

# Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into school and great to welcome our new Reception children.

The first Newsletter of the year always seems to have lots of information to share with you. A reminder that the Newsletter is also available on the school website and is on display on our parent noticeboards around school.

Please note the following will be emailed as an attachment, available on ParentMail or a paper copy will be sent home with the relevant year groups or individuals:

- Curriculum Outline and Spellings for your child's class (email / KS2 paper copy)
- Class welcome letters
- Scholastic Book Club Leaflets (paper)
- Roberttown Ippon Ju-Jitsu Club flyer (email)
- Heckmondwike Grammar School Football Club flyer (email)
- Mirfield Taekwondo flyer (email)
- KAL Swimming Leaflet (email)
- Secondary School Application information flyer (email)
- Primary Times magazine (paper)

## Staffing News

Mrs Clayton has begun her maternity leave and we send her our best wishes.

## Welcome Meetings

It was great to see so many people at the Y5/6 Welcome Meeting. We hope you enjoyed it and found it informative. The remaining class welcome meetings are on the following dates:

**Y3/4 meetings: Thursday 12th September 8.50am, 2.45pm and 6.30pm\***

**Y1/2 meetings: Monday 16th September 8.50am, 2.45pm and 6.30pm\***

- **Please use the classroom door for the 6.30pm meetings.**

We continue to have an Open Door Policy and you are welcome to have an informal chat or make an appointment to discuss your child's progress at any time. Please don't feel you have to wait until Parents' Evening if you have any queries or concerns.

## Curriculum Outlines and Welcome Letters

The Curriculum Outline and Welcome Letter for your child's class is attached for your information. Welcome Letters for Reception will be sent home next week.

## New Class Names

The theme for our class names for this year is constellations and the names are as follows:

Mrs Horner - Little Bear

Year 3 – Chameleon

Miss Haque - Big Bear

Year 4 - Pegasus

Miss Brook - Lupus

Year 5 - Draco

Miss Wiles - Big Dog

Year 6 - Phoenix

## Summer Reading Challenge

Please ensure that you have sent in challenge sheets by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Medals and certificates will be awarded during next week.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Please return forms by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please send your payment into school in cash, in a clearly marked envelope, with your order.

## **School Council, Eco Council and CARE Group**

This is the time of year when our new School Council, Eco Council and CARE Group begin their work. Congratulations to the following children who are representing their classes :

### **School Council**

Big Bear (Rec/Y1)	Archie Toulson-Owen/Josie Heravi
Lupus (Y1/Y2)	Theo Hamilton/Phoebe Shingleton
Big Dog (Y1/Y2)	Advika Kawley/Hariz Younis-Butt
Chameleon (Y3)	Lyra Illingworth/Joshua Forsyth
Pegasus (Y4)	Isla Shackleton/Sam Smith
Draco (Y5)	Jessica Gavaghan/Toby Baker
Phoenix (Y6)	Marcus Garcia/Katie Appleton

### **CARE Group**

The CARE Group is a group of children who help monitor and plan our work as a Church School. The Care Group members are chosen by their class teacher.

Big Bear (Rec/Y1)	Bobbi Gorman/Emrhys Balding
Lupus (Y1/Y2)	Lola Rourke/Bobby Asquith
Big Dog (Y1/Y2)	Matilda Blackburne/Jack Butcher-Thompson
Chameleon (Y3)	Amollee Ward/Milo Johnson
Pegasus (Y4)	Corey Ratcliffe/Isla Murphy
Draco (Y5)	Harrison Cockerill/Livia Stanley
Phoenix (Y6)	James Grinyer-Henderson/Mollie Denvers

### **Eco Council**

Big Bear (Rec/Y1)	Alana Tandy/Jax Weathers
Lupus (Y1/Y2)	Evelyn Mayor/Isaac Jones
Big Dog (Y1/Y2)	Lewis Pattinson/Evie Murphy
Chameleon (Y3)	Katie Frain/James Jones
Pegasus (Y4)	Annabel Martinus/Jenson Hewson
Draco (Y5)	Noah Holdsworth/Mary Blakely
Phoenix (Y6)	Alicia Holdsworth/Leo Wood

### **Trust Parliament**

Two Trust parliament representatives from each school in the Spenborough Co-operative Trust meet each term. The meetings give the pupils an opportunity to interact and share ideas with others. Congratulations to Darcey Lonnergan and Callum Wadsworth who will be our representatives. .

