

Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, I hope you had a happy Christmas and New Year.

You will have noticed that we have had some windows replaced. This is part of an on-going renovation work and I am really pleased that nearly all the windows have been replaced now. A big thank you to Mr Parr and Mrs Crowther who were very busy cleaning and sorting on Monday morning before school began.

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 for your child's class (Reception & KS1 email / KS2 paper copy and email).
- School Holiday list – updated (email)
- Mulan – Theme Lunch flyer (email)

Staffing Update

Mrs Ball is currently absent from school. Mrs Malone is assisting in the school office.

Mrs Cooper & Mrs Thomas are back in school and we also have some students in school. Sometimes students are on a placement with us whilst they are training to be a teacher or are gaining experience in school as part of their degree.

We work with other local schools as part of the Spenborough Hub to support families. We have a new Hub Co-ordinator called Julie Oxley. She will be popping into school and you might meet her in the playground. She is keen to get to know the school and to ask you what the Hub can organise to support families in the local area.

Curriculum Outlines and Spellings

A Curriculum Outline and Spellings for your child's class for this half term are attached for your information and will also be available to view on our website. KS1 spellings are linked to the Phonics Session and you will find them under the name of the staff member leading the group. We are looking to redevelop the format of our Curriculum Outlines and have made some changes already. If you have any feedback please let your child's classteacher know.

Safeguarding and Online Safety Advice

We have been alerted to some information regarding the app UNICO Live. Please do have a look at the information to help to keep all our children safe.

UNICO Live poses significant risks to children and young people. Please see the link for more information about the specific dangers that this app can pose.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2019/12/06/safeguarding-alert-unico-live-app-2/>

Advice:

- Check young people's devices for this app – and help them remove it.
- Remember even if the app is removed from app stores, it will still work on devices it's been downloaded on.
- Engage young people in a conversation – about keeping safe online and who they would talk to if

someone made them feel uncomfortable online.

- Check that they only engage with other people they know online.
- Check that they understand what they should do if they see something online that upsets or worries them.

You can also submit an online report to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP)
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of a young person, you should contact the emergency services on 999 (emergency number).

After School Clubs – Spring Term

We still have places available on the following After School Clubs:

ICT	Y3 - 6	Monday
Team Games (only 50p!) (3 x Spaces left)	Y3 - 6	Monday
Homework	Y3 - 6	Tuesday
ICT	Y3 - 6	Wednesday
Fit for Life (only 50p!) (3 x Spaces left)	Y3 - 6	Thursday
KS1 Sports (only 50p!) (1 x Space left)	Y1 - 2	Friday
Maths	Y5 - 6	Friday

If your child would like to attend any of our clubs please book and pay on ParentPay.

Coding Lessons

Global Solutions will be working with children in Key Stage 2 this half term, to upskill Coding within the curriculum. The sessions will mostly focus on using the Scratch programme and will then progress on to using Micro:bit. Key Stage 1 will have a similar opportunity after February half term with their sessions focussing on Piro, Beebots and an introduction to Scratch.

PFA 'Donate a Gift' Non-Uniform day – Friday 10th January.

The PFA are holding a '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.

Open Mornings for 2020 Reception entry – Monday 13th January.

Again this year we have been 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. **The last open morning will be held on Monday 13th January 2019.** Mrs Smith will be available during the session to answer any questions. If you would like to come along please let the office know. The session will be held from 9.30am – 12.00.

Mulan Theme Lunch – Thursday 16th January.

On Thursday 16th January 2020 there will be a Mulan Theme Lunch. All children can take part in this. If your child normally has sandwiches and would like a school lunch on this day, please pay £2.25 via ParentPay. **Payment must be received by Monday 13th January 2020 so that the food can be ordered.** **When making your payment, please put "Theme Lunch" in the notes box** so that your payment is correctly allocated. Thank you.

Mylee Green Fundraising, Non-Uniform day, Friday 17th January.

Mylee Green trains 12 hours per week at Wakefield Gym club, doing Tumbling, which is a form of Gymnastics. Mylee trains with World Champion Elliot Browne. She has been invited to an International Competition on the 28th January in Texas, America to compete against other gymnasts from other countries. Mylee has been involved in lots of fund-raising events to help the club and parents to fund this trip.

The school is supporting Mylee and is holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 17th January. Please donate a £1.00 to wear clothes of your choice. Mylee is extremely grateful for all your support.

PFA New Year Disco – Friday 17th January.

A reminder that the PFA New Year Disco will be held on Friday 17th January from 4.30-6.30pm. A letter was sent home earlier this week. If you have not receive a letter a copy can be obtained from the office. **Tickets cost £3 and are now on sale in the Hall at break time. Please send the tear off slip at the**

bottom of the letter into school with your child so that it can be handed in when they buy their ticket.

Please indicate whether you are able to help at this event on the slip. We would real appreciate this. Volunteers please arrive at 4.15pm.

To prevent congestion and for the safety of all our children, **please collect your child from the following exits:**

Reception, Year 1 & 2 - Main entrance

Year 3 & 4 – Year 3 & 4 outer door

Year 5 & 6 – Big Bear (Miss Haque) Class door

If you are collecting more than one child, please collect the youngest first. Please note the disco ends at **6.30pm**.

Lost Property

We have quite a lot of lost property building up. This will be laid out on Wednesday 15th at 3.15 in the school hall for parents to look at. Please take a moment when you are collecting your child to have a look and see if any of it belongs to them. Thank you.

Fitness Trackers

We have noticed that quite a few children have had fitness trackers for Christmas. Where possible, please can these be identified with your child's name so they don't get mixed up. Also a reminder that fitness trackers are not allowed to be worn in PE lessons.

Information...

Collective Worship Values

This year our questions will changing every two weeks. Our value for this term is Endurance and our question for the next two weeks is: **What things are worth waiting for?**

Forthcoming Events...

Friday	10.01.20	PFA 'Donate a Gift' Non-Uniform day
Friday	10.01.20	Y3 Chameleon Class Collective Worship at 9am
Monday	13.01.20	New Admissions Open Morning 9.30am – 12noon (for 2020 entry)
Friday	17.01.20	Mylee Green Non Uniform Day – see Newsletter
Friday	17.01.20	CARE Group Class Collective Worship at 9am
Friday	17.01.20	PFA New Year Disco - further details to follow
Friday	25.01.20	Big Dog Class Collective Worship at 9am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J S Laycock-Smith,
Head Teacher.