



THE OWL



September 2018 Autumn Term

Diary Dates: Please check the website for updated diary dates.

September 2018

- 18th PE Club Starts (3.15pm)
- 19th Swimming Lessons Start
- 19th Athletics Club Starts (Lunchtime)
- 20th Gardening Club Starts (3.15pm)
- 21st Jeans for Genes Day
- 21st School Library (3.30pm)
- 22nd Community Library (10am-noon)
- 24th Recorder Club Starts (Lunchtime)
- 25th Royston Arts Festival Rehearsal
- 29th Royston Arts Festival
- 29th Reed First School Open Afternoon (12-4pm)

October 2018

- 5th School Library (3.30pm)
- 5th Harvest Festival Service (7pm)
- 6th Community Library (10am-noon)
- 22nd Parent Consultations (1.30 – 6.30pm)
- 26th FoRS AGM (2pm)

HALF TERM 29th October – 2nd November

Welcome back

Welcome back to you all. Your children all seem to have grown and matured over the summer and already look as though they have been in their new year groups all along. Welcome to our new families and to our new teacher Miss Riches. We have a new SEN Teaching Assistant starting on 8th October, in the meantime, Mrs Curtis will be working in the Infants.



Jeans for Genes

Once again, we will be supporting this national fundraising campaign on Friday 21st September. This is a non-uniform day when children may come to school wearing jeans or other denim clothes for a donation to the charity.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone for their very generous gifts at the end of term and to members of the FORS team who made the Leavers' events such a memorable time.

Many thanks to Mark Godfrey and his colleagues who spent a day during the holidays painting the front entrance. It looks fabulous and thank you for the many compliments.



School Gate and Start of the Day

The side gate entrance will now be locked at 9.05am, entry to school after this time will be by the main front entrance door. Although we operate a flexible start in the mornings, all children should be in their classroom by 8.55am. Teachers set early work from 8.45am, which children will miss if they are late.

Clubs

There will be a limited number of extra-curricular clubs this term due to a higher than usual number of staff professional development sessions. Letters for these have been sent home and they will start in the week beginning 17th September for 10 weeks. If any parents or carers are able to help to run a club, subject to safeguarding checks, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Swimming

Swimming starts on Wednesday 19th September for all children in Years 1-4. These sessions will run for 10 weeks. Please make sure your child has a coat every week. Children with longer than collar length hair must wear a swimming hat and even shorter hair must be held by a clip or hairband if it covers your child's eyes when wet. All earrings must be removed, as in other PE sessions. We suggest that girls wear trousers or short socks on swimming days as tights are a real challenge when trying to put them on after the swim.



Uniform

The children all look smart in their new school uniform. Please make sure that everything is clearly named, including PE kits, as it is much easier to identify the owner when identical pieces of clothing inevitably get mixed up.

Jewellery and earrings

There is a no jewellery policy in other Royston schools. In our school we allow discreet stud earrings but these must be removed, for health and safety reasons, for PE and swimming lessons. Hair should be tied up neatly for school with a colour that is complementary to our uniform. Besides making the children look smart, this minimises the risk of the spread of headlice if we should have an outbreak in school. Please save larger earrings and fancy hair ornaments for holidays and weekends. Nail varnish should not be worn in school please.

Harvest Festival

As in previous years, the school has once again been invited to take part in the service at St Mary's Church, Reed at 7pm on Friday 5th October. Children should arrive at the Church at 6.50pm, dress warmly for the service and need not wear school uniform. Please let the school know if you are unable to come.



The children are asked to decorate a shoe box sized container filled with fruit, vegetables or tinned produce and bring it into school in the morning. There will be a prize for the best decorated box in each class, which will be judged in school earlier in the day. All donations of produce are then raffled off at the Harvest supper in the Village Hall afterwards and the proceeds given to charity. There will be a Celebration Assembly at the usual time on this day and the boxes will be displayed before being taken to the church.

Dedicated Books

The books kindly donated by those who went to the Bookworm Ball in March are now in School. FoRS will be sending out thank you letters and photos shortly. Thank you for your generosity.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

These will take place on Monday 22nd October. As before, appointments will be available between 1.30pm and 6.30pm on that day. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Juniors' Snack

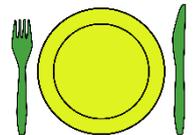
As the Government's Fruit and Vegetable scheme covers children up to the end of Year 2 only, parents of children in Miss Riches' class are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack from home. This should be a whole piece or pieces of fruit or vegetable in fresh or dried form. Smaller pieces of fruit may be brought in a bag or box. We have a child in school with a nut allergy. Please do not send in cereal bars as these may contain nuts.

Open Day

This has been planned for Saturday 29th September between 12noon and 4pm and, although primarily for parents of children due to start in Early Years next September, it also gives an opportunity for parents in other age groups to see what we offer. As in previous years, FORS will provide refreshments and the classrooms will be set up with activities and resources appropriate to each age group. If any of our older children would like to act as guides on the day, supervised by a school adult, I would be pleased to hear from them. Any pupils participating in the Open Day will need to wear school uniform.

Universal Infant Free School Meal Registration

Please can parents of children starting in reception, year 1 and year 2 register their entitlement for Universal Infant Free School Meals online at



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Electrical Recycling

A leaflet was sent home last week in book bags for parents to join in our school's recycling collection. If you have any small electrical items (as explained in the leaflet) please register at www.wasteaware.org.uk/ipad the deadline is 30th September. Our school collection has been scheduled between 15-19th October.

If you register, you will be entered into a prize draw to win a refurbished iPad mini and the school will be entered into a prize draw for a £1,000 school supplies voucher.

School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire County Council operate a school closure notification system, if parents have not yet signed up for this new system, please do so as soon as possible, at

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

HAND News

The September edition of HAND News is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews This is a free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25 years) with additional needs and disabilities.