to our new school. They certainly deserve a lovely half term break.

Uniform

Is your child wearing the correct uniform? We are very flexible to meet the needs of our families, and do not insist on particular items of clothing. However, please stick to red, white, black and grey (not blue, or any other variation!), and polishable school shoes (not trainers). Children do not like to stand out as being different.

Children's safety

Please remember that the car park is for staff only. Norfolk County Council do not provide school parking for parents, and we must minimize the movement of traffic through the school gate at the beginning and end of the school day. Everyone is welcome to park at the village hall; it only adds a few minutes to your morning or afternoon routine, gives you a breath of fresh air, and saves you the stress of trying to find a parking space! It also potentially saves children's lives ...

Expressing an opinion

Have you ever been into school to tell a member of staff what you think? Were you calm and rational? Did you listen to what the member of staff told you? Did you respect their experience? Did you consider the impact of your behaviour? Our staff work exceedingly hard to provide the best opportunities for your child, and they have earned your respect, even when you do not understand why something has happened. A rant may make you feel better, but our staff have the right to come to work and be free from harassment or verbal abuse. Do ask questions, but please recognize that our staff deserve to be treated with courtesy and without unpleasantness. We have a complaints procedure that can be found on our website, because the staff and governors will not tolerate any antagonistic behaviour. "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Have you:

- visited www.roydonprimary.co.uk?
- liked our Facebook page?
- signed up to Class Dojo?

Keep in touch for all our latest news.

More reasons to celebrate

All change

We understand that it may be disappointing for some of you, but this year the Juniors will be sharing with you a carol service rather than a Christmas performance. A play will be put on for friends and family in the summer term and further details will follow. The plays put an enormous strain on the staff and children at what is obviously a very busy time in terms of teaching, learning and celebrating and, in an attempt to protect the well-being of them all, we are trying this alternative arrangement. We look forward to you joining us for 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' on Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th December. Again, details to follow.

Our beautiful school

Without doubt, our new school is absolutely fabulous and we hope that you have had a chance to look round. However, we are all feeling very frustrated by features that have not been completed but, rest assured, we are fighting our corner to keep our children safe and well-educated. Double yellow lines, flashing 20mph signs, a more effective waiting area, a proper session bell that can be heard outside, a secure perimeter line ... all these things are agreed and on their way. They all just take time.

Fabulous FoRPS!

£10 reduction on trips for every child, £1K for books, half a minibus ... these are the agreed annual donations from FoRPS! How lucky are we? In addition they provide Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars, an author visit, all with money raised by their hard work arranging fundraising events for children and their families. What a fantastic group they are!

The next phase

We are delighted that old Hedgepecker classrooms will be returned on 19th November. At that point we can start moving classes to their correct classrooms ... and no, Hedgepeckers, you cannot claim squatters' rights!!!

Class Dojo

We are pleased to be sharing different aspects of Class Dojo with you. It is used in class as a reward system, those who have signed up receive updates about what is going on in class, and you will find Special Achievers in the 'School Story'. Remember that teachers will not be able to respond to comments – questions should be emailed to office@roydon.norfolk.sch.uk. 'In-app' purchases, e.g. Class Dojo as a reward system at home, are entirely your choice to use or not.

Cake sales

Dates have been set for cake sales throughout the year. For those who don't know, each time, parents and carers from the classes involved are asked to provide cakes and organize the sale; please let your child's teacher know if you can help. All money raised is spent on resources for those classes.

FoRPS AGM

PLEASE come along to the AGM on Friday 1st November. It will be followed by an informal meeting to finalise arrangements for the Holly Fayre on Friday 29th November. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in! It has been great to see some new faces at meetings this term.

Pick-up and drop-off arrangements

Although we are hopeful that the area to the west of the main entrance will be tarmacked by the time we return after half-term, please meet as usual on Monday 28th October (Juniors on The Green) to give us time to confirm the new arrangements. Many thanks.

Music lessons

We are sorry to be ending a long-standing relationship with the Norfolk Music Service that has been providing piano and violin lessons for children for many years. Unfortunately, we are unable to continue to provide the free administrative service they require. The good news is that we have offered Frances Levy space to continue to conduct music lessons and she will be in touch to offer her self-employed services in the near future. Guitar lessons continue as before as Paul Frost already operates his service independently of the school.

Children in Need

Our fundraiser this year will again be a bring-and-buy toy sale to take place on Friday 5th November. This is a great opportunity to have a clear-out before Christmas and help us raise some really valuable funds for such a worthwhile cause. Details to follow.



Dates for your Diary

October - Black History Month

- Monday 21st HALF TERM
Wednesday 30th Flu vaccinations for all children
3.30 – 5.00pm Parents' Evening for all parents
Thursday 31st 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R

