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Reminder: School is closed for an occasional day on Friday 2 December 2016

Reminder: today is our Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.00pm – please come along and start your Christmas shopping!

Last Tuesday (22 November) year 8 walked to Meridian to be their 'test audience' for their latest production: 'Grease'. It was lovely to see so many faces that I knew amongst the enormous cast and the entire production from those on stage to those behind the scenes was as usual, very professional. Staff, students and other volunteers must have worked very hard and the result was simply fantastic.

The annual 'Youth Speaks' event, run by the Royston Rotary Club was held on Wednesday 16 November and pupils from Roysia spoke confidently and clearly on a range of topics and represented our school extremely well. Very well done to all involved and many thanks to Mr Streeter for his efforts in preparing the pupils.

Today we are decorating the school in preparation for Christmas. Thanks to Rodrigo Monteiro and Sara Siney for expertly decorating our Christmas tree yesterday. Our annual Christmas Fayre is this afternoon, starting at 3.30pm and our Christmas Showcase Concert is Tuesday 20 December at 6pm – please do join us!

*Miss Linington
Headteacher*

Staffing January 2017

I have an update on the teaching staff structure for January 2017 to share with you. Sadly, Mrs A Earnshaw, year 5 teacher and Mrs A Mitchell, leader of music will be leaving Roysia. Miss L Tucker will be joining the year 5 team and Mr N Collins will be joining the team as leader of music. We hope that they find a warm welcome at Roysia and settle in quickly.

LUNCH MUNCH HUT

It is that time of year when we are all looking forward to our much anticipated Christmas Lunch! On Wednesday 14 December we will be serving Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. All the Lunch Munch Hut staff will be wearing their Christmas Sweaters and we hope you will join us in raising money for save the Children by wearing yours too. The lunch that day will be £3.50 so make sure you have enough money on your account to enjoy this celebratory meal!

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER SAVE THE CHILDREN - 14 DECEMBER

In support of the above charity, pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school sweaters/cardigans on Wednesday 14 December when they will enjoy their Christmas Lunch. The jumpers should be worn over their normal school poloshirts and school trousers/skirts. A voluntary donation can be given for the privilege but this is not compulsory.

MUD

Please ensure your child has a change of shoes for break time. With the change of weather the playground is muddy which is being trailed into school. The cleaners would really appreciate your support with this.

RUGBY TOPS

Please note that rugby tops are compulsory for outdoor games lessons and not optional.

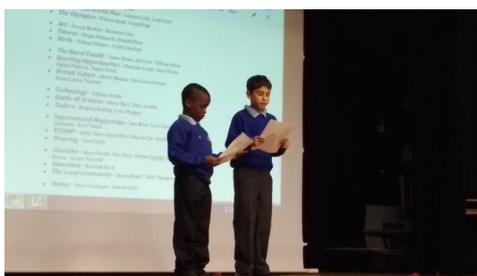
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If you have not already sent in the second payment of £80 please do so promptly - cheques payable to Roysia Middle School. Thank you

YOUTH SPEAKS

On Wednesday 16 November, this year's annual Youth Speaks saw a wonderful array of speeches from the local schools, including Roysia. It was extremely difficult to select the final students to represent our school, especially when so many people initially showed interest in participating. First up were Alpha Jallow and Garner Heath in year 5, who delighted everyone with their talk on 'Space,' particularly when they demonstrated the motion of a rocket using balloons! Next were Iona Berry, Luisa Stachini and Alexandra Rose-Venteo from year seven, with their 'Supernatural Happenings' speech. The short stories definitely engaged the audience and grabbed their attention! Following this spooky speech, we were treated to a STOMPING speech from year 7's Maddy Tye, Katie Hall, Jocelyn Sagggers, Francesca Hill and Molly Taney, in which there were facts galore and plenty of action! Also from year 7, Tom Clarke bravely and impressively spoke solo about his huge passion for drawing, again engaging and delighting the audience with his clear and confident tone of voice. Last, but by no means least, our year 8 girls Macie French, Sara Siney, Imogen Conomy, Chloe Enever and Jessica Wagstaff spoke with wonderful clarity, passion and enthusiasm about their specific charities, telling the audience why they believed so strongly about the importance of each. Overall, a fabulous afternoon was had by everyone and massive congratulations should rightly go to every single person who spoke. Thank you - you all did yourselves (and Roysia) proud!

Mr J Streeter
Leader of English



LETTERS FOR PARENTS

Please can you return reply slips by the deadlines stated, particularly for visits out. This would really help alleviate the pressure on the office staff and it saves last minute phone calls for asthma pumps, coats etc.

Could we also ask that when returning any reply slips to school please ensure you have put your child's name and class on them as we sometimes have difficulty in reading signatures. All replies and monies should go to their class teacher please.

This would be much appreciated. Thank you.

VISIT TO PANTOMIME—YEARS 5&6

If your child is signed up for the Christmas Pantomime on Thursday 15 December 2016. Please remember to send in your payment of £14.00 for the ticket by **Monday 5 December**.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Showcase will take place on Tuesday 20 December 6-8pm - details to follow

PARENT PAY

From January, parents/carers will be able to book and pay securely online for a range of items using a debit/credit card. This will also link in to the Biometric System where you will be able to manage your children's schools meals account. Further details will follow in the new year.

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for years 5 and 6 will begin on 9 January 2017. Letters have gone home with children this week.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2016

Children in Need is an amazing charity and one that Roysia is always very pleased to support. Last week year 8 pupils led an assembly explaining its history and describing some of the good causes which it funds. Having dealt with the serious side, this left Friday 18 for having fun and Roysia pupils and staff entered into the spirit with their usual enthusiasm!

The theme was spotty so as you can imagine the school was awash with colour. Money was raised at break time by the sale of delicious cakes and biscuits and of course the customary 'Pudsey Aim Game'. The highlight of the day was of course our annual talent show – Roysia's Got talent! The hosts this year were Imogen Conomy and Taylor Newman and they both did an amazing job. The judges were bowled over by the variety and standard of the acts from all year groups. Gautham Pillai defended his title with his stunning performance on the violin, second place went to our first ever boyband Twister (Shaurome Raymond, Ciaran Meehan, Kaelan Redfearn, Jack Patterson and Harry Martin) and Ria Duffy and Ashleigh Garner took third place with some brilliant singing. Thanks to Year 8 pupils who took the lead in organising the day which raised in excess of £200.



Mrs Hitchcock
Leader of KS3





Celebrate the Season with our
**TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Join us on **Wed 14th Dec**

Delicious Carved British Turkey Breast

Quality British Turkey from Assured Foods (Red Tractor certified)

OR

Traditional Vegetarian Feast
with Sage & Onion Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Crispy Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Gravy

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A selection of Christmas Desserts

 Increasing
feast for just
£ 3.50

