

Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is safe and well. I am sure that you will all have seen the information about schools reopening in September. We will be so pleased to be able to welcome all the children back.

September school reopening

At the moment we are working on the detail of our plans and our risk assessments. Following the guidance from the government there will still be some changes to how schools are organised normally and we will be letting you know about these as soon as possible. Changes will include:

- Staggered start and finish times for each class
- One way system in the school grounds- entering the grounds on Church Road and leaving through on Commonsides
- Only book bags may be brought to school- no backpacks, pencil cases, mobile phones
- Packed lunch bags- these need to be hard plastic so they can be easily cleaned or please send your child with their lunch in disposable packaging.

If you have more than one child at school and they have different starting times, then please use the **later time**.

We will be able to run Breakfast Club and Rascals. Our other after school clubs will **not** be starting in September. These will resume as soon as possible. We will let you know when we arrange the dates.

The government will give an update about school reopening during the summer holidays. Schools and local authorities are not given advance notice of any changes so we will hear about it at the same time as everyone else. If there are any changes we will be in touch. We are all very much hoping that we will be able to get back to a 'new normal' as soon as possible.

Transition

Normally at this time of year the children would be spending some time with their new class teacher so they can start to get to know them and make those positive relationships. We know that this is something that helps the children settle into their new classes.

When we come back in September the children will be going back into their 'old' classes for a few days to be able to return to school to a familiar setting and say their 'goodbyes'. They will then be able to move into their new class.

Staffing update

We are delighted that this week we have welcomed back Mrs Baker and Mrs Clayton from maternity leave. A big 'thank you' to Mr Sykes, who has covered Mrs Baker's maternity leave in year 5.

End of Year Reports

Annual reports for each child will be available from **Monday 13th July**. The reports will reflect the work of the year. If you would like to collect your child's report please come to the school main office from 9.30am. Reports that haven't been collected by the end of the day will be posted out to you.

Information accompanying the reports will explain what class your child will be in next year. If you would like to speak to your child's classteacher about the report please email using the ks email addresses and staff will be in touch.

Home Learning Packs

Our home learning packs are being sent out today. We are really enjoying seeing the work that the children are doing. Please do keep sending it to the email addresses below and we will share them on twitter @RoberttownSch.

We seem to have had some fabulous entries for our challenges. Do look out for them and have a go.

If you want to get in touch with your child's class teacher about anything then please use the email contacts:

For Miss Wiles, Miss Brook, Miss Haque and Mrs Horner use: eyfsks1@rjis.org.uk

For Mrs Graves, Mrs Dolby/Mrs Baker, Mrs Wood and Mrs Bordman use: ks2@rjis.org.uk

Classteachers have also been ringing so if you have a call from an unknown number it could well be your child's classteacher calling for a chat.

Our school office is open every day and you can contact us on the phone or by email: office@rjis.org.uk

We will continue to use Parent Hub to send messages as well. If you haven't downloaded the Parent Hub app please see the attached details. Parent Hub is where we send quick updates and reminders so if you haven't got it I think you will find it very useful.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are running our Summer Reading Challenge again this year and we really hope you will encourage your child to take part. Regular reading over the Summer Holidays will really help to maintain those key skills necessary for success! Don't forget, you can use the <https://www.myon.co.uk/> reading website for a choice of over 7000 books as well as books you may have on the shelf at home.

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the Summer Reading Challenge sheet. (If you require a paper copy, please call into school before the end of term, we'll be happy to provide you with one).

The Reading Challenge will need to be completed over the Summer and returned to school by Friday 11th September.

- Children who read 6-9 books will receive a certificate and a ticket to enter into a draw to win one of two £5 book vouchers.
- Children who read 10 or more books will receive a reading medal and a ticket to enter into a draw to win one of two £10 book vouchers.
- The class who have the most entries will receive £50 to spend on books for their classroom.

We hope lots of the children will take part!!!

Uniform Exchange

Uniform Exchange is a Kirklees based charity who recycles good school uniform passing it from one family to another. A form to request uniform is attached to this Newsletter. Please contact the school office if you need a paper copy. If anyone would like to donate uniform please bring it to the school office and we will pass it on to the charity.

Keeping Safe- isolation guides

Attached with the newsletter are The School Child Isolation Guide for Parents and Carers from Kirklees Council. The guides highlight five potential scenarios which a parent or carer may come across with their child, coronavirus and school attendance and provides simple guidance on the steps to take.

There is also a flowchart which presents a summary of the five scenarios which should help parents and carers determine quickly what they should do if one of the five scenarios presents itself. If parents and carers are still unsure about what to do they can visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

School holidays

A reminder that school is closing for the holidays on Friday 17th July. School will reopen on Wednesday 9th September.

Stay Safe.

Warm regards,

Mrs J S Laycock-Smith,
Head Teacher.