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January 2017 Spring Term



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

January 2017

31st Kingswood first instalment due (Year 3&4)

February 2017

3rd Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)

7th Safer Internet Day

10th Home Start non-uniform day

10th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

10th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)

11th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)

13th-17th HALF TERM

24th FORS meeting (9am)

24th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

24th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)

25th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)

28th Kingswood second instalment due (Year 3&4)

March 2017

2nd World Book Day

3rd Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)

10th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

10th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)

11th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)

16th Youth Makes Music Rehearsal (Year 4 - 1.15pm)

17th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

22nd Last Swimming Lesson

22nd FORS meeting (8pm)

23rd Greneway School Tag Rugby Festival (Year 3&4 -1.30pm)

24th Red Nose Day

24th Mothers' Day morning

24th Youth Makes Music Rehearsal and Performance

24th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

24th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)

25th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)

26th Mothering Sunday

28th Parent Consultations (1.30-6.30pm)

29th Tag Rugby Festival (Year 3&4)

31st Kingswood final instalment due

31st **END OF TERM (2pm)**

April 2017

18th INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

19th Children return to school

26th-28th Kingswood

2017 off to a great start

We were pleased to welcome new nursery children and returning staff and families after the Christmas break. The children have all settled back into their routines and are enjoying their learning.



Thank you...

Although the end of last term now seems such a long way away, I would like to thank you once again for supporting our end of term events and for your generosity when we collected for charity. In addition to the £264.34 collected after our performances, we were able to send a further £75.68 to Save the Children following our carol service. We were also able to donate £75.68 to The Friends of Reed Church. Thank you to Paul Harrison for doing this on our behalf.

The staff would also like to join with me in thanking you for your generous Christmas gifts. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness. 😊

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day

As part of our safeguarding duty, which we take very seriously, teachers will focus even more on ensuring that our children are aware of the dangers that being online may present. Attached is a termly newsletter with some links which parents and carers may find useful. As in any other area related to safety and strangers, vigilance is of the utmost importance.



Safer Internet Day 2017 | Tuesday 7 February
Be the change. Unite for a better internet.
www.saferinternetday.org.uk



Swimming

The last swimming session for this academic year will be on Wednesday, 22nd March for children in Years 1-4.



Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, there is a collection box in the school reception area.

Love Your Home-Start non uniform day



Please support this worthy cause on Friday, 10th February with a suggested donation of £1 per child. Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire (HSRSC) provides a unique voluntary led home visiting service delivering crucial support for local families with young children who are at personal crisis point & struggling with issues such as post-natal depression, illness, isolation, bereavement, disability and domestic abuse. If you feel that you may benefit from this service please contact the team 01763 262262; email admin@hsrsc.org.uk

FORS News

Welcome back!

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Shopping Boutique back in November - which seems like many moons ago now. It was a fabulous festive extravaganza, with gingerbread, craft stalls and even a sleigh for the perfect elfie selfie. We raised over £400 for our pot, and are very grateful to everyone who helped and who attended for making it such a great night.

And if you were lucky enough to be the recipient of our Christmas Wrap, we hope you enjoyed your gift. As with last year, should you have received anything that you would like to "regift", the FORS donation box will be out in the entrance hall next week to gladly welcome any goodies.

As the cold weather is well and truly upon us, should your child be in need of a new jumper, we have an abundance in the second hand uniform box. Just drop us a line at the FORS email address, or ask Charlotte or Laura for details of the stock we have available. Alternatively, if you have any old outgrown items, we'll happily rehome them for you.

We have a few dates for your diary as we kick off our fundraising for the New Year.

Friday 3rd February sees our first event with Monster Bingo after school. An afternoon of fun for parents and children alike. Information has already been distributed.

And our old favourite – the Back to School quiz - will be held in the village hall on Saturday 4th March for any adult brainiacs who want to challenge their little grey cells. So be sure to save the date!

Thank you all for your continued support and Happy New Year from your very Frosty FORS team.

Adverse Weather

Closure of the school is always a last resort and any decision will be taken after an assessment of risk and any guidance given by the local authority. If it is possible to give advance warning, you will be contacted by ParentMail or letter. Out of school hours, parents will be notified via the new notification system, Everbridge. Alternatively, parents can check the HCC website (www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) and listen for updates on local radio. Please do not telephone the radio stations directly as they cannot manage a large volume of calls from parents.



