Roydon Primary School

Autumn Term 2021



WELCOME to our new style newsletter!

The appearance may be slightly different, but it is still a really useful means of us telling you what is coming up, and a great way for us to let you know what has been going on in school every half term. Please do read all the articles so that you do not miss important pieces of information.



Coming and going

We were sorry to say goodbye to Miss Birkinshaw as she started her maternity leave, and we hope to hear some good news soon! We were so pleased that Mrs Sofokleous was ready and waiting to join the Badgers team and she has settled in very well. The children tell me they are very pleased with their new teacher!



Sugar Appeal

We are really pleased to be supporting the BEFA sugar appeal again this year. BEFA is an East Anglian charity that collects sugar as a vital source of energy for the homeless visiting shelters and soup kitchens. Simply send a bag of sugar to school, and British Sugar will match donations, bag for bag. Thank you for your donations so far, but sadly our sugar mountain is more of a hillock at the moment!

Daffs

If you would like to donate some daffodil bulbs (or any other spring bulbs) to brighten up our grounds, they would be very gratefully received.





Diary Dates

2nd November Flu vaccinations

10th November FoRPS Money Trail Y4 Ringsfield talk

12th November FoRPS Bingo Night

15th November Odd Socks Day

16th/17th November **Infant parent sessions** (TBC)

19th November Children in Need toy sale

26th November FoRPS non-uniform day (for jam jars)

1st December

FoRPS raffle tickets

(for tombola prizes)

Decoration Afternoon

3rd December FoRPS Holly Fayre

8th December Children's Christmas Lunch

> 17th December **Last day of term**



Listen, Learn, Explore

We are planning two sessions on 16th and 17th November when infant parents can stay in the classroom with their child for an hour after drop off to share their learning with them. Obviously, these will be dependent on the Covid situation at the time, but pop the dates in your diary - 16th for Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers, and 17th for Badgers and Squirrels - and we hope we will see you there.

Parent consultation calls

Hopefully you found the calls from teachers useful this week. Badger parents can expect to hear from Mrs Sofokleous in the week beginning 15th November, when she has got to know the children, and Mrs Davies will be in touch with those parents she missed when she is better (and can speak again!).



Children in Need toy sale

If you are having a clear out during the holiday, pop all your unwanted toys (clean and in working order, please) into a bag to bring into school any time from 1st November. Let's see how much money we can raise for Pudsey.



Reading Challenge

We hope that lots of children will rise to the new Reading Challenge. Your child should have brought home a list of books they should aim to read over the next few weeks and will earn a Dojo for each one they finish. Don't forget to upload photos to Class Dojo!



Green fingers

As always, we are incredibly grateful to Mary Le Grys for all the work she does around the school site to keep our grounds looking spick and span. You are much appreciated, very Mary!



One-way system

Previously, we have asked parents to respect our oneway system, coming IN through the red gate on Manor Road near Mrs Barrett, and OUT through the new pedestrian gate on the Old High Road. appreciate that it might add a few minutes to drop off and pick up times, but with rising Covid cases, we ask that parents respect our request to help keep everyone safe.



Anti-bullying Week - One Kind Word

Monday 15th November sees the start of Antibullying Week and, to recognise this, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day. We will be talking about how it is OK to be different and no-one should be treated badly because of the way they look.



The ladies are always so busy, coming up with fundraising ideas and organising events. 'Like' their Facebook page to keep up-to-date with what's going on. They have just raised around £600 through Movie Night to support your children's learning – well done ladies!



We hope you all have a lovely holiday.

See you on the 1st November!