

Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope your summer break was both enjoyable and restful; a chance to recharge your batteries and spend time together.

A special welcome should go to all our new pupils and their families – we look forward to working with you. Despite some anxious faces on the first day of school (not just the pupils – parents and staff too!) everyone has settled well and seems much more relaxed. In fact the routine of the academic year has now gained sufficient momentum that the summer holidays seem a long time ago!

We also need to welcome a new teacher to Roysia: Mrs Earnshaw has joined the year 5 team and has taken charge of 5E. And a warm welcome to our two new teaching assistants, Tina Dear and Michelle Prentice.

Our diaries here at school are rapidly filling up with opportunities for our pupils. Year 7 and 8 have already enjoyed their first workshop with Shakespearean actor Anthony Glenn on Thursday 15 September and year 5 will participate in the ‘Schoolympics’ at Meridian School on Thursday 29 September. Don’t worry, year 6 – plenty of opportunities for you coming up too! As always, there are a wide range of extra-curricular clubs available so there is plenty for everyone to get involved with.

This year, we have launched a new rewards scheme: credits. Credits replace the previous system of merits and privileges and are designed to give the pupils more choice over their rewards – they can use their credits as a type of currency to buy privileges or prizes of their choice. The system is evolving as pupils tell us what they would like to have the opportunity to buy, but the initial menu is below:

Number of Credits	Privilege/Prize
Individually priced	Items from stationery shop
15	Front of dinner queue
15	Wildlife area at lunchtime
15	Borrow extra sporting equipment
20	25 mins on Wii
40	Computer at lunchtime
50	Pool table at lunchtime
50	Table tennis at lunch time
75	Access to sports hall at lunch time
100	Personal non-uniform day
100	DVD at lunchtime

*Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher*

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 2016

This year we adjusted the format of our End of Year ceremony to reflect our change towards our young people’s successes and challenges. So this year we recognised both the academic and personal progress of our pupils. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support their children who were delighted when their names were called out for a prize. Many thanks also to our presenters this year who were Cllr S Dingley, Royston Town Mayor, Cllr W Davidson, Town Councillor/ School Governor and Mr J Hansford of the North Herts Support Service, who works with some of our pupils. There were many proud smiles’ as the pupils collected their prizes and the overall girl/boy school prizes went to Martha Yohannes and George Dear. We wish all our prize winners every success as they move on to the new challenges in their upper schools.



Year 8 Mrs J Hitchcock (Key Stage 3 Leader); Mr J Streeter

Special Responsibilities for staff are as follows:

Mr D Archer	Leader of PE/PSHCE
Mrs E Baigent	Leader of Art *
Ms N Crawford Smith	SSCO/PE*
Mr L Fittz	PE*
Mr D Carter	Leader of Design & Technology
Mrs E Clark	Leader of Modern Foreign Languages*
Mrs J Hitchcock	Leader of Science
Mrs K Jandu	Leader of Computing
Mrs A Mitchell	Leader of Music *
Mrs J Roberts	Leader of Spanish *
Miss L Smith	INCo (<i>Inclusion Co-ordinator</i>)
Mr J Streeter	Leader of English
Mrs W Visagie	Leader of Humanities/RE
Mr I Wheeler	Leader of Maths

* Part-time

report bullying incidents to staff but there is also an option for them to email their concerns; whether that be concerns about themselves or concerns about someone else. The children will be in control of what happens with the information that they supply. They can tell 'Ash' if they want the school staff to know or if they want the staff to know but still want to remain anonymous. We hope that this will encourage more children to report bullying if they see it happening or if it is happening to them. Of course they can still use the more traditional methods if they prefer that. ash@roysia.herts.sch.uk.

NEWS FROM THE LUNCH MUNCH HUT

A warm welcome to our new Year 5 pupils, we hope you have all settled in well. After a few teething problems we hope the pupils and staff are enjoying the efficiency of the new biometric payment system at the till.

Here are a few of the delicious dishes that we are preparing for you over the next fortnight:

Chicken Pie	Maccaroni Cheese
Roast Beef	Spaghetti Bolognaise

Don't forget we have freshly prepared wraps, paninis and sandwiches, fresh salad and fruit **every day**.

