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REMINDER

End of Term: Thursday 2 April - School will close at 1.00pm following registration.
School re-opens on TUESDAY 21 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 Cambridge for the day to go to the cinema and bowling. We all had a fantastic day and the children were very good company and a pleasure to be with. I hope that you and your families have a pleasant and relaxing break. We will see the children again on Tuesday 21 April to begin their final term of this academic year.

Z J Lington - Headteacher

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money for the next half term, from Tuesday 21 April to Friday 22 May, 23 days @ £2.30 per day, will £52.90. If your child has meals on Wednesdays only the cost will be 5 days @ £2.30 which is a total of £11.50, similarly for Fridays only it will be 5 days @ £2.30 which is a total of £11.50.

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 Gannon who won 1st prize and to Mrs Rowell who won 2nd in the March 100 Club draw. The next draw for the 100 Club will be on Friday 24 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.

Fashion Show - this will take place on Friday 24 April at school - all welcome. Tickets are selling fast. £5.00 each. Available from Sam Bowen - Tel: 07973 171739 or email sam.bowenisg@ntlworld.com.

Car Boot - the next car boot sale will take place on Saturday 25 April. Contact Dale Paxton on 07882 273851.

NETBALL HIGH 5'S

Roysia was represented by a team who played extremely well and gained valuable experience. Although they did not win this time round it was noted by all how much they had improved over the competition and were commended for their beautiful footwork.

Overall the Roysia team came fifth out of nine teams.

A great effort by all and a special mention to Justas Skirius who stepped in at the last minute and was a key defensive player.

Mrs Brown - PE Teacher

8H AT THE OLD BARN

We left school at 10.20am to visit the Old Barn. We all expected it to be bigger and thought that it would be difficult to speak to the people there, but it was the complete opposite! It was small but all the people there were really nice, especially Eida who we helped to play Bingo as she had trouble with her sight.

Then we started speaking to a lady called Irene who travelled a lot when she was younger and we got her talking about the Janoskians (a YouTube group). They just loved telling us stories about when and where they travelled, who they saw and what trouble they got into. There were a lot of old people with hearing problems as well as sight problems and one nice man who had a stroke some years before. We did lots of activities for the elderly to enjoy, such as Bingo and a raffle, and just enjoyed some general chatting.

After all that on the way out we got a chocolate bar each! On the way back to school Mrs Hewer gave us a short history lesson about the place in Royston where King James I used to stay. Our opinions about the older generation changed when we got to The Old Barn and we all enjoyed the experience.

Simmone McCreddie, Chloe McGrath and Grace Gardner - Year 8

KITTLE PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return any photograph orders to school by **Tuesday 21 April**.

MUSIC NEWS

WEST ROAD

Congratulations to the 30 pupils who represented the school so brilliantly in the recent West Road Concert.



The children attended numerous lunchtime and some after school rehearsals to learn song words and actions, instrumental parts and a seamless routine which incorporated 7 items into a 20 minute programme. Highlights of the performance included 'Wipeout' in which the virtuosic playing by George Dear and Joan Borrell had the audience on their feet, whilst beautiful solos by Emilie Turlais, Jemma Williams and Iona Berry helped to deliver a moving performance of 'Believe'. Well done also to Oscar Berry for this first performance as accompanist for Keane's 'Somewhere Only We Know'.

The first schools, Greneway and Meridian all gave some brilliant performances which ranged from instrumental classics to

wonderful choral items. The evening culminated in a combined performance from the Carpenter's classic, 'Sing'.

We received numerous compliments from members of the audience, many of whom commented on the energy and enjoyment which was so evident from our children. Well done to all of those who took part. It was a real team effort and once again the children did us proud! Thank you to all of the parents and family members for supporting us on the night. Photos of both the rehearsal and concert were taken by the Rotary Club. These will hopefully be appearing on their website soon. (www.roystonrotary.com).

GIG NIGHT

Plans are underway with the Friends of Roysia for a Gig Night to be held on Friday 10 July. This will feature performances from our singers and instrumentalists and will give some of our newest musicians the opportunity to perform. We are also keen for any adult bands to take to the stage. If you are part of a band and would like to participate in any way then please let Mrs Mitchell know by email: a.mitchell@rsat.org.uk or via the school office on 01763 241555.

