



## Autumn Newsletter

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Without doubt, this has been a half-term like no other. However, if there is one thing you can say about the staff at Roydon, they certainly take everything in their stride. They never cease to amaze me how they adapt to the changing guidance, the different ways of working, new technologies, and an ever-increasing workload. From the classroom to the office to the kitchen to the premises staff, they rise to every challenge presented ... and do so with a smile. They deserve every second of the half term break!

2 <sup>nd</sup> November Flu immunisations for all year groups	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> November am Mr Santy, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Davies – Phase Leader meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> November	6 <sup>th</sup> November
9 <sup>th</sup> November Mrs Campbell @ Sparhawk (Mrs Jolly in class)	10 <sup>th</sup> November	11 <sup>th</sup> November am Senior Management meeting re. marking policy	12 <sup>th</sup> November pm Mrs Bradford – webinar re. safeguarding governor	13 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm Mrs Jolly – teaching English NQT training

# HEADLINES

### Welcome!

Our new Reception children are A-MAZ-ING! We cannot believe how well they have settled into their new classes, especially considering they didn't have any transition visits last term, and parents aren't allowed in classrooms in the mornings. Well done to all of you for being so very grown up! (And thank you to the parents for helping them be so independent!)

### Class Dojo

Thank you for signing up to Class Dojo – we hope you found it a helpful resource during lockdown. Teachers are continuing to use it to share homework, messages and children's learning in the classroom, so do check regularly to see what is happening. If we do have to shut down a class due to Covid, Class Dojo will be the main way we stay in contact with you about your child's learning, so don't delete the app!

### Reading books

We are desperately short of reading books, partly due to many not being returned and partly because they now have to be shared out and kept in classrooms rather than centrally. If you have any unwanted, good quality books that you think might make good reading books, please send them into school. All donations gratefully received.

### New faces

We are really pleased to have two new members of staff on our team - Mrs Skulski who is working in Squirrels, and Mrs Whatling who is working with Foxes on Mondays and Thursdays, and with all the Year 3/4 classes on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is great to have you on board, ladies!

### Your children are marvellous!

We really have been astounded by the way the children have settled so quickly back into school life. Things are certainly different, but the children have adjusted brilliantly to the new arrangements and routines. We all want to say a huge **WELL DONE** to all of them.

### Popping in

We are not sure how to get the message across to some parents – PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE unless you have been asked to. All communication should be by phone or email, and the ladies will arrange a time for you to come to reception if this is unavoidable. This arrangement is in place to protect everyone – parents, staff and children. Please respect everybody's safety.

### COATS

Every child needs a coat in school every day so that they do not get wet and cold during outdoor learning activities.

# More news ...

## Fabulous FoRPS

Over the last seven months, FoRPS has had to cancel two discos, two movie nights, the Mother's Day Sale, the Easter Fair, the Family BBQ, the Quiz and Chips Night and, the biggest fundraiser of the year, the Summer Fair. As you can imagine, the fundraising pot is pretty empty and, at the moment, FoRPS is unable to support us in their usual funding of books and subsidising trips, let alone other resources to support the children's learning in school. However, with great enthusiasm and determination, the lovely ladies have got their heads together to come up with some great fundraising ideas, and we would ask that families support them in any way that they can afford. Look out for details of activities on Heads Up.

## Chair of Governors

We were very sad to hear that our Chair of Governors, Dave West, has decided to step down as Chair of Governors and as a governor at our school. Since he joined the team in March 2016, Dave has worked with absolute dedication and commitment to providing the very best for our children. His advice and guidance during the new-build was invaluable and we are incredibly grateful to him for all the painting and decorating he has volunteered to do. Dave was very surprised to find himself as Chair two years ago, but he has been a fabulous support for all the staff and we will miss his weekly visits. We wish him all the very best as he gets to spend more time with his family and on his travels.

## Dictionaries

Those wonderful people in the Rotary Club have been so generous again, gifting a high quality dictionary to every Year 5 child in Diss and Roydon. They have been doing this for several years and the beautiful books are very gratefully received by the children. Many thanks, Rotary Club!



We hope you all have a lovely half term break, and we will see you all back in school on  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

## Playground fun

After half term, each class will be receiving a big box of goodies to keep them busy and active at playtime. Space is limited and classes cannot share resources, so we have invested in long, short and French skipping ropes, stilts, wobble boards and a variety of balls. They should keep the children entertained.

## Pumpkin trail

Don't forget to buy your Pumpkin Trail activity sheet to keep you busy over half term:

<https://playmakecreateart.bigcartel.com/product/friends-of-roydon-primary-school-pumpkin-trail>

Many thanks to Lou Thompson for organising this on behalf of FoRPS.

## Pumpkin competition

If your child has bought a pumpkin to decorate, don't forget to upload the fabulous finished picture to your child's Class Dojo portfolio by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. After half term, each class will choose their finalist to go forward into the whole school competition. Winners will be announced in Heads Up.

## Culinary expertise

FoRPS and staff are also organising recipe books that will be collated after half term, and available to buy – what great Christmas presents! We hope to publish one per class, but we need the recipes to fill them. Please help your child to type out their favourite recipe and email it to: [office@roydon.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@roydon.norfolk.sch.uk). Sweet or savoury, meal or snack – all ideas welcome as long as they are yummy!

