



# THE OWL

## March 2017 Spring Term



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

### March 2017

- 28<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations (1.30 – 6.30pm)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival (9.30-11.45am)
- 31<sup>st</sup> FORS Pyjama Day (Donation of chocolate)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Celebration Assembly (9.05am)
- 31<sup>st</sup> FORS Spring Tea (1.15pm)
- 31<sup>st</sup> End of term (2pm)

### April 2017

- 9<sup>th</sup> FORS Chocolate Tombola at Royston Tesco
- 14<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
- 18<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Children return to school
- 21<sup>st</sup> Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tennis for Year 3 & 4 (5 weeks during school)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection
- 26<sup>th</sup> Multiskills for Year 1 & 2 (during school)
- 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Kingswood
- 28<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

### May 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> MAY DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cricket for Year 3 & 4 (during school)
- 5<sup>th</sup> FORS Meeting in hall (9am)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED**

### June 2016

- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Children return to school
- 9<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)

### Ofsted

Thank you to all of you who supported us in any way, especially those who commented on Parent View, during our Ofsted inspection last week. Due to the Easter holiday, we do not expect to receive the report until at least Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, and possibly later. All parents and carers will receive a copy at the point it becomes public on the Ofsted website. We look forward to sharing it with you.



### Staffing

In Mr O'Hare's continuing absence, Mr Richardson will remain in the Junior class until the end of the summer term. However, Mr Richardson will be reducing his teaching commitment to 4 days a week, for family reasons. Mrs Kershaw will teach the class on Wednesday mornings and cover planning time on Thursday mornings. Mrs Harvey will teach the class on Wednesday afternoons. We are also interviewing for the position of Teaching Assistant in the Early Years class this week and will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

### Red Nose Day – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you for your donations, we have raised £56.55.



### Kingswood 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April

Please could all the Kingswood paperwork be returned to the school office by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, this includes the parental consent form and the behaviour code. Can you please write on the consent form, if you are happy for us to administer Calpol if necessary while at Kingswood.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

There is a collection box in the school reception area for these vouchers.



### Disabled parking space

Could we please ask you not to park in the disabled parking space at the front of the school, as it obstructs the space for families who need to be parked near to the entrance.

### Bag2School

Collection bags came home in the children's book bags this week, please note the collection date Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Do not bring in your bags before this date as we have nowhere to store them.



## **FORS News**

Well, as ever, FORS land has been a busy place this term. We've held a fabulous Bingo afternoon, a brain-teasingly spectacular quiz night and launched our mouth-wateringly tasty cookbook. As ever, thank you to all of you for supporting our events and getting behind our library fundraising campaign.

This week continues to be a tad hectic - we will be selling tickets after school every day for our spectacular Easter hamper. Tickets are just £1 each and you can buy these from outside the entrance at pick up.

Our traditional colouring competition is also underway - every child should have a picture in their school bag to turn into creative masterpieces. There is no cost to enter this year, it's just for fun. Please ensure that if your child would like to enter, you should submit their "Picasso" to the office by 9am on Thursday morning, for judging. A prize will be awarded within each class.

Friday is our EASTER EGGZ-TRAVAGANZA!

Starting with our PJ day, we would like your child to come to school ready for bed, and bring with them a chocolatey donation for our Easter tombola stall. In Celebration Assembly at 9:05am, we will announce the winners of our colouring competition. Then at 1:15pm, we would like to invite you to join us for our Easter Tea, where we will serve tea and cake, give you a chance to buy our fabulous new cookbook and peruse our second hand uniform. We will also draw our Easter hamper raffle. Should anyone feel the need to show off their inner Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood, cake donations are also very much appreciated!! Children will need to be in the custody of their parents by 2pm on this day.

