## **Roydon Primary School**

## 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 ...

28 <sup>th</sup> October Children & staff return to school	29 <sup>th</sup> October	30 <sup>th</sup> 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
4 <sup>th</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> November Cross-country qualifiers  9.00am Hearts & Minds coffee morning	6 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00am Otters class assembly	7 <sup>th</sup> November	8 <sup>th</sup> November am Squirrels & Badgers visiting Quaker Wood 3.20pm Otters & Owls cake sale
	Y6 watching Little Shop of Horrors @ DHS			

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.

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

Pease 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 antagonistic behaviour. "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

#### Have you:

- visited <u>www.roydonprimary.co.uk</u>?
  - 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. 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 bringand-buy toy sale to take place on Friday 5th November. This is a opportunity to great have a clear-out before Christmas and help us really some raise valuable funds for such a worthwhile cause. Details to follow.



Instagram is a hugely popular social networking app with over 1 billion snap happy users worldwide. The app, which is accessible on iOS and Android devices, allows users to upload images and videos to their feed, like an online gallery. Images and videos can be transformed with an array of filters to edit the shot before sharing. Anyone with an account can see others' online 'galleries' if their account is not private. To make posts easier to find, users can include searchable hashtags and captions to their uploads. The app has additional features like an 'Explore Page,' which contains videos and images tailored to each user based on accounts and contains videos and images tailored to each user based on accounts and hashtags they follow.

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#### **HOOKED ON SCROLLING**

Instagram revealed that young users spent a minimum of 32 minutes on the app per day. Many social media platforms, Instagram included, have been designed in a way to keep us engaged on them for as long as possible. Behavioral economist Nir Eyal calls this the 'Hook Model' and the Instagram feed is a great example of this. Children and adults may find themselves scrolling to try and get a 'dopamine release'. Scrolling may become addictive and it can be difficult to stop scrolling until they find that 'something' they are looking for. Children may quickly lose track of time as they get deeper into their Instagram feed.



#### SLIDING INTO DM'S

Direct messages (or DM's) on Instagram allow users to share posts, images, videos, voice messages and calls between each other privately (or in a private group). Even if your child's account is set to private, anybody has the option to message them and send them content. If the person is not on your child's friends list, the message will still be sent to their inbox but the user has to accept their request to see the message.

#### INFLUENCER CULTURE

Influencers are sometimes paid thousands of pounds to promote a product, service, app and much more on social tedia. When celebrities or influencers post such an advert, they should add a disclaimer somewhere in the post which states they have been paid for it. Commonly, this is well-hidden in the hashtags or in the comments of their post, making it unclear that their photo/video is actually an advert. This can be very misleading to young people who may be influenced into

#### DAMAGETO CONFIDENCE. **BODY IMAGE &** MENTAL HEALTH

In a recent report by the RSPH, Instagram was ranked the worst for young people's mental health. Using filters on photos on Instagram can set unrealistic expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Children may strive for more 'likes' by using realistically edited photos. Judging themselves against other users on the app might threaten their confidence or self-aworth. In early 2019, Instagram boss Adam Mosseri promised to ban images of self-harm, following the suicide of 14-year-old Molly Russell, who had reportedly been looking at such material on the platform.

#### **LIVE STREAMING TO** REC **STRANGERS**

IN-APP PAYMENTS - Instagram allows payments for products directly through the app. It operates under the same rules as Facebook Payments, which state that if you are under the age of 18, you can only use this feature with the involvement of a parent or guardian.

### **EXPSOSING LOCATION**

Public locations can be added to a user's photos/videos and also to their stories. While this may seem like a good idea at the time, it can expose the location of your child. This is particularly more of a risk if it is on their story, as it is real time. Posting photos and videos is Instagram's biggest selling point, but with sharing images comes risks. A photo which includes landmarks in the area, their school uniform, street name, house and even tagging in the location of the photo uploaded to Instagram can expose the child's location, making it easy to locate them. If their account is not set to private, anyone can access their account and see their location.

#### **HUACKED HASHTAGS**

Like Twitter, hashtags are also an extremely prominent tool in Instagram and with that comes dangers for your child. One person may use a seemingly innocent hashtag with one particular thing in mind, and before you know it hundreds of people could be using the same hashtag for something inappropriate or dangerous that your child certainly shouldn't be exposed to.



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Instagram TV (IGTV) works similarly to YouTube, Users can Instagram TV (IGTV) works similarly to YouTube. Users can watch videos from favourite accounts on the platform, or create their own channel and post their own videos. It's important to note anyone can create an Instagram TV channel and doesn't have to be friends with a person to follow an account and watch their videos. In 2018 Instagram apologised and removed some of its TV content which featured sexually suggestive imagery of children. As the feature may encourage spending more time using the app, it's important to set time limits to avoid children's sleep or education being disturbed.

# for Parents 4

#### RESTRICT DIRECT **MESSAGES**

If your child receives a message from somebody they do not know, encourage them not to accept their message request and 'block' this person; this is the only way to stop them messaging your child again.

