

Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back. We hope you had a good half term break and are all ready for this busy half term. It will be Christmas before we know it and the sound of carols and Y1 and Y2 practising for the nativity will soon be echoing through school.

There seems to be a lot of information to share with you this week but I am sad to have to start by writing about vandalism that has happened over the half term holiday. We rarely have instances of vandalism but we have had several instances during this year and they are proving costly for us in both time and money.

Earlier in the year the playground equipment store in KS2 playground was destroyed and the Reception outdoor play area was vandalised. During half term the bike shelter in KS2 playground was damaged and will need repairing.

We are also seeing a number of children riding bikes through our grounds after school, climbing on the roof and causing damage around the grounds after school and at weekends.

We have been happy for the school grounds to be accessed outside school hours but this is something we will need to review and consider how we can ensure that our grounds are kept safe and in good repair for the children in our school.

Please support us with this by ensuring that the children know how important it is to respect property and please let us know if you have any information regarding the vandalism.

Newsletter Attachments

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:

- Updated Events list (email)
- Curriculum Outline and Spellings for your child's class (email / KS2 paper copy)
- Resilience Challenge Days (parent mail)
- RSE Primary Schools Guide for Parents (email)
- Spenborough Co-operative Trust Carol Concert Flyer (email)
- Scholastic Book Club leaflet (paper)
- Huddersfield Giants Rugby League Tournament Certificate - Y4 (email)
- Kirkwood Hospice Christmas Fair leaflet (email)

Curriculum Outlines and Welcome Letters

A Curriculum Outline and spellings for your child's class this half term is attached for your information. These will also be on the school website.

Parents' Evening Booking Form – still available on ParentMail

There is still time to book your Parents' Evening appointment if you have not already done so. Sessions will be held from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th November. **Please come into school through the main entrance.**

Please note there will be **no after school clubs on Monday 11th November** due to Parents' Evening. **Rascals will be open as normal.**

Y1-Y6 Student Information Update – Parents' Evening Meetings

Information sheets showing all the details we hold about your child will be given to you when you attend your Open Evening appointments next week. It is essential that we have the most up to date information about your child, particularly in relation to contact numbers. We would be grateful if you would check the forms, make any amendments there and then, and hand the forms back in to the office staff who will be

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available at the evenings. If you are unable to attend an appointment, please come to the school office at your earliest opportunity to check your form and make any amendments. Thank you for your assistance.

Anti-Bullying Week – w/c 11th November

National Anti-Bullying Week is next week. The theme this year is 'Change Starts With Us', this promotes setting a positive example by respecting one another at school, home, and online. The children will be taking part in a range of activities in class throughout the week.

Befrienders 'Play in a Day' Performance - Monday 11th November at 2.45pm

As part of their work during Anti-Bullying Week the Befrienders will be working with Konflux Theatre on Monday 12th November to produce a 'Play in a Day'. **Parents of the children involved are invited to watch the performance at 2.45pm in the hall but space will be limited.**

'Wear Odd Socks Day' - Tuesday 12th November

To support Anti-Bullying Week and to celebrate what makes us unique, the Befrienders would like everyone to take part in their **'Wear Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12th November by wearing odd socks as part of their school uniform** (no charge).

Children in Need Non Uniform Day and Bring & Buy Sale – Friday 15th November

Next Friday we will be also be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day. Children may wear clothes of their choice for a donation of **£1**. There will be a Bring & Buy Sale in the hall at morning break. Any donations of toys, books, games can be brought into school Mon-Weds next week for sale on Friday. Items for sale will range from 50p to £2.00. All money raised will go to Children in Need.

Resilience Challenge Days - Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November.

As part of our school improvement work this year we are focussing on developing resilience. Within this work we have organised two resilience challenge days. During those days pupils will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities such as den building, fire-lighting, and physical challenges all run by fully qualified professionals alongside their parents/carers. This will allow pupils the opportunity to develop and build their resilience skills.

Children will need to bring a change of appropriate outdoor clothing to school, and sturdy footwear that can get dirty. They will be outside taking part in the activities whatever the weather so must be clothed appropriately.

1 adult per child can book on to the session. Adults will need to come to the main entrance and sign-in when attending. Unfortunately younger siblings will not be able to attend.

