

Royston Weekly



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Monday 30th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are already heading towards the halfway mark of our first half term of the 2024 School Year. As the saying goes, time flies when you are having fun! It has been great to see the children working hard and producing some great work! Lots of staff have been out at Networking Days with other teachers who teach in the same year group in Barnsley. This year we will also be working with The Maths Hub in Yorkshire to develop the teaching of mathematics across school- this is a journey we are excited to embark upon.

A huge thank you to the families who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by Mrs Bailey. It was wonderful to chat with some of our families and support a cause so close to many people's hearts. It was also lovely to meet some of our Reception families on Friday at our phonics workshop led by Miss Hines.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from School, please call the school on 01226 722011 on the first day and each consecutive day following, there is also an option to leave a voicemail.

If your child is absent from School due to any illness, please inform the school every day with the nature of illness so we can monitor any outbreaks rather than just 'unwell' we appreciate your support in this.

If school is not made aware of a child's absence and we cannot contact you, we will do a safe and well check to the family home. Moving forward, school is now working in close partnership with the Educational Welfare Team if a child is off school for more than 3 consecutive days a home visit will be made from the EWO who is working with our school. This is to ensure all pupils are safeguarded and improve rates of attendance for pupils.

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.

Again, just to be clear, no holidays will be authorised in term time. We will issue a fine to both parents (this was previously one parent moving forward- as advised by the local authority) if pupils miss 10 sessions (5 days of absence) due to holidays or due to unauthorised absence.

Harvest donations

If you would like to donate any food to the Harvest Festival Service please send in any foods that will keep (tins, dried food) so they can be donated to the Royston Good Food Pantry. We thank you for your generosity. Our Harvest Festival Service will be held in school for pupils on Monday 21st October.

School Census Day- Thursday 3rd October

This Thursday is School Census Day – This is a very important day for us as it determines how much funding the school will receive next year. Children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal and the Government gives the school up to £480 a year for each child who has a meal on census days, so please encourage your child to try a school meal on this day.

Balls and toys

Children should not bring any balls or toys from home. We are lucky that we have lots of play equipment that we use on the playground, and we have playground leaders to support pupils in play. Children should not use balls in the playground before school moving forward as there is no purpose to bring these into school. We thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Parking

Parking in the school carpark is for staff only. Our carpark is a busy place with deliveries arriving through the morning and staff arriving at different points in the morning too. There is no exception to this rule unless you have spoken to the school office about a medical need.

Collecting pupils from school

Pupils who are collected from school must be collected by someone who is no younger than 14 years of age. Again, this is to ensure that all pupils are safeguarded.

Lunch Payments

Can all lunch payments be cleared on ParentPay for your child's lunch accounts. Accounts should be closely monitored to ensure they do not get a debit on the account.

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. I will share Christmas dates when I have these as we need to liaise with Father Craig and Mr Spencer (who will be playing the church organ for us).

September

Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October - NSPCC kindness challenge in school

October

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

Tuesday 15th October - Year 2 Library Visit

Friday 18th October Reception class Elmer English and craft workshop 2:15pm

Monday 21st October - Individual School photos

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

Thursday 24th October - TT Rockstars Day

Friday 25th October - Last day before half term

November

Monday 11th November - Anti bullying week in school

Monday 11th November - Year 6 to represent school at Remembrance at church and in the community (full uniform)

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

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

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

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

Friday 15th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew trip

December

Tuesday 10th December - Rocksteady Concert 10am

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Fayre

Friday 20th December - Last Day before Christmas Holidays

R.Steele

Acting Headteacher

 Friday 18th October
2:15pm

come and join us in
reception for an English
workshop. Explore a lesson
with us and pick up ideas
and tips to further develop
vocabulary at home.

 Our English workshop is
based on the classic story
of Elmer the elephant.

We will explore the
story and the
vocabulary within it,
then take part in an
Elmer craft activity. 