



“You are the light of the world...let your light shine”

Matthew 5 v. 14,16

## Newsletter, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**NB A list of dates for next year can be found at the end of the newsletter!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it and the sun has suddenly realised what season we're in!



As always, the second half of the summer term has been jam packed with trips out, swimming lessons, concerts, Aylmerton and lots of transition activities. I think we are all ready for a holiday.

### **Staffing for September**

It is lovely not to be saying goodbye to any members of staff this year and there are very few changes for September. The teachers and teaching assistants are as follows:

Willow Class: Mrs. Sturgeon, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Muskett

Pine Class: Mrs. Martin (M-Th), Mrs. Hitchcock (F), Mrs. Borg, Mrs. Roe and Mr. Muskett

Ash Class: Mrs. Spall (T-F), Mrs. Clark (M), Mrs. Swinstead and Mrs. Smith

Beech Class: Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Langley

Oak Class: Miss. Menarry, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Borg

Lime Class: Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Oates and Mrs. Blair

Maple Class: Miss Munns, Mrs. Oates, Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Lambert

### **Church School**

We can't quite believe that Rev. Julia has been with us for almost a whole school year now – although we also can't imagine a time when she wasn't part of our school! She is such a regular face at Rougham Primary, leading collective worship, working with the children or in her role as a school governor, and we have all loved getting to know her over the year. We really value the school's relationship with St. Mary's church and we are so pleased all the links we have will continue to grow and strengthen next year.

Our Value for Life for the Autumn term will be thankfulness. You will find some ideas for things you can do at home linked to this value attached to the email.

## **Friends of Rougham Primary**

It has been another successful year for FoRP. They have organised so many fundraising events over the year; discos, break the rules days, Mothers' Day tea and secret shop, Father's Day breakfast, the rainbow raffle, Christmas cards etc. The money raised helps to pay for activities and resources that enhance the curriculum and enables us to provide things for the children that the ever tightening school budget just can't stretch to.

We are incredibly grateful to the handful of parents and staff that make it all happen and I am sure you will all join us in saying a massive thankyou to Amber Chignell and the rest of the FoRPs team. We desperately need more parents to get involved if FoRPs is going to be sustainable so please watch out for the next meeting date and come along to see what it is all about if you can.

## **Eco Council Summer Challenge**

Hopefully you will have all seen the email sent out earlier this week about the Eco Council's Home and Away Litter Pick challenge. Don't forget to send in your photos or email them to [school@roughamprimary.net](mailto:school@roughamprimary.net) when we start back in September. We will share them in assembly and the eco council will make them into a display too.

## **Uniform**

You will probably have noticed our new logo starting to make an appearance.

As you all know, we will be phasing in the new uniform from September. Please remember that there is NO expectation for you to replace uniform items with the current logo. The old uniform only needs to be replaced as and when you need to buy new items. This includes the change to blue polo shirts with or without the logo. If you still have a stock of white polo shirts that you wish to continue using that is absolutely fine. As before, although there is the option to buy blue polo shirts and white PE t-shirts with the school logo these are optional and plain versions can be worn instead. Please note that there are hooded sweatshirts with the school logo available but if you choose to purchase one these are only to be worn as part of the PE kit and not instead of an 'everyday' jumper, cardigan or fleece. Details can also be found on the school website under the 'parents' tab.

## **PE Kits**



Children can continue to come to school dressed in their PE kits on PE days. The teachers will send out details of which days their classes do PE in their class newsletters in September. However, please can we ask that children come in the **proper PE uniform** (plain white t-shirt or t-shirt with the school logo, plain shorts and plain track suit bottoms/joggers) and wear a school jumper, school fleece or school hoodie.

## **Water Bottles**

Please can we ask that the children **do not** bring expensive water bottles to school from September. The latest trend for Air Up and other expensive bottles has caused no end of problems, with bottles priced £25 to £30 getting regularly lost or broken. A simple, plain bottle with your child's name on is more than adequate.