November

- Friday 1st 9.00am Dr Hunt in for R&R
3.30pm FoRPS AGM & meeting
Tuesday 5th next round for some Junior cross-country runners (details to follow)
9.00am Hearts & Minds coffee morning
10.00am – 3.00pm Year 6 watching Little Shop of Horrors @ DHS
2.00pm Governor Monitoring training
Wednesday 6th 9.00am Otters class assembly
Friday 8th am Squirrels and Badgers visiting Quaker Wood
3.20pm Otters & Owls cake sale
Monday 11th Anti-Bullying Week – 'Change Starts With Us' (only needs 1 lesson!)
Maths Week
Last day for Shoebox Appeal
10.50am 'Remembrance' celebration + minute's silence @ 11.00am
2.15pm Governors' Personnel Committee meeting
Wednesday 13th am safeguarding training for some staff
Thursday 14th am Mrs Walsh – SENDCo Network meeting @ Hethel
9.00am Reverend Thorp in for R&R
10.00am – 12.00pm Miss Willer – Governor RSHE training
Friday 15th 11.00am Children in Need toy sale
Monday 18th 1.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting
Tuesday 19th am safeguarding training for some staff
Wednesday 20th Non-uniform day for jam jars for Holly Fayre
1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Scole
Sunday 24th FoRPS Lakeside shopping trip
Tuesday 26th am Mrs Cavanagh & Mrs Feavearyear – ELSA meeting @ East Harling
Year 6 height & weight check
Wednesday 27th Raffle tickets for tombola prizes for the Holly Fayre
9.00am Kingfishers class assembly
Thursday 28th Mrs Pawsey – first aid training
9.00am Reverend Cruse in for R&R
9.00am TA meeting
pm Decoration Afternoon
4.30pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting
Friday 29th Mrs Pawsey – first aid training

December

- Monday 2nd Summary reports to parents
9.30am Hedgepeckers' dress rehearsal
6.00pm Juniors' carol service (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 3rd 9.30am Squidgers' dress rehearsal
Wednesday 4th 9.30am Hedgepeckers' performance
2.30pm Squidgers' performance
Thursday 5th 9.30am Squidgers' performance
2.30pm Hedgepeckers' performance
6.00pm Juniors' carol service
Friday 6th 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting
Tuesday 10th Hearts & Minds coffee morning
Wednesday 11th Children's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th Safety Week
 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R
 DVD afternoon
 5.30/6.45pm FoRPS' discos

Friday 13th 9.00am Dr Hunt in for R&R
 FoRPS Christmas wrapping at lunchtime for children
 2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea
 3.20pm Kingfishers cake sale

Wednesday 18th Christmas Jumper Day
 Last day of term



HAPPY HOLIDAYS – HO HO HO!!

January

Monday 6th Children & staff return to school

Thursday 9th 9.30am Stuart Lee (Data Protection Officer) visiting

Monday 13th all day – Reception height and weight check

Wednesday 15th Miss Stannard & Mrs Bradford – Safeguarding update @ Norwich

Thursday 16th am – Reception height and weight check
 3.30pm Year 6 SATs meeting

Friday 17th 3.20pm Foxes and Rabbits cake sale

Thursday 23rd 4.30pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting

February

Monday 3rd Young Voices concert @ the O2

Wednesday 5th 1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Garboldisham

Friday 7th 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Monday 10th Safety Week

Tuesday 11th Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th 9.00am Foxes class assembly

Thursday 13th 3.20 – 5.15pm FoRPS Movie Night

Friday 14th 3.20pm Squirrels and Badgers cake sale

Monday 17th HALF TERM

Wednesday 26th 3.30 – 5.30pm Year 6 Parents' Evening

March

Monday 2nd Book Week – dressing-up day
 2.15pm Governors' Personnel Committee meeting

Wednesday 4th Otters & Owls visiting the Houses of Parliament

Thursday 5th World Book Day
 The Big Red Bus bookshop visiting

Friday 6th 3.20pm Hedgepeckers cake sale

Monday 9th 1.15pm Governors' Resources Committee meeting

Tuesday 10th 9.30am Stuart Lee (Data Protection Officer) visiting

Wednesday 11th Class photos

Wednesday 18th 9.00am Owls class assembly
 1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Burston

Friday 20th 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Wednesday 25th 9.00am Badgers class assembly

Thursday 26th Safety Week
 5.30/6.45pm FoRPS discos

Friday 27th 2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea

Monday 30th pm DVD afternoon

April

Wednesday 1st

Autism Awareness Day
9.00am Squirrels class assembly
3.20pm FoRPS Easter Fayre
Last day of term



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Thursday 16th

National Offer Day for new Reception

Monday 20th

Children & staff return to school

Friday 24th

2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting

Monday 27th

1.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

Thursday 30th

3.30pm Sex Ed. meeting for Year 6 parents

4.15pm New Reception parents' meeting

May

Tuesday 5th

Year 4 to Ringsfield

Wednesday 6th

9.00am Woodpeckers class assembly

1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Roydon

Thursday 7th

Year 4 return from Ringsfield

Friday 8th

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 11th

Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 13th

9.00am Hedgehogs class assembly

Friday 15th

4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Monday 18th

Safety Week

Thursday 21st

1.15pm Judith Carter (Educational Psychologist) – parent workshop

3.20 – 5.15pm FoRPS Movie Night

Monday 25th

HALF TERM

June

Thursday 4th

4.30pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting

Monday 8th

Phonic Screening Week

Year 4 times tables test (until 26th)

Wednesday 10th

9.00am Rabbits class assembly

Wednesday 17th

am Junior Sports

pm Infant Sports

Friday 19th

Reserve sports day

3.20pm FoRPS Summer Fayre

Monday 22nd

2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting

Tuesday 23rd

3.30 – 6.30pm Reception to Year 5 parents' evening

Wednesday 24th

1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ DHS

3.30 – 5.30pm Reception to Year 5 parents' evening

Friday 26th

Enterprise Afternoon

Monday 29th

1.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

July

Thursday 2nd

Norfolk Show Day

Wednesday 8th

10.45am Busking Day & BBQ Lunch

Friday 10th

4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

FoRPS Summer BBQ

Wednesday 15th

2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea

Thursday 16th

5.30/6.45pm FoRPS discos

Friday 17th

DVD afternoon

Tuesday 21st

9.00am Leavers' Assembly

1.30pm Final assembly



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