### **Befrienders**

Our Befrienders provide a peer support network which provides a service for any child who feels they need someone to talk to. The service is closely monitored and supported by adult Befrienders, Mrs Mott (HLTA), Mrs Thomas (Cover Supervisor) and Mrs Smith (Head Teacher).

The Befrienders are volunteers from Years 5 and 6 and are well-trained to deal with any problem which may be presented to them. This training includes guidance on when to maintain confidentiality and when a problem is serious enough to be passed over to an adult.

The Befrienders not only provide terrific support to other children in school, but also benefit enormously themselves. Being a Befriender is a great responsibility which the children handle with maturity and respect.

Following successful interviews the new Befrienders for this year are as follows:

Alicia Holdsworth, Liam Butterworth, James Grinyer-Henderson, Annabelle Green, Esmee Kennett, Neave Mortimer, Amelia Allen, Maddie Asquith, Larna Gleadall, Cara Griffiths, Livia Stanley, Noah Holdsworth, Jessica Gavaghan, Mary Blakely, Natalie Mitchell, Harrison Cockerill, Macy Wethers, and Isla Willans

### **Investors in Pupils**

Our Investors in Pupils representatives continue during this term and new representatives will be chosen after Christmas.

## **A few reminders for you at the start of term...**

### **Before and After School Supervision**

Please note that children are not supervised in the school grounds before **8.40am** and after **3.15pm**. Please **do not** send your children to school before the doors open at 8.40am. For the safety of everyone arriving at school football is **not allowed** in the KS2 playground. To ensure your child's safety please do not let them climb on the school gates and fences. I would appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you.

Bikes/scooters should **not** be ridden in the school grounds and football is **not allowed** in the KS2 playground.

### **Naming School Uniform**

Please make sure that you have named all items of your child's school uniform and PE Kit. We do recommend 'sewn in' name tapes as pen seems to fade very quickly. Thank you.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school and that it is taken home each day to be washed. Thank you.

### **Jewellery, Nail Polish and PE**

Jewellery should not be worn in school for safety reasons and wearing nail varnish is not appropriate for school. Long hair must be tied back for PE. If appropriate please make sure that your child has a bobble to fasten their hair back.

### **Mobile Phones in School**

A reminder that children must not bring mobile phones or other electronic devices such as iPads in school. If they need to be brought they must be handed into the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

### **Parent Hub**

A reminder that we use the app Parent Hub to send quick updates and messages to you. Please do check that you are able to access it. If you have any issues using it then please let the school office know straight away.

### **New Reception Parents – ParentHub, ParentMail and ParentPay**

We use a variety of ways to communicate with parents in school. ParentHub is used for direct messaging through an app on your phone. Instruction sheets have been sent home with the new Reception children this week. Please do sign up to the app as soon as possible to ensure that you do not miss out on important information. We also use ParentMail for visit permission forms and some letters. You will shortly receive an email invitation asking you to register. Please follow the instructions in the email. Activation letters for ParentPay were sent home with the children on Monday. Even if you do not need to use your ParentPay account straight away to make payments to school, please set up your account now so that it will be ready to use in the future.

### **Open Mornings for 2019 Reception entry**

Again this year we are holding a series of open mornings to allow parents with children due to start in Reception in 2020 to have a look around with their child. Mrs Smith will be available during the sessions to answer any questions. If you would like to come along please let the office know. The sessions will be held from 9.30am – 12noon on the following dates:

- Friday 27th September
- Wednesday 9th October
- Tuesday 12th November
- Thursday 5th December
- Monday 13th January

## **Information...**

### **Registering Your Child for School for a Reception Place in September 2019**

If your child's birth date is between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016** they will be due to start school in **September 2020**. Applications must be made online at:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx>

You must register your child by **Wednesday 15 January 2020**.

You will be issued with a receipt and when places are allocated you will be notified on the day by email.

### **Roberttown Church Survey**

We are asking for your help. We are reviewing our work with families and children and thinking about ways of engaging with our community, Would you help by using the link below to log on to our online survey. The survey only takes a minute and will inform our thinking. Thank you for your support and views.  
Rev'd Stephen Rochell, Roberttown Church

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/3IBT1/>

### **Collective Worship Values**

This year our questions will changing every two weeks. Our value for this term is **Friendship** and our question for next week is "Why is Friendship important?"

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs J S Laycock-Smith,  
Head Teacher.