## **Website**

The new website went live a few weeks ago. Hopefully some of you have had a peek already. Some areas are still under construction and we will be gradually developing them over the coming weeks. You should find everything you need to know on there but if there is any information missing that you need please ask the lovely ladies in the office or your child's class teacher.

## **Start of the Day**

Arrangements for the start and end of the day will remain the same in September.

Willow, Pine, Ash and Beech start at 8.40am

Oak, Lime and Maple start at 8.45am

The school gates will open from 8.30am giving a 10 or 15 minute window in which to drop children off. We are going to continue to ask parents to leave all KS2 children at the gate so that they can walk down onto the bottom playground. Pine and Ash children will line up on the top playground and Willow children will walk around and line up at the Willow garden gate. Parents of KS1 and Reception children can wait with their children if they choose to. The drop off service at the middle gate will run from 8.30am until 8.45am.



If you arrive after 8.45 am please accompany your child to enter the school through the main doors and sign them in.

## **End of the Day**

Willow, Pine, Ash and Beech will continue to finish at 3.10pm and the rest of KS2 at 3.20pm.

Ash and Pine Class will come out of the blue door near Pine Class and Willow Class will come out of the classroom door in the Willow Class garden. The key stage 2 teachers will bring their classes out of the front door and meet parents on the playground.

## Enrichment Days

We already have several enrichment days planned for next year starting with a day in October learning about life in Kagera, Tanzania.

Later in the Autumn term we will have a music day and in the Spring term we will have our annual Bird Day, World Book Day and Science Day to coincide with British Science Week. Towards the end of the first half of the Summer term we will be organising another Valuing Ourselves and Others Week. This was greatly enjoyed by both the staff and children this year.

## Parents Sessions



We will be holding meet the teacher sessions early in the autumn term as well as information sessions for reading and phonics. We are also planning to invite parents in to experience Write Stuff and Phonics lessons alongside their children over the first half term. Dates can be found at the end of the newsletter.

We welcome volunteers to hear readers or work with groups. Please talk to your child's class teacher or drop us an email if you can spare some time.

And finally...

As always a massive thank you from all of us to all of you for your support this year. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you back in school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.



Best wishes

Clare Clark

Head teacher

Scroll down for dates.

## Dates

We have already put a few dates in the diary for the next term...

**We will notify you when more dates are added to the calendar.**



**These dates may be subject to change and are dependent on the circumstances.**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – All children start back at school

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Beech Class Meet the Teacher 8.45am in the classroom

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Ash Class Meet the Teacher 8.45am in the classroom

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Pine Class Meet the Teacher 8.45am in the classroom

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Maple Class Meet the Teacher 8.50am in the classroom

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Oak Class Meet the Teacher 8.50am in the classroom

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Lime Class Meet the Teacher 8.50am in the classroom

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – ‘Summer’ Fair – postponed from July due to weather. 3.15pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Phonics and reading parent info session for Willow, Pine and Ash 6pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Open Write Stuff lesson for KS2 – parents welcome 9am-10am

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Repeat of phonics and reading info session 9am

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am-11.30am

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome Wednesday. All classes. Straight after school – parents welcome

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – KS2 Harvest assembly. 2.30pm in church. Parents welcome

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Whole school Kagera enrichment day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Ash Class trip to Hedingham Castle

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – EY and KS1 Harvest assembly. 2.30pm in church. Parents welcome

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Beech Class Stone Age Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Maple Class parents’ evenings 3.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – All classes parents’ evenings 5pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October All classes **except Maple** parents’ evenings 3.30pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – PD day – children not in school

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half term week

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Whole school music enrichment day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Welcome Wednesday. All classes. Straight after school

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – EY and KS1 afternoon nativity performance in the school hall. Time TBC

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – EY and KS1 evening nativity performance in the school hall. 6pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 afternoon carol concert in the church – time TBC

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 evening carol concert in the church – 6pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

All term dates and PD days can be found on the school's website.