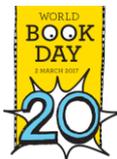
After School Care



You may be aware that our after school care will no longer be run by Buntings from next half term. From Monday, 20th February, the school will be providing after school care from 3.15-5.15pm. This will be known as Night Owls. Besides the opportunity to relax after their day's work and to play outdoors, additional fun activities will be available to the children. Mrs Rozier and Mrs Smith will be leading Night Owls initially, with Mrs Harvey covering on Fridays when required. The booking process will be slightly different, in that there will be a separate email account and mobile telephone number for booking and contact. Details of this will be sent out before half term. Parents wishing to book their child/ren in for the week beginning 20th February, should complete a form which will be available in the front entrance area. Charges will remain the same and the facility will continue to be limited to 8 children per session.

World Book Day

As in previous years, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a book character. This year, in support of our Library Project, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1.00 per child to add to the fund. There will be a change to the lunch menu on that day, BFG – Big Fish Goujons!



Used Stamps

Just a reminder for all those extra Christmas stamps; there is a box in the entrance for used stamps in aid of the MS Society. Please cut or tear them from the envelope leaving about a 1cm border.



Royston Picture Palace

There is a great choice of movies aimed at the kids coming up, and they would be happy to take reduced price bookings for these films or group bookings. The films are as follows:

Moana (PG) Showing on Saturday 4 February 2017 15:30 (113 Minutes)

From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes "Moana," a sweeping, CG-animated feature film about an adventurous teenager who sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana (voice of Auli'i Cravalho) meets the mighty demigod Maui (voice of Dwayne Johnson), who guides her in her quest to become a master wayfinder. Together, they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds, and along the way, Moana fulfills the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she's always sought: her own identity.

Ballerina (PG) Showing on Saturday 18 February 2017 15:30 (89 Minutes)

This delightful animation is set in 1879 Paris. An orphan girl dreams of becoming a ballerina and flees her rural Brittany for Paris, where she passes for someone else and accedes to the position of pupil at the Grand Opera house. The focus of the story is on Félicie, voiced by Elle Fanning, an ambitious yet rebellious orphan girl who dreams of becoming a dancer, constantly attempting to flee the orphanage to Paris, in pursuit of her ambition. She's not alone in either dream-chasing or escaping the orphanage. Victor, voiced by Dane DeHaan, an obvious admirer of hers also wishes to leave to become a famous inventor, so the two of them embark on an adventure finally reaching Paris and with various strokes of good fortune, end up where they both want to be.

Ballerina as an example is a great chance for the kids to dress up, please contact the Royston Picture Palace for more details.

Tag rugby and PE

Years 3 and 4 have started tag rugby sessions with Kevin Green on Thursdays and they will be taking part in two tag rugby festivals later in the term. All children from Years 1-4 will be enjoying PE lessons on Fridays, they will be going outdoors whenever possible, so please make sure that your child has their PE kit, including a sweatshirt or fleece and joggers, in school. At this time of year, trainers provide better grip and more protection for outdoor PE than plimsolls so it would be useful to have a pair in school for these sessions if possible. Early Years PE will continue on Wednesdays as before.



Reminder

For those of you who pay for a school lunch, invoices have already been sent out. Prompt payment for these and swimming, if applicable, would be appreciated. We have tried to ease the pressure on finances at this time of year by making no charge for our after-school activities. As always, if you have any difficulty meeting any payment, please make an appointment to see Mrs Harvey.

Lost property

There is a box at the bottom of the wooden corner book shelf in reception for lost property. If a lost item is not named, it will be placed in this box, which will be emptied every half term. Please check this box if your child has lost an item of clothing.

Messages and procedures

In the case of your child being absent from school, either for illness or for any other reason, please make sure that the school is informed by 9.30am (or before if it is a planned absence). This should be a telephone call and a message can be left, if necessary, on the answering machine. As a school, we are currently required to monitor absence more closely and it would be helpful to have a reason for the absence in writing or by email on your child's return to school. As last term, Mrs Scally does not work on Wednesdays and Mrs Kinghorn works from 10am until 2pm. Please, therefore, continue to make use of the memo system and secure deposit box where possible, if the office is unmanned.

