

Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer

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:

- Arrangements for Emergency School Closure (e-mail)
- Y5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics Qualifier Permission Form (ParentMail) – to follow
- Y6 Rewind to Christmas permission form (ParentMail) – to follow
- Y1/2 Nativity Concert ticket request form (paper)
- Reception Nativity Concert ticket request form (paper)
- Letter from Kirklees Catering Services - Lunches (e-mail)
- Christmas Fayre Letter (paper)
- Big Dog & Lupus 'Cosy Read' – (Parentmail) - to follow

Staff Update

Mrs Baker has now started her maternity leave and we send her and her family every best wish. Mr Sykes begins at Roberttown School on Monday 2nd December, and is covering maternity leave, working Monday – Wednesday in Y5.

Mrs Flynn has worked at Roberttown School for many years, both in the school office and Breakfast Club as well as covering for staff at Rascals and at lunchtime. In the last year she has helped us out by providing casual cover but has now taken the decision to retire. She will be greatly missed and we wish her a long and happy retirement with her family.

Mr Laverick has worked at Roberttown School for the last four years. He will be retiring from his role at Breakfast Club and Rascals at Christmas. We wish him a happy retirement and he will be greatly missed by staff and pupils.

Parking & Safety

Unfortunately last week, one of our local residents had a car accident coming from Commonsides onto Church Road during school drop off time. We are grateful to the majority of parents and carers who park their cars safely and considerately. Please give consideration and respect to our near neighbours and help to keep our children safe by not blocking driveways, parking too near road ends or on the yellow zig zag lines, not parking on people's land / garden area and ensuring that adequate access is available for emergency vehicles. **We are more than happy to receive your complaints and concerns about parking but would also ask you to report them to the Kirklees Parking Office on 01484 223222.** You can find more information at <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/transport-roads-and-parking/on-street-parking.aspx>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal. You raised **£253.07** for the Royal British Legion.

PFA Table Top Sale

Thank you to everyone who had a table top stand and those that came along and supported this event.

Resilience Challenge Days

The Resilience Challenge days seem to have been a big success. Thank you to Mrs Baker for her organisation and our pupils who worked so hard. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into school.

Quote from Parent - Excellent Morning, great tasks, brilliantly organised. Loved it! Well done!

Y5/6 Huddersfield Town Football Tournament - Wednesday 4th December

A team of Y5/6 children will be taking part in the Huddersfield Town Football Tournament at Soccer City in Huddersfield during Wednesday 4th December. If your child is taking part you will have already received a permission form on ParentMail. The children will be transported by coach and will return to school approximately by 3.30pm. Your child will need to bring a **packed lunch**, no fizzy drinks or bottles please and a **filled water bottle**. They will also need **old trainers or football boots (no studs) and shin pads**. The school will provide football kit and hoodies. Please ensure that your child has any medication with them that they may need, e.g. inhaler, eye drops etc. Please note, parents and carers will be unable to watch the event.

Chocolate Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 4th December

In exchange for wearing their own clothes, we would like the children to bring a donation of chocolate on Wednesday 4th December. This can be anything from a small chocolate bar to a tin of chocolate biscuits or box of chocolates. The donations will be sold on a Chocolate Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you.

Open Morning for 2020 Reception entry - Thursday 5th December

An open morning on Thursday 5th December from 9.30am – 12 noon will be held 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.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 6th December from 3.25pm

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 6th December. The doors will be open from 3.25pm to allow staff time to see the children out of school. Please enter school through the main entrance or the Y3/4 door. The fayre will close at 5pm. **Entry is 50p for adults and older children**. Pupils of the school and pre-school children are admitted free of charge.

There will be a variety of stalls at the Christmas Fayre. We would greatly appreciate donations of raffle prizes, bottles for the Bottle Stall (wine, squash, bubble bath, sauce etc.), gifts for the tombola stall, cuddly toys, books and toys, items for the White Elephant stall, cakes and buns (on the morning of the fayre please). We will also be running our Mystery Bag stall again and empty plastic cups will be available from Monday 2nd December for the children to take home and fill for this. **A letter with further information accompanies this Newsletter. We will also need help to run the various stalls on the evening. Even if you aren't able to help for the whole time we would still appreciate whatever time you can give. There will be a slip on the letter next week for you to complete and indicate whether you are able to help.**

No After School Clubs, Friday 6th December

Please note there will be no After School Clubs on Friday 6th December, due to the Christmas Fayre. Rascals After School Club will be open as normal.

Y1/2 Nativity 'The Inn-spectors' Dress Rehearsal – Monday 09th December

Y1 should wear a plain, black T-shirt and black school trousers or leggings. Y2 will have costumes in school. All the children will be performing in bare feet.

Y1/Y2 Nativity – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December

We will be having two performances of the Y1/2 Nativity, 'The Inn-spectors' in the school hall. The afternoon performance is on **Tuesday 10th December at 1.45pm**, the evening performance is on **Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm**. Young children are welcome at the performance but do require a ticket. We would be grateful if younger children could be taken out if they are unable to watch quietly so as not to spoil the play for the performers and the audience. Please note - we are unable to accommodate pushchairs within the hall.

