

Roxwell C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term and I hope you all had a great summer. All the children look older and taller. The staff are well rested and we are all excited about the new school year.

We have now joined LIFE educational Trust and this will be great for the future of the school.

I am sad to say that Mrs Dilly was not well enough to return to school, so Mrs D'Arcy and Mrs Elliott will be teaching Year 1 and Year 2 until Mrs Dilly has recovered. A separate letter has been sent to every parent in this class.

I have thought carefully about your feedback re the Celebration Assemblies on Fridays. I feel the children need to be rewarded on the Friday for the work they have produced that week as I visit the classes, praising the children for their progress daily. So I like the children to receive the appropriate praise for their achievement that week. I also worry about the time that it would take for office staff to contact all parents to enable them to attend the assembly. It may not seem like a big task, however we awarded 36 awards on 2 May, for example. Our main concern is trying to phone parents at work or at home, not getting through to parents, then having to send emails and keeping lists of these communications. However I have opened the assembly to everyone. I have also added further dates for you to be involved in school. On the 17th Sept there will be a short introduction by the class teacher for all parents, so you get a chance to see the classroom your child is in, and hear some information from your class teacher. The meeting will be repeated to support parents with more than one child. Every class will also present a class assembly, this year. You will be given the dates in advance. The first class assembly will be led by Year 5 and Year 6 and will be about MacMillan Fundraising. It will involve a coffee fundraising event with tea, coffee and a variety of cakes served at 2pm on 27th September. There will also be a new parent 'lunch' on 3rd October at 12 noon, where parents, new to the school may attend lunch with their children. I am also holding a coffee afternoon where you can join me for coffee and cake and discuss the updates on Safeguarding in a relaxed environment, on Thursday 19th September at 2.30pm.

Thank you so much to the PTA for the excellent Summer Fayre. We made over £800 and the atmosphere was great on the day. **If you would like to join the PTA please let me know as soon as possible as we will be having our first meeting at the end of September, date to be confirmed. At the moment we are investing money in books; the library has been decorated and restocked.**

Would it be possible to pay cash for clubs for just this term? We are looking at changing our paying system as the system we use at present is not giving us enough details about payments.

Our school uniform will be available from One Stop Shop, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford CM2 9TE from next week, on 10th September. The uniform shop will also stock our school ties, they will also stock the traditional ties, as some children find these ties uncomfortable. However the ties on a metal hook will be available also.

The children have been amazing all week. You must be so proud of them. I am! Have a great weekend, Maire O'Regan

Term Dates

9th September Interventions start for the new Y2 and Y3, as promised.

16th September Interventions start for all other year groups

17th September Meet the teacher 3.15pm to 3.35pm and 3.40pm to 4pm. There will be 'Mocktails' for sale in the playground for £1, all fundraising will go to the PTA.

17th Sept Homework Forum for parents at 7pm

27th Sept MacMillan Coffee at 2pm with Year 5 and Year 6 as hosts

3rd October New parents lunch 12 to 1pm

8th October Lay a wreath for Remembrance at 2pm. All parents welcome to the church to join us

10th October 2.30pm coffee, cake and safeguarding

25th October Harvest Service at 2pm at the church

25th October last day of term 1

4th Nov first day of Aut term 2

18th Nov Individual Photos

6th Dec Christmas dinner

16th Dec School Nativity performance 2pm in the school hall

18th December Christmas service 2pm at the church. TBC

18th Dec last day of Aut term 2

19th Dec Non pupil day

6th Jan First day of Spring term 1

14th Feb Last day of Spring term 1

24th Feb First day of Spring term 2

3rd April Last day of Spring term 2

20th April First day of Summer term 1

7th May Class photos

8th May Bank Holiday

22nd May last day of Summer term 1

1st and 2nd June Non pupil Days

3rd June First day of Summer term 2

21st July last day of Summer term 2

22 July Non Pupil Day

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Congratulations

to all our children who achieved awards over the summer! It's lovely to see the array of certificates that have be brought into school this week!

Naomi, Keira, Zachary, Emmeline, Rafferty, Katie and Fred all completed the Summer Reading Challenge; they all read at least 6 books each!

Maya was given the Player of the Week award during a match at her local football club.

Naomi was awarded her Sea Turtle 1 certificate for her achievements in swimming!

And finally, Aoife completed the Race At Your Own Pace challenge completing 30 miles of running and walking over August!

Well done to everyone that achieved new and exciting things over the holiday. We cannot wait to see what else you will all achieve throughout this year!