And check out our new packed lunch options.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

The Catering Team

P.S Don't forget to top up your account with £5 or more on a Monday morning

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Morning club is available 8-8.30am for all Roysia pupils. The cost is £2.50 per session which covers a wholesome supervised breakfast, followed by activities. If you would like your child to attend the club please collect a registration form from the office.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Please would parents/carers ask their children to dismount their bikes and scooters at the school gates and keep to the paths. Particularly with building works on site there is a constant flow of traffic and we want to avoid any accidents occurring. Thank you

TEAM CAPTAINS 2016-17

Team	Captains	Deputies
Eagles	Priya Chauhan Harley Hubble	Shayla McCarthy Clements Owen Potthast

PARKING

We appreciate it is not easy to park outside school but would ask you **not** to drop/collect pupils from the school car park. This is reserved for staff and visitors. Also please do not park or

parents/carers at least three weeks prior to the start date of the absence detailing in full the reason for the absence request.

Illness & medical conditions

When pupils are absent from school on medical grounds it is important that they are able to keep up with their studies, as far as their medical condition allows. Roysia has a vital role to play ensuring that pupils who are absent from school on medical grounds have the educational support they need.

- a. The school will authorise the first 10 days of pupil absence for illness in any given year. 10 days' absence equates to 93% attendance. Ideally each pupil should have 95% attendance or higher.
- b. Where a pupil has had 10 days' illness, we will write to parents/carers to explain that we will no longer authorise any further absence for illness during the school year.
- c. Where a pupil has a medical condition which affects attendance, we will contact parents/carers regularly for written confirmation from a medical professional that the condition is continuing. The written confirmation may be a letter written to the school, or a copy of other correspondence. Where we receive this, all pupil's absence is authorised.

Unauthorised absence

- a. The school retains the right to decide whether or not to authorise an absence.
- b. When a pupil has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) we will write to parents/carers that their child's unauthorised absence is a concern and that they are in danger of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) from the Local Authority (LA).
- c. When a pupil has 15 unauthorised sessions (7½ days) of absence over two terms, the school will write to parents/carers warning them that, they will be issued with a FPN by the LA.

Pupil's absences when arriving late after registration (closes at 9.05am) will be unauthorised and will count as an absent session, unless a valid reason is provided by the parent/carer before the pupil's arrival.

FRIENDS FASHION SHOW & BINGO

Our next Bingo event is on 23 September 2016 - £2 per entrance and for the final game; £5 for a book of 5 games.

Tickets are selling fast for the Friends Fashion Show which will be held on Friday 7 October 2016. Tickets cost £5.00 each with funds going to Roysia Middle School.

To ensure you do not miss out on these fantastic events, tickets can be purchased from Sam Bowen the Chair of Friends.

Email - sam.bowenisg@ntlworld.com or telephone - 07973 171739.

Each ticket for the Fashion show will be entered into a free draw with the chance to win 2 x £50.00 vouchers to spend on the night.

COMMUNICATION

If you need to get in touch with us you can do this in several ways, namely:

by telephone/answerphone; the school office is open 8.30am-4.00pm;

by your child's school diary;

Inset: Monday 31 October
Occasional Day: Friday 2 December
Term ends: Wednesday 21 December at 1pm

Spring Term 2017

Inset: Thursday 5 January
Term begins: Friday 6 January
Half-term: 13 - 17 February
Term ends: Friday 31 March 1pm

Summer Term 2017

Term begins: Tuesday 18 April
Bank holiday: Monday 1 May
Half-term: 29 May – 2 June
Term ends: Friday 21 July at 1pm
Inset: Monday 24 July

Spring Term 2017

Term begins: 3 January
Half-term: 12-16 February
Term ends: 29 March

Summer Term 2017

Term begins: 16 April
Half-term: 28 May-1 June
Term ends: 22 July

***Plus 6 training/occasional days to be added in due course.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AUTUMN 2016

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 7 Friends' AGM
Tuesday 13 RSAT Board meeting
Thursday 15 Anthony Glen workshop for years 7 and 8
Friday 16 Individual/Siblings school photographs
1st Roysia Review out
Wednesday 21 Year 5 Aylmerton Information meeting/Social evening – 6.00-7.00pm
Friday 23 Friends' Bingo evening
Thursday 29 Year 5 'Schoolympics' at Meridian – morning only
Friday 30 Roysia Review out

OCTOBER

Tuesday 4 Open Day/Evening for year 4 parents/pupils
Friday 7 Friends' Fashion Show
Friday 14 Roysia Review out
Monday 17 Parents' Consultation Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 19 Parents' Consultation Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 21 Wear it 'Pink Day' in aid of Breast Cancer - £1.00
Monday 24-Friday 28 Half-term
Monday 31 **INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**

