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REMINDER

End of Term: Friday 1 April - School will close at 1.00pm following registration.
School re-opens on MONDAY 18 APRIL.

Finally the weather is warming up and drying up and so the pupils are able to use the field during breaks and lunchtimes, which is lovely. Pupils and teachers have been very busy with spring term assessments and I know everyone has been pleased with the progress made by so many of our hard-working pupils. It seems that the Easter break is well-deserved by many! As a reward for their hard work and good behaviour, the majority of key stage 3 have been taken to Laserquest in Stevenage and will return to school and watch a DVD. I hope that you and your families have a pleasant and relaxing break. We will see the children again on Monday 18 April to begin their final term of this academic year.

Z J Linington - Headteacher

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money for the next half term, from Monday 18 April to Friday 27 May, 29 days @ £2.40 per day, will be £69.60. If your child has meals on Wednesdays only the cost will be 6 days @ £2.40 which is a total of £14.40, similarly for Fridays only it will be 6 days @ £2.40 which is a total of £14.40.

You will be notified if you need to pay for any dinners or are owed any credits from this half term. Please make cheques payable to 'Roysia Middle School'.

FRIENDS OF ROYSIA

Congratulations to Mrs Bowen who won 1st prize and to Mrs Wigmore who won 2nd in the March 100 Club draw. The next draw for the 100 Club will be on Friday 29 April. It is not too late to join for a fee of £4.00 which will cover the next 4 draws. Please come to the school office for a form.

Bingo - A reminder that this will take place on Friday 6 May at school - all welcome. Tickets are selling fast. Available from Sam Bowen - Tel: 07973 171739 or email sam.bowenisg@ntlworld.com.

LIVING STREETS - WALK TO SCHOOL

Last week the students were set the task to try and improve their usual walking minutes to school. After a talk about the benefits to the environment and health from 'Living Streets' the students went about recording their total minutes taken to walk to school. The prizes were 5 x £10 vouchers that have been awarded to Gautam Pillai, Jessica Wagstaff, Leah Boyd, Jordan Reeder and Aliona & Aliah Masangcay. What was evident from this experience is that the majority of students do walk to school, which is great!

KITTLE PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return any photograph orders to school by **Monday 18 April**.

CHAMBER CONCERT

Please make a note of the date for our Spring Chamber Concert which will take place on Wednesday 25 May at 4pm. This informal concert will include:

- The Year 5 children performing songs from the Barnardo's Concert
- West Road children performing large ensemble items
- Our many talented and hard working instrumentalists from all year groups performing a range of solos and small ensemble items.

The instrumental teachers will be helping the children work towards a performance. Letters will be sent home to those pupils involved after the holidays.

SPORT RELIEF

On Friday 18 March Roysia pupils came out in force to help raise money for Sports Relief. Through Caitlyn's cake sales, fruit skewers, penalty shoot-out and a sponsored event we managed to raise a staggering £1034 for Sports relief. In not especially warm conditions the pupils and teachers attempted either a 1 mile run, 2 mile walk, 5 mile cycle or a duathlon of the run followed by the cycle. Their commitment and enthusiasm was great to see as many completed over triple the distance that they had set their target at, even Miss Linington surpassed her expectations to run a lap of the field, under the watchful eye of Elleanne Keen (PT instructor extraordinaire). However the highlight of the day had to be the great comeback and spirit shown by the Teachers in the dodgeball match v Year 8. The power of Super Smith, agility of Courageous Clark and the experience of Weaving Wheeler meant they had no chance. Well done to everyone for a great day and helping to raise money for Sports Relief, special mentions to Rose Norbury, Rachel Albone, Chloe Enever, Sara Siney, Will Marsden and Aryan Arayangat for their contribution.

Mr D Archer—Leader of PE

Thank to the following pupils:

Cake Sale - Millie Falconer, Martha Yohannes, Caitlyn Grace

Penalty Shoot Out - Joe Reeder, Alex Waldock, Josh Moriarty

Dodge Ball - Alex Campbell, Austin Adams, Cameron Tate



YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING

Please note that swimming has now finished for this academic year.

The pupils all achieved exceedingly well with 65% in year 6 reaching KS2 National Curriculum Level and above. The remaining 35% of pupils gained improvement awards in distance swimming. In year 5, 37% of pupils reached KS2 National Curriculum level or above. The remaining pupils all showed great improvement and gained confidence during the sessions with many of them gaining distance awards too.

Overall, a fantastic, fun and beneficial half term's swimming. Well done.

Any parents/carers who have not yet paid their contribution towards their child's swimming lessons, please send in your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mrs Underwood - Swimming Teacher

Coffee and Cake Drop In

Roysia Middle School
Tuesday 24th May 2016
2:00-3:30

Come along for coffee and cake and meet the Leader of Inclusion and the School Family Support Worker.

Bring any questions or comments you may have about how we can support children and families with additional needs, or simply join us for a catch up over cake.

All parents and carers welcome.

Email Miss L. Smith for further details:
l.smith@rsat.org.uk



DATES FOR THE DIARY SUMMER TERM 2016

APRIL

Monday 18 April	Start of summer term
Wednesday 27	Friends meeting 7-8pm
Friday 29	Review out

MAY

Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 4	KS3 Group visit to Anglia Ruskin
Friday 6	Friends' Bingo Evening
Monday 9-Thursday 12	KS2 SATS – National Curriculum Tests Year 6
Friday 13	Y6 Visit to Duxford KS3 Careers Day Review Out Friends' Disco
Monday 16-Friday 20	Creative Thinking Week
Tuesday 17	Governors Meeting 7pm
Friday 20	STEM Day for whole school
Friday 27	Non-Uniform for EACH Charity
Monday 30-Friday 3 June	Half-Term

JUNE

Friday 10 June	Friends' Fashion Show
Friday 17 June	Review out
Tuesday 21-Friday 24	KS3 Visit to France
Friday 24	Y6 Art Visit to Fitzwilliam Museum
Wednesday 29	Y5 History Visit to Kentwell Hall

JULY

Friday 1 July	Review out
Wednesday 6	Performance of 'Into the Woods' 5.30pm
Thursday 7	Performance of 'Into the Woods' 5.30pm
Friday 8	Annual Reports to Parents + Y6 SATS Results
Tuesday 12	Sports Day (weather permitting!)
Wednesday 13	Y7 Art Visit to Henry Moore TBC
Thursday 14	All Years Transition Day New Intake Evening
Friday 15	Last Review out
Thursday 21	Y8 Leavers' Disco
Friday 22	School stops at 1pm

CHILL OUT AREA

A letter recently went out asking for help towards a 'chill out area' we are hoping to create to support the emotional wellbeing of pupils in the school.

We would appreciate donations of any of the following items:

- Old tents- even if they are broken!
- Lego and construction toys
- Quiet games such as puzzles and activity books
- Unwanted reading books, comics and magazines
- Arts and craft materials, including playdough
- Soft furnishings including pillows, blankets, throws and beanbags
Bubble wrap, rain sticks, timers and other sensory equipment

If you have anything that is not on this list, that you think would suit our purposes, it would be gratefully received! Please keep a look out for further fundraising opportunities to support this project.

Miss Smith - Leader of Inclusion