

Roysia Review



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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 a number of 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 some new teachers to Roysia: Mr Archer has joined the year 7 team and will be leading PE and PSHCE; Miss Smith has joined the year 6 team and is our Leader of Inclusion and Mrs Lock will be delivering Spanish to key stage 3 pupils.

Our diaries here at school are rapidly filling up with opportunities for our pupils. Year 7 and 8 will be looking forward to their first workshop with Shakespearean actor Anthony Glenn on Wednesday 23 September and year 5 will participate in the 'Schoolympics' at Meridian School on Thursday 24 September. Don't worry, year 6 – plenty of opportunities for you coming up too! Both Mr Archer and Mrs Mitchell have reported an excellent level of uptake in extra-curricular sports and music clubs so well done everyone for getting involved.

Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY JULY 2015

Once again on a sunny day at the end of term we held our annual prizegiving ceremony to recognise our pupils' many achievements and successes. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support their children, who were delighted when their names were called out.

Many thanks to the presenters we had this year: Ms J Meek of Young Enterprise (sponsored by Johnson Matthey), Mr D Brynjolffssen, Chair of Governors and Miss C Harrison, Head of Year 9 at Meridian School.



Our 'Pupils of the Year' prizes went to Heleana Meehan and Finlay Collins and we wish them every success along with all the other first prize winners who have now moved on to new challenges in their upper school.



We also said goodbye to a long standing member of the Roysia Team - Mrs Lily Gannon - who retired from the admin team after 32 years service! We wish her a long and happy retirement.



STAFF STRUCTURE 2015-2016

Miss Z Linington Headteacher
Mrs K Jandu Deputy Headteacher

Year 5 Mrs J Miquel; Mr D Carter and Mrs E Baigent
Year 6 Mr I Wheeler (Key Stage 2 Leader); Miss L Smith and Mrs A Mitchell
Year 7 Mr D Archer; Mrs W Visagie; Miss J Lock and Mrs E Clark
Year 8 Mrs J Hitchcock (Key Stage 3 Leader); Mr J Streeter and Mrs E Brown

Special Responsibilities for staff are as follows:

Mr D Archer	Leader of PE/PSHCE
Mrs E Baigent	Leader of Art *
Mrs E Brown	Schools Sports Coordinator/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 ICT
Miss J Lock	Leader of Spanish *
Mrs A Mitchell	Leader of Music *
Miss L Smith	INCo (Inclusion Co-ordinator)
Mr J Streeter	Leader of English
Mrs W Visagie	Leader of Humanities/RE
Mr I Wheeler	Leader of Maths

* Part-time

DINNER PAYMENTS

If you have not already paid for your child's school dinners for this half term, please do so as soon as possible.

TALK TO ASH

At Roysia we are constantly trying to find new ways to make our school a bully free zone. There are already a number of ways that children can 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's happening to them. Of course they can still use the more traditional methods if they prefer that. ash@roysia.herts.sch.uk.

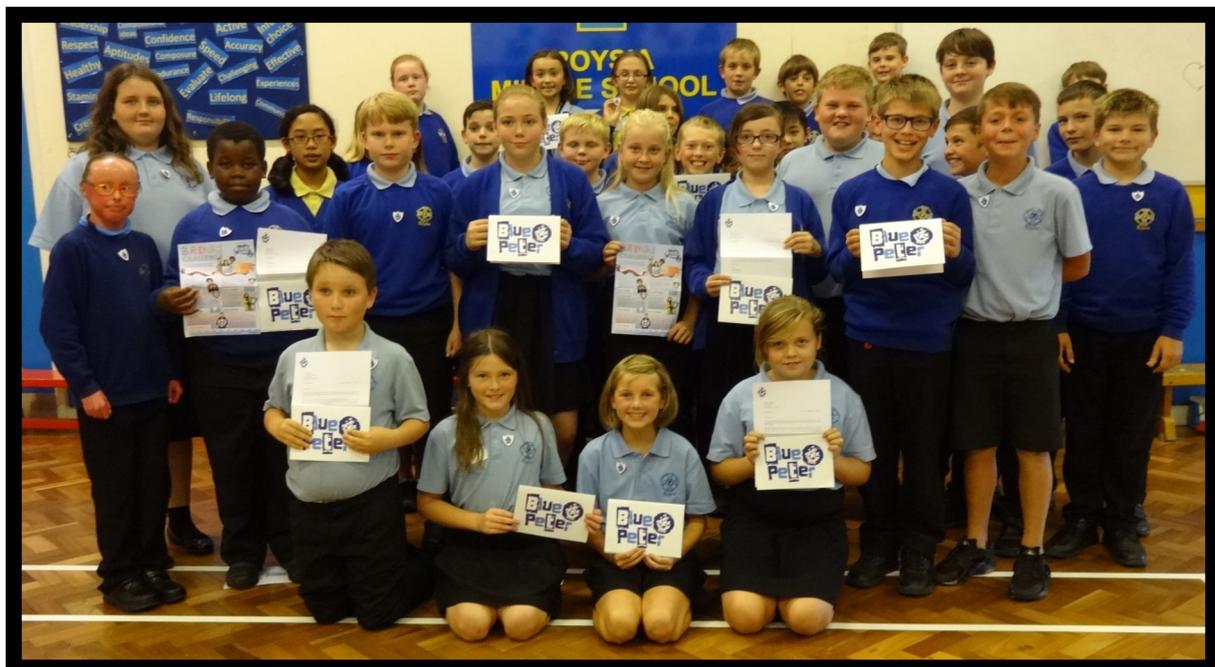


Over the summer holidays Year 7 pupils became the proud owners of a Blue Peter Badge!

This was in recognition of the effort that they put into writing a letter to Blue Peter about their experience of SATs.