Your child's class will be taking part as follows:

Tuesday 26th November

9.15-11.30am Y5 & 6 (plus Y3&4 pupils who are attending Trust Carol Concert practice on the weds morning)

1-3 Miss Wiles and Miss Brook

Wednesday 27th November

9am-11.30am Y3 & y4

1-3pm Mrs Horner and Miss Haque

PSHE curriculum updates and statutory changes to Relationships and Sex Education:

As part of our on-going curriculum work within school, we have updated our PSHE (Personal Social Health and Economic education) curriculum in line with the statutory changes and guidelines that will come in from September 2020.

Under the Children and Social Work Act 2017 the government committed to making Relationships Education statutory in all primary schools, including local authority maintained schools, academies, free schools and independent schools. Teaching about relationships is nothing new for us at Roberttown – relationships education is covered through our PSHE education, an established curriculum subject taught in the vast majority of schools. These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their well-being, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

At our parents' evening sessions next week you will have the opportunity to view the updated curriculum, a selection of resources and read through a draft of our new RSE policy. As always we operate an open door policy and if you have any questions or queries we welcome you to come in and speak to your child's class teacher. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

School Photos

Photo proofs were sent home with your child before half-term, please return your order to school by next **Monday 11th November 2019.**

Bag2School Fundraising Collection

Your child brought home with them a Bag2School fundraising collection bag before half-term. If you are able, please fill the bag with the following items: good quality adult/children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, bedding, curtains, towels, and return it to school by **Wednesday 13th November.** The school will receive a payment based on the weight of the donations received. Each child who brings a filled bag to school will receive a raffle ticket and the opportunity to win a Complimentary Family Ticket which can be used for entry to either the Legoland Discovery Centre, Manchester or SeaLife Manchester.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

Please note that filled shoe boxes need to be returned to school by **THIS Friday 8th November.**

Scholastic Christmas Book Club Leaflet – Order by Thursday 29th November

If you are looking to purchase great value books for Christmas gifts, please have a look at the Scholastic Book Club leaflet sent home today with your child. If you would like to place an order please send your order form and payment in **CASH ONLY** in a named envelope to the office by Friday 15th November.

Your order will be sent home via your child. If you would like to collect your order from the office instead, please indicate this on the envelope.

Spensorough Co-operative Trust Carol Concert – 3rd December – tickets on sale

The Spensorough Trust has again organised its annual Carol Concert at Dewsbury Town Hall. Choirs from Trust schools come together to sing Christmas songs and carols, and also perform as individual schools. Our KS2 Enrichment Choir will be performing at this event. Please see the attached flyer for details of how to book your tickets.

Roberttown School Twitter Account

A reminder that we have a school Twitter account. This gives us another opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things that go on in school. Our Twitter handle is **@Roberttownsch.** Please follow us!

Volunteering in School: We would love to have some more volunteers working in school with us, helping the children with their reading. If you are interested, please contact the school office for a volunteer application form.

Collective Worship Values

This year our questions will be changing every two weeks. Our value for this term is **Peace** and our new question is **“What is Peace?”**

Forthcoming Events...

Friday	08.11.19	CARE Group Collective Worship at 9am
Monday	11.11.19	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday	11.11.19	Befrienders 'Play in a Day'
Monday	11.11.19	KS2 School Council at Remembrance Service
Monday	11.11.19	Parents' Evening appointments 3.15pm - 6pm
Monday	11.11.19	*** No After School Clubs due to Parent's Evening Rascals open as normal ***
Tuesday	12.11.19	New Admissions Open Morning 9.30am – 12noon (for 2020 entry)
Tuesday	12.11.19	Parents' Morning Appointments 8.50am – 9.30am
Tuesday	12.11.19	Parents' Evening Appointments 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday	13.11.19	Bag 2 School – to be returned to school
Wednesday	13.11.19	Trust Carol Concert practice – further details to follow
Thursday	14.11.19	Parents' Evening Appointments 6pm – 8.30pm
Friday	15.11.19	Children in Need Non Uniform Day – see Newsletter for details
Friday	15.11.19	Y4 Pegasus Class Collective Worship at 9am

Yours sincerely,
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