

The Owl - October 2019

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at half term - that is until we pause to think how busy we have been! I do hope that you enjoy hearing our news from the term so far.

One of the amazing features of our school is the outdoor space. As the leaves start to fall, the children continue to find imaginative ways to play. I love chatting to the children at play and watching performances set on impromptu stages. The amount of singing and dancing demonstrates not only clear talent but also how at home the children feel at school.

A memory for me to keep forever is hearing the whole school singing Big Red Combine Harvester in the hall. I felt so proud to see and hear the effort put in by the children. Thank you Mrs Tansley and Miss Panter!



The pride and enthusiasm of the children continues in their classes. Every time I visit or teach them, I am inundated by children wanting to share their learning with me. This was reflected in the fantastic job some of our children did at Open Day on Saturday when showing visitors around.

Pride seems to be a common theme this month – and no doubt it will continue!

Best wishes,

Mrs Wittich

New start to the school day from Monday 14th October

The gate will continue to be opened at **8.45am** when you may take your child onto the playground outside the classrooms. This will give you 5 minutes to chat to other parents or share any messages with the teacher who will be outside.

The bell will now be rung at 8:50am when all classes will line up with their teacher and go in together to start their important Early Work tasks. We expect all children to be ready to line up at 8.50. Children who go to Early Birds will also be brought out to join their class at 8.45 under staff supervision.

The gate to the playground will continue be locked at **9:00am** as this is the time registers close. If you arrive late after this time you will need to take your children to the office.



DIARY DATES

October 2019

18th FoRS meeting 9am

19th Bookworm Ball – Sheene Mill

22nd Parent Consultations 3:00 – 7:00pm

25th Infant Class Assembly 2.45

HALF TERM

28th October – 1st November

November 2019

2nd Reed Village Firework Display
6pm (Entry is free but donations are welcome in support of FoRS, St Mary's Church & Reed Cricket Club.)

3rd Firework clear up **adults only**

8th FoRS AGM 2pm

8th Junior Class Assembly 2.45

11th Anti Bullying Week

14th Year 1 and 2 speed stacking

14th Nasal vaccinations Reception – Year 4 children

15th Children in Need

20th Bag to School Collection

21st Individual photos

22nd FoRS meeting 9am

22nd Early Years Class Assembly 2.45

29th Occasional Day – **school closed**

Houses

To help us all to follow our values and be the best we can be, we are launching a house points system to recognise this.

Thank you to the children who came up with ideas for our House names. Congratulations to Ethan whose idea has been chosen. We particularly liked the use of our identity of the owl.

Tawny Owls	Eagle Owls	Barn Owls
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Your child will be coming home today with a sticker telling you which house they are in and the representing colour.

To celebrate the launch of our new House system we would like the children to wear their House colour for the day this Friday the 11th October.

It could be as much as a whole outfit or just one item – whatever you can find.



Values

As our children grow, as a school, we have chosen these values to represent the aims we have for every child to have:

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Aspiration

We will model these values in all that we do in order to help every child become a lifelong learner.



Attendance

Please remember that in line with County Policy, holidays or family days out in term time will not be authorised.

Well done and thank you to those who follow our policy. I look forward to giving out attendance certificates at the end of this term to those children who have been at school as much as possible.



Mrs Wittich says: "Thank you for representing our school so well by being smart."

Schoolympics

Well done to our Junior Class who took part in the Royston Schools Schoolympics. It was lovely to see how many of our children chose to try a new Sport. All of the children represented our school beautifully and came away with big smiles on their faces.

Special congratulations go to Evie and Sophia who were both awarded medals for showing one of the values of the Schoolympics so well.



Our visit from a nurse



Our Infant Class really enjoyed meeting a nurse who told them about her work and answered their questions.

The children particularly enjoyed using some of her equipment!

Please start collecting as many empty clear plastic bottles and their lids as possible. A variety of sizes are needed.

We will be using them to create poppies for Remembrance Day. Please bring them to school as soon as possible.



Affinity Water

Our Affinity Water workshop was a fantastic way to kick start a new school year with pledges to look after our water more.

The Juniors found quite a few dripping taps and used their measuring skills to calculate just how much water is wasted if those taps aren't turned off or fixed.

The Infants found out that the process for cleaning water takes a long time and understand how important it is to only use water when it is really needed.



Our new Eco Council members will be keeping a close eye on our water usage over the year.



Swimming

We need another helper in the water at swimming each week. If you would like to join us, please let Mrs Scally know.

Our exciting new library plans

FoRS continue to do fantastic work to support the school.

A major project has been raising funds for a new building to house a library to be used by the children during the school day and the community out of hours.

As part to the FoRS AGM on Friday 8th November the plans will be shared with those who would like to know more.

I am very excited by the prospect of having another room to use and of course a fabulous library space.

Governor News

It's the start of a new school year and a warm welcome back to our returning children and their families as well as to our new families. It was a real treat to see the beautiful and creative harvest boxes the children had made and also to show off Reed School on the Open Day. We are looking forward to working with Mrs Wittich as our new Headteacher and give her a warm welcome too!

And finally...

Do remember to talk to your class teachers about any concerns or worries you may have. The sooner issues are shared; the sooner they can be supported. (It is lovely for the teachers to hear first-hand what your child is enjoying about their class too!)

The children are also being encouraged to tell us if they have a worry with our new worry boxes in every class. They give every child the chance to let us know when they need some extra time to talk to us.