Tickets are limited to **2 per family (including those for children)** and are only available to parents of children in **Years 1 & 2**. If you would like tickets for the concert, please complete the slip sent home today and return it to school as soon as possible. The evening tickets do tend to be the most popular so please send your request in as soon as possible. Extra tickets may be available for the afternoon performance only, if any are left after all requests have been dealt with.

Y5/6 Spen Valley Area Sports Hall Athletics Qualifier – Wednesday 11th December

A team of Y5/6 children will be taking part in the Sports Hall Athletics qualifier at Leeds Road Sports Barn during the morning of Wednesday 11th December. **If your child is taking part you will receive a permission form on ParentMail. Please complete this by Thursday 5th December**

Y6 ‘Rewind to Christmas’ at Headlands School – Thursday 12th December- ParentMail

As part of their work in RE and PSHCE, and as a church school, we have arranged for the children in Y6 to visit Headlands School during the morning of Thursday 12th December. The children will take part in a variety of activities along with children from other schools. The activities explore the Christian festival of Christmas. The children will walk to and from the event accompanied by school staff and will return in time for lunch. **Please complete the permission form on ParentMail by Friday 6th December.**

Big Dog & Lupus ‘Cosy Read’

Big Dog and Lupus would like to invite their parents to a cosy reading afternoon on Thursday 12th December at 2.45pm – 3.15pm. The children can bring pyjamas in a carrier bag to get changed into before parents come into the classroom. It will give children and parents an opportunity to sit down together at the end of the day and enjoy a book together. Parents will be able to book a place via parentmail.

Reception Year Group Nativity – Friday 13th December at 2pm

The Reception children in Little Bear and Big Bear classes will be taking part in their own Nativity. The performance is on Friday 13th December at 2pm. Due to space in the hall only **2 tickets per family** will be available. **Young children are welcome at the performance but do require a ticket.** Refreshments will be served on arrival. Please complete the ticket request form sent home today.

Recordings of School Performances / Photos – Parentmail

Under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we are required to ask for your permission to include your child in recordings of performances in school. These recordings may be reproduced for parents to obtain. Please complete the permission form on ParentMail by **Friday, 6th December.**

A reminder that you are not allowed to video or photograph the performances due to copyright. Mobile phones must not be used in school, or in the school grounds. Photographs of the children will be on display in the hall for you to order at £1 per copy. Any photographs you purchase are for personal use only and should not be put on the internet or on any social networking site. We are grateful for your co-operation.

School Christmas Dinner – Monday 16th December

The School Christmas Dinner will be on Monday 16th December. This lunch is open to **ALL** children. If your child does not normally have school dinners but would like to have the Christmas one, please pay **£2.25** on ParentPay and put “Christmas Dinner” in the notes. So that the kitchen can order the food, all bookings must be made by **Friday 29th November.**

Cypad Meal Selector - Electronic meal ordering system for lunches.

Please see the letter attached regarding introducing an electronic meal ordering system which will commence on 2nd December 2019

Arrangements for Emergency School Closure

Please see the attached letter for details of the Arrangements for Emergency School Closure. This is also available on the school website. The letter outlines the procedures and lists the websites you can check in the event of an emergency where we may need to close the school or adverse weather, such as snow.

Collective Worship Values

This year our questions will change every two weeks. Our value for this term is **Peace** and our question for the next two weeks is: **What is the best way of achieving peace?**

All Saints’ Church Services information

Sunday December 1st is Advent Sunday. Please join us if you can for our family friendly service at Roberttown Church as we light the first candle on our Advent wreath and start to prepare for Christmas. The service starts at 10 am and lasts about an hour with activities, songs and prayer.

Tea time Tales: Wednesday December 4th - 3.30 to 4.15pm at Roberttown Church All welcome, a story, as song and a drink.

Forthcoming Events...

Tuesday	26.11.19	Resilience Challenge Day
Wednesday	27.11.19	Resilience Challenge Day
Friday	29.11.19	Y1 Big Bear Class Collective Worship at 9am – <u>Y1 only</u>
Tuesday	03.12.19	Spensborough Co-operative Trust Carol Concert at Dewsbury Town Hall - further details to follow
Wednesday	04.12.19	Chocolate Non Uniform Day
Wednesday	04.12.19	Y5/6 Huddersfield Town Football
Thursday	05.12.19	New Admissions Open Morning 9.30am – 12noon (for 2020 entry)
Friday	06.12.19	Y5 Draco Class Collective Worship at 9am
Friday	06.12.19	Christmas Fayre 3.25pm – 5pm
Friday	06.12.19	*** No After School Clubs due to Christmas Fayre Rascals open as normal ***

Yours sincerely,
Mrs J S Laycock-Smith
Head Teacher