A Blue Peter badge is a special award given to Blue Peter viewers and fans. Badge owners can gain free entry into over 200 attractions around the country, like theme parks, zoos and castles. A full list of all the attractions can be found on the Blue Peter website.

Mrs K Jandu - Deputy Headteacher



ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Holiday

Holidays during term time have a detrimental effect on pupil progress.

- a. The school does not authorise holidays in school time.
- b. In exceptional circumstances, the head teacher may authorise a holiday or other personal visit upon receiving **a written request from parents/carers at least three weeks prior to the start date of the holiday/visit** 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 21 unauthorised sessions (10½ days) of absence over two terms, the school will write to parents/carers warning them that unless their child's attendance improves over the following 28 days, they 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.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Our School Crossing Patrol is Mrs Powell-Birley, who carries out this very important role in safeguarding your children across the road.

Please help by respecting her requests with regard to crossing and/or parking.

Reminders:

- ◆ **WAIT** until it is ok to cross
- ◆ No running over the crossing
- ◆ Dismount bicycles, scooters etc
- ◆ Do not exit school through car park gates
- ◆ Do not use mobile phones when crossing

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 drop off at the school gates as this creates a blockage and may prevent deliveries or access to emergency services. For safety reasons please do not walk your child across the car park.

FRIENDS FASHION SHOW

Tickets are selling fast for the Friends Fashion Show which will be held on Friday 2 October 2015.

To ensure to do not miss out on this fantastic evening tickets can be purchased from Sam Bowen the Chair of Friends.

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

Tickets cost £5.00 each with funds going to Roysia Middle School.

Each ticket will be entered into a free draw with the chance to win a £50.00 voucher 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/ansaphone; the school office is open 8.30am-4.00pm;

by your child's school diary;

by e-mail: admin.roysia@rsat.org.uk;

or by text on **07860003487**.

If you need to get a message to your child in the afternoon it would be helpful if you can contact us before **3.00pm**.

TERM DATES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

Autumn term 2015

INSET: **Wednesday 2 September**
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 Term begins: Friday 4 September
 Half-term: 26-30 October 2015
INSET: **Monday 2 November**
Occasional Day: **Friday 4 December**
 Term ends: Friday 18 December at 1.00pm

Spring Term 2016

INSET: **Monday 4 January**
 Term begins: Tuesday 5 January
 Half-term: 15-19 February 2016
 Easter: 25-28 March
 Term ends: Friday 1 April at 1.00pm

Summer Term 2016

Term begins: Monday 18 April
 May bank Holiday: Monday 2 May
 Half-term: 30 May-3 June 2016
 Term ends: Friday 22 July at 1.00pm.

INSET: **Monday 25 July 2016**

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016

Term begins: Thursday 1 September
 Half-term: 24-28 October
 Term ends: Wednesday 21 December

Spring Term 2017

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

Summer Term 2017

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AUTUMN 2015

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 16	Year 5 Aylmerton Information meeting/Social evening
Friday 18	Individual school photos
Monday 21	RSAT Board Meeting
Thursday 24	Year 5 'Schoolympics' – Meridian
Saturday 26-Sunday 27	Royston Arts Festival
Tuesday 29	Meridian Open Evening for Year 8 pupils

OCTOBER

Friday 2	Roysia Review out Friends' Fashion Show
Tuesday 6	Roysia Open Day/Evening for Year 4 pupils
Friday 16	Roysia Review out
Tuesday 20	Parents Consultation Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 22	Parents Consultation Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 23	Wear it 'Pink' Day in aid of Breast Cancer - £1.00
Monday 26-Friday 30	Half-term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 6	Friends Fireworks/Bonfire Evening
Friday 13	'Children in Need' Day – non uniform £1.00
Friday 27	Roysia Review out Friends' Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER

Friday 4	Occasional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 9	Christmas Concert
Friday 11	Roysia Review out
Tuesday 15	KS2 Visit to Pantomime in Cambridge
Thursday 17	KS3 Merit visit
Friday 18	End of term – school closes at 1.00pm

ROYSIA SCHOOL CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM 2015

DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.45am	HOMEWORK CLUB - Library - 1.15-2.10pm ART CLUB - YEARS 7 AND 8 - Art Room - 1.45-2.10pm CHOIR - Music Room - 1.45-2.10pm	GIRLS FOOTBALL - 3.30-4.30pm
TUESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.45am	HOMEWORK CLUB - Library - 1.15-2.10pm ART CLUB - Art Room - 1.45-2.10pm BUDS - Room 2 - 1.15-2.10pm UPPER SCHOOL SINGERS - Music Room - 1.45-2.10pm FOOTBALL - YEARS 5 & 6 - 1.45-2.10pm	HOMEWORK CLUB - Library - 3.30-4.45pm RUGBY - YEARS 7 & 8 - 3.30-5.00pm
WEDNESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.45am TABLE TENNIS - Sports Hall - 8.15-8.40am	HOMEWORK CLUB - Library - 1.15-2.10pm RECORDERS - Music Room - 1.45-2.10pm	ORCHESTRA - Music Room - 3.30-4.30pm GIRLS NETBALL - 3.30-4.30pm
THURSDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.45am	HOMEWORK CLUB - Library - 1.15-2.10pm ART CLUB - YEARS 7 AND 8 - Art Room - 1.45-2.10pm COMPUTER CLUB - Room 12 - 1.45-2.10pm FOOTBALL - YEARS 7 & 8 - 1.45-2.10pm	ART CLUB - Art Room - 3.30-4.30pm BOYS AND GIRLS TAG RUGBY - YEARS 5 & 6 - 3.30-5.00pm
FRIDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - Dining Hall - 8.00-8.45am	HOMEWORK CLUB - Library - 1.15-2.10pm	