This year, we are lucky to be able to hold an Easter Tombola stall at Tesco Extra Royston on Sunday 9th April, between 10am and 3pm. All of your kindly donated goodies will be up for grabs as we continue to raise money for our library campaign. If any child, and/or their parents would like to volunteer to help on this day, could you please let either Shelley or Claire M know, or email FORS at [fors@reed.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fors@reed.herts.sch.uk)

As this term draws to a close, we'd like to wish you an amazing holiday, and leave you with a few dates for your diaries, with more info to follow next term. Happy Easter.

*The FORS team*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

Wednesday 29th April - Bags2School collection  
Saturday 6th May - Family photo shoot  
Friday 16th June - Father's Day Sweetie Shop  
Saturday 24th June - Treasure Hunt and Strawberry Tea  
Saturday 1st July - Wine Night  
Saturday 17th March 2018 - Bookworm Ball

## **Sport for the Summer Term**

Early Years will continue to be taken for PE by Ross, although this will be on a Tuesday mornings from April. Ross will be focussing on outdoor games and skills next term.

The Infant class will have Multiskills and Athletics with Lewis Fitzgerald, who has been here before, through the North Herts School Sports Partnership.

The Junior class will all have an hour of tennis coaching for 5 weeks with Matt Fellingham. Four children and two reserves will be chosen to represent the school in the Royston tournament. If successful they will progress to the partnership finals in June.

In addition, year 3 & 4 will receive cricket coaching every Wednesday afternoon with Michael Johnstone, through the chance to shine charity.



## **Tennis for Kids**

Tennis for Kids was launched last year following Great Britain's historic 2015 Davis Cup victory to inspire the next generation to play. With an initial goal to introduce 10,000 5-8 year olds to tennis through a FREE six-week programme, what we achieved was smashing! By the end of 2016, 854 coaches had delivered 1420 courses to over 13,200 children! Due to that success, Tennis for Kids is returning this year with an aim to introduce a further 20,000 5-8 year old children to the sport we love.

From 22nd April 2017 we will be running a FREE 6-week coaching course for 20 children, 10 at Royston Tennis club and 10 at Melbourn Tennis club who are new to tennis. Every child that completes 4 sessions of the course will be given their own FREE tennis racket, as well as a follow-on offer to enable them and their family to continue to play tennis.

Please register at [www.lta.org.uk/SignUpKids](http://www.lta.org.uk/SignUpKids)

## **Parenting Puzzle Workshops**

Please see information attached regarding 2 new parenting puzzle workshops.

## **Reed Spring Quiz**

It's time again to put your thinking caps on and brush up on your general knowledge for the Reed Spring Quiz. Enjoy the mental challenges plus fish or chicken and chip supper plus a licenced bar for just £12. Reed Village Hall, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets from Hazel (01763 848349) or Alan (01763 847213).

# QUIZ

## **School Uniform**

Please see below for new school uniform still available from the school office.

<b>Cardigan with logo</b>		<b>£5.70</b>
Age	Quantity	
3-4	5	
7-8	2	
<b>V neck sweatshirt with logo</b>		<b>£5.25</b>
3-4	3	
<b>PE T-shirt with logo</b>		<b>£1.80</b>
3-4	1	
5-6	5	
7-8	3	
11-13	1	
<b>Plain burgundy fleece – Ideal for outdoor PE</b>		<b>£5.00</b>
4-5	1	
5-6	2	
7-8	2	
9-10	2	

## **Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving**

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving or riding a motorcycle – this is still the case when stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keep safe – put your phone away in the glove compartment.



## **2017/2018 Term Dates**

You will have received via parentmail the new term dates. In addition to the 5 Inset days and 1 occasional day, the Local Authority has given an additional 5 occasional days for schools to place wherever they wish. In reality, since we would rather not return to school in August nor continue to the end of July, the dates will seem in line with past years. In addition, where possible, we have set dates in line with other local first schools.

## **School Meals**

In line with other schools in the area we shall be increasing our School Meal charge from the beginning of the summer term 2017. Please see below the revised charges:

Junior meal £2.35

Nursery meal £2.20

Adult meal £3.20

