



Christmas Newsletter

Wednesday 18th December 2019

I am so proud of the staff we have at Roydon Primary School. They work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities in and beyond the classroom. You will be well aware that teaching is not a 9.00am – 3.00pm job, and our teachers all work through each evening and every weekend to plan exciting and engaging lessons for your children. The teaching assistants and higher level teaching assistants all work above and beyond their paid hours on a regular basis, and the same goes for the office staff who keep everything ticking over. We all appreciate the hard work of the kitchen ladies and the lunchtime staff who make lunchtimes happy and tasty, and the premises staff who are always working under the pressure of time to keep the school looking good. I hope they enjoy a well-deserved break and that Santa is good to them all!

16 th December	17 th December	18 th December Christmas Jumper Day	 HAPPY CHRISTMAS!	
6 th January Children and staff return to school	7 th January	8 th January	9 th January 9.00am Diss Team Ministry in for R&R Stuart Lee (Data Protection Officer visiting re. GDPR)	6 th January Children and staff return to school

HEADLINES

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 black school shoes (not trainers). Children do not like to stand out as being different.

The new old building!

We are about to take possession again of the old part of the school site that has been refurbished and decorated, and will provide us with three spare classrooms, the old hall, a food technology room, a teachers' work room, a beautiful new library, revamped offices and a group room. It is still going to take some staff time to get everything sorted out, and the mobile classrooms still need to be emptied, but the project is approaching its conclusion. Thank you for bearing with us during the disruption, and for your patience as arrangements keep changing.

Wait for it!

Please could you remind children that they should wait outside school until the bell rings at 8.45am. We know it is cold, but staff are getting ready for lessons at that time and there is no-one to supervise those who arrive early. It will be easier when the outside sounders are fitted (hopefully over the holidays) and then everyone will know when the school day has started.

Every second counts

If your child is five minutes late for school every day, over a year that adds up to missing nearly three school days. That's a lot of learning! Punctuality is just as important as attendance because missing the first few minutes of a lesson puts children behind their peers as they may have missed teaching points or explanation of an activity. Children also feel very uncomfortable when they enter a classroom when everyone else is already settled and working.

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

FABULOUS FoRPS!!!

You know all that hard work the FoRPS ladies do? Well, take a look at the following...

Summer Fayre	£1,380.00
Movie Night	£246.70
Lakeside Trip	£400.00
Holly Fayre	£1,724.02
Discos	£236.10

Total this term £3986.82!!!!

Valerie and the team, you are A-MA-ZING, and we are so grateful for all the time and effort you have invested in our school and supporting the children's learning. We are enjoying Times Tables Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, the minibus, reduced costs for visits, extra books in classrooms, all because of you. You are WONDERFUL and we thank you all.

Parents' Evenings

Although we hold an informal parents' evening every Autumn term, some parents do not feel they find out enough about their child's learning at these events. As such, the Senior Leadership Team have decided to schedule an additional, appointment-system parents' evening on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th January. Booking forms will be sent out on Monday 6th – look out for them in book bags. Please note that the Y6 SATs meeting for parents will now be held at 3.30pm on Thursday 9th January.

Performances

As always, the Christmas plays were delightful and enjoyed by everyone who came along. The children and staff are to be congratulated on the performances, from acting and singing, to costumes and props. Well done everyone! We hope those who came to the carol services enjoyed this new event, and that next year even more friends and family will join us for a good, old traditional sing!

Your generosity

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in sending cards and presents to us all. They are all very much appreciated, but certainly not expected. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family, and spend quality time together enjoying each other's company.

Choir of angels

Well done to Miss Willer and her choir for their highly-acclaimed performances this Christmas. They are always asked to attend the Holly Fayre, the Mayor's Carol Concert and the switching on of the Christmas lights in Diss – and they always make us proud. You are great ambassadors for Roydon Primary School.

The Heywood

We are very proud of our links with Heywood Sports & Fitness. They run lunchtime and after-school clubs for children and staff at our school, Tom is one of our Governors, Amy is one of our FoRPS committee, and now they have offered us free weekly padel tennis sessions for our younger junior children. Thank you Tom and Amy!

Governors

Unlike many schools, we are lucky enough to have a full governing body made up of twelve volunteers who generously give their time to helping to run the school effectively. We are looking at ways to reorganise their responsibilities so that they are more involved in all aspects of teaching and learning, and working more closely with staff. We thank them for all they do during and beyond the school day.

Maths Week

We hope that all the children enjoyed their maths adventures a few weeks ago. Everyone took part in a range of activities and competitions and certainly explored the fun side of maths.

