



Airwaves 5 October 2018

No. 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your kind donations for our harvest display. Jimmy's found themselves inundated this year, so Royston Food Bank were delighted to collect all the tins and packets, which will be gratefully received by struggling local families.

Parents' evening sign-up forms are going out with the children today. Please return these to school by **Tuesday 9th October** so that we can return your time slots to you next Friday.

Owls class assembly

Thank you to Owls class for their entertaining and informative assembly. What a lot of learning they have done already this term! I was particularly impressed by their descriptive writing and their enthusiastic singing.

Next week it is the turn of Sunflowers class to show us what they have been learning.

Creative week and Remembrance assembly

This term, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are focusing on the same topic, *Lest We Forget*, with year groups covering their own objectives linked to this. Mr Lloyd has been working closely with a group of parents to organise a whole-school, week-long creative event involving art, drama, design and baking that will bring 1918 to life and make for a really memorable experience for our children.

The week will culminate on Friday 9th November when all parents are invited to come into school in the afternoon to admire the children's work across the school and to join us for a Remembrance assembly (2.00 pm). Please put this date in your diary and join us if you can. Thank you to Katie Crawford and her team for their dedication in putting together an exciting week of activities.

Times tables rock stars

Over the next few weeks Year 6 are going to be trialling Times Tables Rock Stars, an interactive web based times tables game that can be played on computers or I pads at home. Every child in Year 6 has been set them up with a login that allows them to access/ play/ practise times tables in school and at home. It would be great if parents/carers could monitor this and feedback to us at the parents' evening the week after next. If the children find it useful, we could roll it out to the whole school after half term.

Book Fair

Year 6 will be running the Book Fair during the week beginning 8th October. Do come along and choose a book from the great selection available. We hope to run

the Book Fair most afternoons after school and will confirm times by email on Monday.

Orchestra

The school orchestra will be re-starting after half term on Mondays after school 3.30-4pm, the first session being 29th October in the Community Room. All musicians from KS2 are welcome to join. It is useful if children have their own instrument. However, children could borrow recorders or percussion instruments for the rehearsals if they wish. We will be rehearsing music to perform in assembly and some Christmas carols for the Christmas Fair. If your child is interested in joining, please email the school office with their name and what instrument they play.

Gym club - can you help?

Is there anyone who can help Mrs Baker set up the hall for gym on a Tuesday afternoon - even occasionally? Time is short because we now have an assembly on Tuesday afternoons so there's a quick turnaround. If anyone can help, please just turn up at 3.15 pm on a Tuesday. Thank you.

School Council news - from the children

In School Council we have been talking about the school values. At our first meeting we discussed what our school needs to make it a better place. Some classes already had many ideas including some new table tennis tables. We did an assembly about the school values and everyone thought of lots of ideas.

At our second meeting we talked about where to put the table tennis tables. It is a hard decision so we all have to keep thinking about it. We also read a questionnaire that Mrs Blackburne-Maze had made for all the children at our school.

Friends of Duxford School, AGM, 1st November 2018, the community room 7.00pm

Due to lack of attendance we were unable to go ahead with the FODS AGM in September, we have set a date for a second AGM attempt. It is imperative that as many parents as possible attend this time as we are unable to run as a charity without an AGM and wish to do all we can to avoid an EGM and the folding of FODS. Please check book bags for a formal announcement letter which will also be included in the Airwaves attachments on the website. Regular reminders will be posted on classlist where you can also RSVP. If you have any questions or for more information contact us on fods.email@gmail.com. The meeting is 30 minutes long, refreshments will be provided and there is absolutely no pressure to get involved in any way, we just need enough parents to cover our constitutional requirements.
Many Thanks

Attachments are now available on the school website. This week you can find:
FODs AGM announcement

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
Headteacher

Lunches for week beginning Monday 8th October

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Pork meatballs	Tomato pasta bake	Ham roll with salad
Tuesday	BBQ chicken	Quiche	Egg roll
Wednesday	Roast turkey	Quorn fillet	Chicken mayo salad wrap
Thursday	Corned beef hash	Cheese & tomato pizza	Cheese salad wrap
Friday	Fish fingers	Quorn dippers	Tuna & cucumber baguette

Diary Dates

Thursday 11 October	Sunflowers class assembly, 9.05 am
Wednesday 17 October	Parents' evening
Thursday 18 October	Parents' evening
Thursday 18 October	Doves class assembly, 9.05 am
Thursday 18 October	Yoga and well-being day
Friday 19 October	House Day
Monday 22 to Friday 26 October	Half-term
Monday 5 th - Friday 8 th November	Creative Week
Thursday 1 November	Bluebells class assembly
Thursday 1 November, 7.00 pm	FODs AGM
Thursday 8 November	Individual photos
Friday 9 November	Remembrance assembly, 2.00 pm, followed by open afternoon for Creative Week
Thursday 15 November	Hawks class assembly
Friday 23 November	Grandparents' Day
Friday 30 November	Christmas Fair, 4.00-6.00 pm
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes

Term Dates 2018/19

Tuesday 4 September	Training Day
Wednesday 5 September	Autumn term starts
Monday 22 to Friday 26 October	Half-term
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January 2019	Training Days
Monday 7 January	Spring term starts
Monday 18 to Friday 22 February	Half-term
Friday 5 April	Spring term closes
Tuesday 23 April	Training Day
Wednesday 24 April	Summer term starts
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half-term
Monday 3rd June	Training Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer term closes