NOVEMBER

Friday 4 Friends' Fireworks/Bonfire Evening - 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 11 Roysia Review out
Friends' Disco – **7.00-9.00pm**
Friday 18 'Children in Need' Day - £1.00
Tuesday 22 Years 7 and 8 – Meridian to see 'Grease' – 12.30-3.30pm
Friday 25 Roysia Review out
Friends' Christmas Fair – 3.30-5.00pm

ROYSIA SCHOOL CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM 2016

DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.30am	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB - Library 1.15-2.10pm ART CLUB - YEARS 7 AND 8 - Art Room 1.45-2.10pm CHOIR - YEARS 5 AND 6 - Music Room - 1.45-2.10pm	RUGBY - YEARS 7 AND 8 -
TUESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.30am	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB - Library 1.15-2.10pm ART CLUB - YEARS 7 AND 8 - Art Room 1.45-2.10pm SINGERS - YEARS 7 AND 8 - Music Room 1.45-2.10pm BUDS - Room 2 - 1.15-2.10pm	
WEDNESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.30am	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB - Library 1.15-2.10pm RECORDERS - Music Room - 1.45-2.10pm	ORCHESTRA - Music Room
THURSDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.30am TABLE TENNIS - Sports Hall - 8.15-8.40am	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB - Library 1.15-2.10pm ART CLUB - ALL YEARS - Art Room 1.45-2.10pm COMPUTER CLUB - Room 6 - 1.45-2.10pm	ART CLUB - Art Room - RUGBY - YEARS 5 AND 6 -
FRIDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall 8.00-8.30am FITNESS CLUB - Dining Hall 8.00-8.15am	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB - Library 1.15-2.10pm	

Royston Arts Festival 2016 – Procession and Community Event

Royston Arts Festival 2016 will be the tenth consecutive annual festival since the festivals re-started in 2006. The theme this year will be ‘**Carnival**’ due to the Olympics taking place in the carnival capital – Rio, in the summer and also the celebratory feel of the theme.

Creative Royston Management Committee are putting together plans for a community wide event on **Saturday 24th September** which will take place in Royston Priory Memorial Gardens from **1pm to 4pm**.

We will have a carnival themed procession around the perimeter of Priory Memorial Gardens, led by Garden City Samba. There will also be music and other activities for people to enjoy within the gardens such as a craft fair, painting with Glazed Creations and live music by Royston Town Band.

We would like to involve community groups such as; school groups, dance schools, Brownies, Scouts, Guides etc. in the procession. Groups who want to get involved will need to allocate some time before the festival to plan and create their carnival themed costumes to wear for the procession and organise how they will manage their group on the day (e.g. parent helpers, drop-off and pick up points etc). **Groups and individuals wanting to take part in the procession should arrive at the side of St John’s Church at 12.30pm, so we are ready to start the procession at 1pm.**

We have **Carnival Resource Packs** to inspire your costume, music and dance making. It includes templates for masks and ideas for how to dress up for the procession. Email chair@creativeroyton.org to request a free copy.

Royston & District Museum is running costume making workshops on the **mornings of 17th and 24th Sept**, which is a great opportunity to make something to wear. You can come just as you are though!

To make planning a little easier, these are the details we will need for each group that would like to take part:

Name of group

Leader’s name, contact telephone number and email

Approximate number of people in the group

Age of participants

What assistance you might require in order to take part (e.g. Resource Pack, financial support to make costumes etc)

Updates will be posted on Twitter [@RoyArtsFest](https://twitter.com/RoyArtsFest), Facebook.com/[roystonartsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/roystonartsfestival) and www.createroyton.org

invites **YOU**

to

Autumn Jewels

FUN

Dew drop experiments

for all the family

Droplet treasure quiz

Web jewels

Felt flower
work

Leaf Craft

Flower clay
pressing

Sunday
Sept. 18th 3 - 5pm

Coombes Community Centre

Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours

for Dads and Male
Carers



To register for your **FREE** place
please contact
Sally Tel: 07875 667736 or
E-mail:
sally@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

The Families Feeling Safe programme offers Dads and Male Carers ideas and strategies to help their family and children.....

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Deal with new situations, change and transitions
- Cope with fears, anxiety and worries
- Know how and who to talk with to get help
- Stay feeling in control and make safe choices
- Improve communication
- Know ways to keep themselves feeling safe

We focus on what we can do and we have some fun!



Want to find out more?

Come along to an Intro session on
Monday 19th September 7pm-8pm
(Please book your place)

Starting Mondays 7.00pm to 9.00pm
3rd October-5 December 2016
(excluding half term week)

At

Roysia Middle school, Burns Road,
Dunfermline, Fife