#### LOOK OUT FOR #ADS

In January 2019, the UK's Competition and Markets
Authority launched an investigation into celebrities who
were posting adverts on social media and not declaring
that they were paid for. Influencers must clearly state that
they have been paid for their posts, for example using a
hashtag like #ad or #sponsored. Teach your child to look
out for the signs of a paid post/advert and discuss with
them that not everything they see from celebrities is their
personal choice and opinion.

#### REMOVE PAYMENT METHODS

If you are happy for your child to have a card associated with their Instagram account, we suggest adding a PIN which needs to be entered before making a payment; this will also help prevent unauthorised purchases. This can be added in the payment settings tab.

#### **SCROLLING**

Instagram added a "You've completely caught up' message in late 2018. This message breaks up the feed and notifies you when you are up to date and there are no more new posts from followers. This features is enabled automatically, but have the conversation with your child about how much time they are spending on the app and set healthy time limits.

#### PROTECT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your child may unknowingly give away personal information on their profile or in their live streams. Talk to them about what their personal information is and make sure that they do not disclose anything to anyone during a livestream, comment, direct message or any other tool for communication on the platform, even to their friends.

#### **USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT**

By default, any image or video your child uploads to Instagram is visible to anyone. A private account means that you have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow you and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.

#### **FILTER INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS**

Instagram has an 'anti-bullying' filter, which hides comments relating to a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's wellbeing or health. The filter will also alert Instagram to repeated problems so they can take action against the user if necessary. This is an automatic filter, but it can be turned off. Make sure it is turned on in the app's settings.

#### TURN OFF SHARING

Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a message to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. We also recommend turning off the feature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

DON'T FORGET TO BE VIGILANT & TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITIES!

#### **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

Anti-Bullying Week – 'Change Starts With Us' (only needs 1 lesson!) Monday 11th

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 15<sup>th</sup>

11.00am Children in Need toy sale

1.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting Monday 18th

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

Raffle tickets for tombola prizes for the Holly Fayre Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

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 Wednesday 4th 9.30am Squidgers' dress rehearsal 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 12<sup>th</sup> Safety Week

9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R

DVD afternoon

5.30/6.45pm FoRPS' discos

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Children & staff return to school

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Stuart Lee (Data Protection Officer) visiting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> all day – Reception height and weight check

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Miss Stannard & Mrs Bradford – Safeguarding update @ Norwich

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> am – Reception height and weight check

3.30pm Year 6 SATs meeting

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 3.20pm Foxes and Rabbits cake sale

Thursday 23rd 4.30pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting

**February** 

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Young Voices concert @ the O2

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Garboldisham

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Safety Week
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Foxes class assembly
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 3.20 – 5.15pm FoRPS Movie Night
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 3.20pm Squirrels and Badgers cake sale

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.30pm Year 6 Parents' Evening

<u>March</u>

Wednesday 4th

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Week – dressing-up day

2.15pm Governors' Personnel Committee meeting Otters & Owls visiting the Houses of Parliament

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

The Big Red Bus bookshop visiting 3.20pm Hedgepeckers cake sale

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 3.20pm Hedgepeckers cake sale Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm Governors' Resources Committee meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Stuart Lee (Data Protection Officer) visiting

Wednesday 11th Class photos

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Owls class assembly

1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Burston

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Badgers class assembly

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Safety Week

5.30/6.45pm FoRPS discos

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> pm DVD afternoon

<u>April</u>

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Autism Awareness Day

9.00am Squirrels class assembly3.20pm FoRPS Easter Fayre

Last day of term

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!** 

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> National Orier Day for new Reception

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Children & staff return to school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>
2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting
Monday 27<sup>th</sup>
1.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Sex Ed. meeting for Year 6 parents

4.15pm New Reception parents' meeting

<u>May</u>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Year 4 to Ringsfield

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Woodpeckers class assembly

1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ Roydon

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Year 4 return from Ringsfield Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Hedgehogs class assembly Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Safety Week

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 1.15pm Judith Carter (Educational Psychologist) – parent workshop

3.20 – 5.15pm FoRPS Movie Night

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

<u>June</u>

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Governors Effectiveness Committee meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Phonic Screening Week

Year 4 times tables test (until 26<sup>th</sup>) 9.00am Rabbits class assembly

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Rabbits cl Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> am Junior Sports

pm Infant Sports

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Reserve sports day

3.20pm FoRPS Summer Fayre

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>
2.15pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting
3.30 – 6.30pm Reception to Year 5 parents' evening
1.30pm Mrs Bradford – HT Cluster meeting @ DHS

3.30 - 5.30pm Reception to Year 5 parents' evening

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Enterprise Afternoon

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

July

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Norfolk Show Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Busking Day & BBQ Lunch Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

FoRPS Summer BBQ

Wednesday 15th 2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 5.30/6.45pm FoRPS discos

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> DVD afternoon

Tuesday 21st 9.00am Leavers' Assembly

1.30pm Final assembly



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