DRUM LESSONS

There are now spaces for anyone wishing to take up drum lessons. Please contact Mrs Mitchell a.mitchell@rsat.org.uk.

THE KEYMASTER

Next term the whole school will be involved in putting on an exciting time travelling school musical, **The Keymaster**. Performances will take place on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June at 6.30pm. There will be a bbq from 5.30pm at each performance.

All children from years 5-7 will be involved in acting and singing and those in year 8 will either take to the stage or work behind the scenes. Auditions will be held for the main characters during the second week of the Summer Term.

Further details will be issued nearer the performance but in the meantime we are keen to hear from anyone able to help – perhaps making costumes, props, lighting/sound, stage makeup, serving refreshments etc. If you would like to be involved please email the school office or return the attached slip.

Mrs Mitchell - Leader of Music

The Keymaster - Mrs Mitchell

I/We are able to help with for the above performance.

Signed Child's Name..... Class
(Parent/Carer)

Contact details:

CHILDREN CHALLENGING INDUSTRY

We were delighted to be invited to take part in the 'Children Challenging Industry' programme for the second year. This is a project run jointly by Johnson Matthey and The University of York. The aim of this venture is to make links between school and industry and to help children understand the role of science in the real world. It also helps to enhance the 'working scientifically' part of the National Curriculum by providing ideas and resources for this part of science which is already very highly valued at Roysia.

As part of this programme our Year 5 pupils have carried out two investigations. Our first challenge was to follow a recipe to produce a bar of soap and to develop our own bubble recipe! In the second investigation the pupils were given a sample of rock salt which they had to purify. Their purified samples were then taken back to the Johnson Matthey laboratory for analysis and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

However exciting these investigations were, the highlight was our site visit to Johnson Matthey where we were shown every part of the process in making catalytic converters and even made some washcoat for an Audi A3 catalytic converter (or so we were told!)

Our Year 5s have been very lucky to be part of this superb experience.

Mrs Morley - Leader of Science

DATES FOR THE DIARY SUMMER TERM 2015

APRIL

Tuesday 21 April
Friday 24 April
Tuesday 28 April

Start of Summer Term
Friends Fashion Show
Governors Meeting at 7.00pm

MAY

Friday 1 May
Monday 4 May
Monday 11-Thursday 14 May
Friday 15 May

Monday 18- Thursday 21 May
Friday 22 May

Monday 25-Friday 29 May

Review out
Bank Holiday
KS2 SATs – National Curriculum Tests Year 6
Year 6 Visit to Duxford
Review out
Creative Thinking Week
Gifted & Talented Art Visit to London
Non-Uniform £1.00 for EACH Charity
Half Term Week

JUNE

Wednesday 3 June
Friday 5 June

Wednesday 10 June
Friday 12 June`

Wednesday 17 June
Thursday 18 June
Wednesday 24 June
Thursday 25 June
Friday 26 June

Year 7S Visit to Henry Moore
Year 7V Visit to Henry Moore
Year 6 Sleepover
Year 6 Young Enterprise 'Our World'
All years PSHCE 'Big First Aid' workshop
Review out
Year 5 Visit to Kentwell Hall
Year 6 Visit to Fitzwilliam Musuem
Year 8 Young Enterprise Small Business Challenge
School Musical 'The Keymaster'
Brave Trust 'Riverside' performance
Review out
School Musical 'The Keymaster'

JULY

Wednesday 1 July
Saturday 4 July
Thursday 9 July
Thursday 9 July

Friday 10 July

Tuesday 14 July
Friday 17 July
Tuesday 21 July

Wednesday 22 July

Year 8 'Big Bang' Visit to Newmarket
Pupil Visit to Wimbledon - tba
All years Transition Day
Years 4 New intake Evening
Year 8 Exhibition Evening

Review out
Summer Gig
Sports Day (weather permitting!)
Year 7 Performing Arts Day at Meridian
STEM Day
Review out

Prize Giving Ceremony
School closes at **1.00pm**

YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING

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

The pupils all achieved exceedingly well with 75% reaching KS2 National Curriculum Level and above. The remaining 25% of pupils gained improvement awards in distance swimming.

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