Roydon Band

We were greatly entertained during assembly yesterday by our newly-formed Roydon Band. A group of children who play instruments outside school have been rehearsing and delivered a lovely sing-along session for us. They obviously have a bright future together.

Christmas yumminess

Everyone enjoyed their delicious Christmas dinners last week. Thank you to Mrs Owen, Mrs Wightman, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Mayes for getting us all in the Christmas spirit.



Dates for your Diary

January

Monday 6 th	Staff and children return to school
Thursday 9 th	am Stuart Lee (DPO) visiting for GDPR 3.30pm Year 6 SATs meeting for parents
Monday 13 th	Reception height and weight checks
Wednesday 15 th	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents' evening
Thursday 16 th	am Reception height & weight 3.30 – 6.30pm Parents' evening
Friday 17 th	3.20pm Foxes & Rabbits cake sale
Monday 20 th	Squidgers visit to the Sealife Centre
Thursday 23 rd	4.00pm KS2 writing moderation @ Garboldisham
Monday 27 th	4.00pm KS1 reading moderation @ Bressingham

February

Monday 3 rd	Young Voices Concert in London for some Juniors – return @11.30pm
Tuesday 4 th	Mrs Davies – 'Writing at Greater Depth' @ PDC EYFS Literacy moderation @ Lopham
Wednesday 5 th	Mrs Bradford - Cluster HT meeting @ Garboldisham
Friday 7 th	4.15pm Full Governors
Monday 10 th	Safety week
Wednesday 12 th	9.00am Foxes class assembly
Thursday 13 th	FoRPS' Movie Night
Friday 14 th	3.20pm Squidgers cake sale
w/b Monday 17 th	HALF TERM
Wednesday 26 th	3.30 – 5.30pm Year 6 Parents' evening

March

Monday 2 nd	Book Week – Dressing up day
Wednesday 4 th	Owls & Otters visiting the Houses of Parliament
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day – Book People visiting with The Big Red Bus 4.00pm Miss Vale – LA Moderation @ Raleigh Primary School
Friday 6 th	3.20pm Hedgepeckers cake sale
Tuesday 10 th	Stuart Lee (DPO) visiting
Wednesday 11 th	Class photos 4.00pm KS2 maths moderation @ Dickleburgh
Wednesday 18 th	9.00am Owls class assembly Mrs Bradford - Cluster HT meeting @ Burston
Thursday 19 th	4.00pm KS1 writing moderation @ Garboldisham
Friday 20 th	4.15pm Full Governors
Wednesday 25 th	9.00am Badgers class assembly
Thursday 26 th	Safety week FoRPS' Discos
Friday 27 th	2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea
Monday 30 th	DVD afternoon

April

Wednesday 1 st	Autism Awareness Day 9.00am Squirrels class assembly 3.30pm Easter Fayre
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



Thursday 16 th	First Admissions offer day
Monday 20 th	Children and staff return to school
Thursday 30 th	3.30pm Sex Ed. meeting for Year 6 parents 4.15pm New Reception Parents Meeting

May

Tuesday 5 th	Year 4 trip to Ringsfield
Wednesday 6 th	9.00am Woodpeckers class assembly
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 back from Ringsfield
Friday 8 th	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 th	SATs Week (with breakfasts)
Wednesday 13 th	9.00am Hedgehogs class assembly
Friday 15 th	4.15pm Full Governors
Monday 18 th	Safety Week
Thursday 21 st	3.30pm FoRPS Movie Night
w/b Monday 25 th	HALF TERM

June

Monday 1 st	Children back to school
Monday 8 th	Phonic Screening
	Year 4 Times Tables Tests until 26 th June
Wednesday 10 th	9.00am Rabbits class assembly
Wednesday 17 th	am Junior sports
	Pm Infant sports
Friday 19 th	Reserve Sports
	3.30pm Summer Fayre
Tuesday 23 rd	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents' evening for Reception to Year 5
Wednesday 24 th	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' evening for Reception to Year 5
Friday 26 th	Enterprise Afternoon

July

Thursday 2 nd	Norfolk Show Day
Wednesday 8 th	10.45am Busking day followed by BBQ Lunch
Friday 10 th	4.15pm Full governors
	FoRPS Summer BBQ
Wednesday 15 th	2.30pm School Council Afternoon Tea
Thursday 16 th	FoRPS Discos
Friday 17 th	DVD afternoon
Tuesday 21 st	9.00am Leavers' assembly
	1.30pm Final assembly



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