

Royston Weekly



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Monday 16th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

After our first full week back, our younger children and new starters are really settling in – (as are our new staff).

Water bottle and snacks

Please can we ask that children bring their water bottle on a daily basis. The bottles should just contain water and not juice. We thank you for your support with this. Additionally, if a child in KS2 (Y3 – 6) would like a snack at playtime we ask that this is just fruit. Any other items brought in will be sent back home as we want to promote healthy eating, and a piece of fruit is a great way to support this and keep hunger at bay. Sweets are not permitted in lunch boxes at all. Children must also not bring fizzy drinks or milkshakes in lunch boxes.

Attendance

This year we are really hoping to continue increasing attendance across school so that we are in line with the national expected target of 97% attendance in every class. Daily attendance and punctuality have the most positive impact on attainment for children - every day is a learning day and we really hope you support us with this drive to reach these targets.

When a pupil's attendance falls to 97% a member of staff will be in touch with parents/carers. This is to support all our families in ensuring good attendance at school.

In line with our St Marys trust, LA and EWO guidance, no holidays in term time will be authorised. The calendar of school holidays and INSET dates for this year can be seen on our school website. Please support us by not booking any holidays in school time. Guidance was sent out prior to the new school term that outlines the new fining system. This can be found on the school's website.

A massive thank you to you all for your continued support in ensuring the children are in school on time. As a school, we had 4 late marks last week - we aim to have no late marks moving forward. We allow a ten-minute window to ensure a smooth start to the day and arriving on time is vital to ensure lessons are not disrupted for other pupils as well as ensuring your child is not missing their own learning. School gates close at 9.00 am. If you arrive through the main entrance via the school office after 9.00 am, this will be recorded as a late mark.

Diary Dates

DIARY DATES- Here are some useful dates for your diaries already. We will provide further information about specific events nearer the time. We have lots of exciting activities in store and we will add to the calendar week on week as we book events in...

September

Hearing screening (or children with dob between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19) Tuesday 17th September
30th September to 4th October is the NSPCC kindness challenge in school

October

Hello Yellow Day for children's mental Health week - Thursday 10th October

Year 2 Library Visit – Tuesday 15th October

Individual School photos - Monday 21st October

Harvest Festival Service in Church (parents and carers welcome) - Monday 21st October 2:15 pm

Last day before half term - Friday 25th October

November

Anti bullying week in school - Monday 11th November

Year Six to represent school at Remembrance at church and in the community (full uniform) - Monday 11th November

Odd socks day as part of anti-bullying week - Tuesday 12th November

Parents Evening 3:30-6pm - Wednesday 13th November

Parents Evening 3:30- 5pm - Thursday 14th November

Children in Need Day for Reception to Year 5 - Friday 15th November

Year 6 Crucial Crew trip - Friday 15th November

December

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 12th December

Last Day before Christmas Holidays - Friday 20th December

Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher