

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



No 1122 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Dear Parent/Carer,

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:

- Christmas Fayre Winning Raffle numbers (email)
- After School Club List for Spring Term (email) – to follow
- Treecycling (email)
- Kal Yeah Days Out Voucher (email)
- Keeping Football Fun Flyer (paper)
- Legoland / Sealife Voucher (paper)

## School Uniform, cloakrooms and bookbags

As the weather has become colder the children are coming to school in their lovely winter coats and lots of them are bringing very big bags. Our cloakrooms are not very roomy! This means often there are coats and bags on the floor- and we don't want our children to end up tripping over them.

Please don't send your child with a large rucksack. PE kits should be kept in a pump bag and school bookbags are much smaller and are easy for us to store in the classroom. We have spoken to the children about this as well. Thank you for your help with this.

Currently we seem to have children coming to school in a range of footwear. A reminder that our Uniform Policy is that school shoes should be **plain** black. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fayre such a success, you raised a fantastic **£1,033.31** for our school. This money will be used towards the purchase of additional reading books throughout school.

The winning Raffle numbers are attached. If you have a winning ticket please contact the office by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** to claim your prize.

## KS1 Nativity and photograph orders

Congratulations to all the children in KS1 and the staff for the superb performances this week. Photograph orders will be sent home next week. **Please contact the office if you do not receive your order by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.** Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Raffle. One number remains unclaimed 544, please collect from the school office by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** if you are the winner.

## Half Term Superstars Y1 – Y6

Congratulations to the following children who are Half Term Superstars for the Autumn 2 half term!

**Big Bear Class:** Isabelle Charlesworth, Hudson Marsden

**Lupus Class:** Bobby Asquith, Alarna Terry, Neve Walker, Sebastian Hunter-Paul

**Big Dog Class:** Harry Simmons, Alayna Hussain, Holly Baker, Oliver Derry

**Chameleon Class:** Freddie Denvers, Ruby Fitzsimons, Juliette Knowles, Henry Mitchell

**Pegasus Class:** Chloe Hardill, Maddiya Hussain, Finley Whitehead, Yousef Ahmad

**Draco Class:** Isla Willans, Noah Holdsworth, Jessica Gavaghan, Oscar Styles

**Phoenix Class:** Kaif Younis-Butt, Lexi Mortimer, Ava Smith, Thomas Foster

### **Y5/6 Spen Valley Area Sports Hall Athletics**

A team of Y5/6 children took part in the Sports Hall Athletics qualifier at Leeds Road Sports and came 2<sup>nd</sup>, qualifying for the Kirklees final in February! Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Mrs Goodall for organising the team.

### **Collective Worship- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9am Carols round the tree**

Our Music Collective Worship is on Friday. We will be singing carols round the Christmas Tree. Parents/carers are welcome to join us. There will be limited space- as there is at Celebration Collective Worship.

### **Reception Year Group Nativity – Tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

A reminder that the Reception children in Little Bear and Big Bear classes will be taking part in their own Nativity tomorrow on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Please note there are no spare tickets and babies/toddlers will require their own ticket.

### **Term Time Wear Uniform Order – Deadline Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Term Time Wear will be collecting orders from school for delivery in January. If you would like to place an order please collect a form from the school office or download a copy from the school website. Please return your orders to school by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The order will be delivered on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.** Reception children will need a PE kit after the Christmas break.

### **Music Lessons during w/c 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Musica Kirklees have advised us that due to staff involvement with recitals there will be **no Whole Class Brass** lessons for Y4 during the last week of term. Some individual music lessons may still be held and the music teachers will advise the pupils taking lessons directly.

### **After School Clubs – Spring Term – Book via ParentPay from 12pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

A list of the After School Clubs that we will be running from January to Easter 2020 will be emailed to parents shortly. The list is not a booking form – please book and pay on ParentPay. **The clubs will be made available to book on ParentPay after 12pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.** Apologies for the change of day & time the clubs will be available from compared to previous occasions, this is due to staff illness. Families in receipt of certain benefits are eligible to attend 2 extra-curricular after school clubs free of charge. For more information please speak to the office staff.

In order to encourage our children to take part in a range of sporting activities we will be continuing to use some of our Sports Premium funding to subsidise the cost of our Fit for Life and Multi-Skills clubs. The cost for these clubs will be 50p for the whole term.

### **Christmas Parties**

Our Christmas Parties will take place as follows:

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception, Y1 & 2, Y3 & 4**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Befrienders , Year 5 & 6**

A letter explaining the arrangements and requesting party food donations has been sent home with each child during this week. Please send any donations in on the day of the party. Food will be provided for the Befrienders party. **Please note that as food is donated, we cannot guarantee that it is nut free. If your child suffers from any allergy or has a relevant health care plan in place that may prevent them eating the food available, please contact your child's class teacher. It may be necessary to make arrangements to bring food in for your child.**

### **Milk for Children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 – Order on ParentPay by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

A reminder that if you would like your child to have milk next term (**£11.50**) you will need to pay via ParentPay by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and ensure that you have ticked the consent box** . You will be unable to order it after this date. If your child is entitled to free school meals (income related) they are also entitled to free milk and this will be automatically ordered for your child. **Reception children** who have their fifth birthday before **31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** will have to pay for their milk. If their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday falls between **1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020** their milk will be **free** - please let the office know if this is the case. Thank you.

### **Milk and Fruit for children in Y3, 4, 5 & 6 – Order on ParentPay by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

A reminder that milk and fruit is now offered to all the children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The cost for the spring term is **£11.50 for milk and £7.67 for a portion of fruit each day**. If you would like your child to have milk and/or fruit for next term **please pay on ParentPay before Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. You will be unable to order after this date. If your child is entitled to free school meals (income related) they are

also entitled to free milk. If you think your child could be entitled to income related free milk please contact the office for further information on how to apply.

### **NonCelebration Collective Worship on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Please note there will be **no** Celebration Collective Worship on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** due to the Christmas Parties. Please do let any grandparents who may attend know.

### **'Musical Theatre' After School Club performance – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.40pm**

The children in our Musical Theatre After School Club have been working hard on their Christmas routine. They will perform this for parents and carers in the hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.40pm. Please come to the main entrance. We hope you will enjoy the performance! Please collect your child from the Y1/2 classroom door as usual at 4pm after the performance. **Please do not take any personal videos or photographs during the performance.**

### **KS2 (Y3-6) Carol Service – All Saints Church, Roberttown – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm**

The children in Y3-6 will be attending the KS2 Carol Service on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm** at All Saints' Church, Roberttown. **Parents of children in KS2 (Y3–6) only** are welcome to attend but **please note that space is limited**. Pre-school children are welcome but will need to be able to watch quietly and not disrupt the service. If they do become upset please do take them out as it can become very difficult for other children and parents to hear the service.

### **Advent Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

During the year we try to support a range of local, national and international charities. This Christmas we are supporting Batley Food Bank and Heckmondwike Salvation Army by having a non-uniform day on the last day of term. If your child would like to wear their own choice of clothes for the day please send in a tin / packet or two from the list below. Thank you.

Tinned Vegetables	Tinned fruit	Custard or Rice Pudding	Tinned or Packet Soup
Tinned Meat / Fish	UHT Milk	Breakfast Cereal	Fruit Juice

**The children may bring toys into school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** but please do not send anything that is really special or valuable e.g. handheld consoles, mobile phones etc...

### **No Class Collective Worship – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Please note there will be **no** Class Collective Worship on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Please do let any grandparents who may attend know.

### **Collection of Library Books before the end of term**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be collecting in library and guided reading books. Please take the opportunity to have a look on your bookshelves and return any books you may have to school

### **PFA Meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at The Star**

Please come along to the first meeting of the year, everyone is welcome to attend.

### **PFA 'Donate a Gift' Non-Uniform day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

The PFA are holding another 'Donate a Gift' non-uniform day. They have asked if the children can each bring a gift or small item that could be used as a raffle or tombola prize at future PFA events, in return for wearing their own clothes. Please send in any items via your child's classroom. Thank you for your support.

### **Information...**

#### **Dinner Money – Spring Term**

The price of a school meal is **£2.25 per day or £11.25 per full week**. Please pay through ParentPay. Please note that payments should be in advance and not in arrears. A considerable amount of time is taken chasing outstanding debts. You can set up a low balance alert in ParentPay as a reminder to top up your payments.

**Please note - if your child is changing from sandwiches to school lunches or vice versa, you will need to complete a School Meal Changes Form indicating any allergies your child may have. 2 school weeks' notice is required.**

### Wednesday and Friday Lunch Club

Next term we are continuing to offer **Wednesday and Friday lunch club**. If you would like to book either or both lunch clubs you will need to book by **Friday of the previous week**. Bookings for the first week back in January need to be made by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Please pay by ParentPay, using the notes box to indicate the days you are booking for.

### Dinner money costs for the spring term:

Cost up to February Half Term: **£67.50**

Cost for the whole term to Easter: **£132.75**

Cost up to February Half Term (**Wed ONLY**): **£13.50**

Cost for the whole term to Easter (**Wed ONLY**): **£27.00**

Cost up to February Half Term (**Fri ONLY**): **£13.50**

Cost for the whole term up to Easter (**Fri ONLY**): **£27.00**

Cost up to February Half Term (**Wed AND Fri**): **£27.00**

Cost for the whole term up to Easter (**Wed AND Fri**): **£54.00**

### Registering Your Child for School for a Reception Place in September 2020

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

### Twitter

Don't forget, you can follow us on Twitter and see pictures of the exciting things the pupils are doing in school. Look out for **@RoberttownSch**

### Forthcoming Events...

Friday	13.12.19	Reception Year Group Nativity at 2pm
Friday	13.12.19	Music Collective Worship at 9am- Carols round the tree
Monday	16.12.19	School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday	17.12.19	Reception, Y1 & 2 Party a.m.
Tuesday	17.12.19	Y3 & 4 Party p.m.
Wednesday	18.12.19	Befriender Party a.m.
Wednesday	18.12.19	Y5 & 6 Party p.m.
Wednesday	18.12.19	<b>No Celebration Collective Worship</b>
Thursday	19.12.19	KS2 (Y3-6) Carol Service at All Saints' Church at 1.45pm
Friday	20.12.19	Advent Non-Uniform Day – 'Bring a Tin'
Friday	20.12.19	<b>No Class Collective Worship</b>
Friday	20.12.19	School Closes for the Christmas Holiday
Monday	06.01.20	School Opens
Wednesday	08.01.20	PFA Meeting at The Star 7pm
Monday	13.01.20	New Admissions Open Morning 9.30am – 12noon (for 2020 entry)
Friday	17.01.20	PFA New Year Disco - further details to follow

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