

Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year and a warm welcome to our new Reception children and parents. Everyone seems to have settled quickly back into school and Y5 and Y6 are looking forward to their residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall next week.

As usual we have a wide range of information to share with you. The Newsletter is also available on the school website and is on display on our parent noticeboards around school.

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 and Spellings for your child's class (email / KS2 paper copy)
- Y1-6 Welcome Letter for your child's class (email)
- Spenborough Co-operative Trust Car Boot Sale flyer (email)
- Primary Times Magazine (paper)
- Mirfield Taekwondo flyer (email)
- What's on in our local churches in September leaflet (email)
- Volunteering opportunities in Kirklees – 4 flyers (email)

Staffing News...

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Helen McKechnie has joined us this week as an Educational Teaching Assistant. Mrs McKechnie will be supporting children in a range of classes in school. We hope you will join us in giving her a warm welcome.

Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Y5/6 Welcome Meeting. We hope you enjoyed it and found it informative. The **Y1/2 Welcome Meeting** will take place at **2.45pm on Tuesday 18th September** and the **Y3/4 Welcome Meeting** will take place at **2.45pm on Tuesday 25th September**. Both meetings will be in the Hall.

As you are aware the school has an Open Door Policy and you are welcome to have an informal chat or make an appointment to discuss your child's progress at any time. Please don't feel you have to wait until Parents' Evening if you have any queries or concerns.

Curriculum Outlines and Welcome Letters

A Curriculum Outline and Welcome Letter for your child's class is attached for your information.

New Class Names

Each year the School Council choose themes for our class names. Our Yorkshire Artist theme for this year was suggested by Toby Colam-Ainsworth:

Andy Goldsworthy	-	Mrs Stubbs	-	Reception
Henry Moore	-	Mrs Horner	-	Reception / Year 1
Robert Thompson	-	Miss Wiles	-	Y1/Y2
Barbara Hepworth	-	Mrs Clayton/Mrs Day	-	Y2
Joseph Mellor	-	Mrs Bordman	-	Y3
Ashley Jackson	-	Mrs Glaves	-	Y4
David Hockney	-	Mrs Baker/Mrs Dolby	-	Y5
Lucy Pittaway	-	Mrs Martin/Mrs Wood	-	Y6

Reception Play Area

We are excited to tell you that our Reception play area is to be re-developed. We are expecting the work to commence on Monday 24th September. Please be vigilant when bringing children into the playground at the start of school and do not allow them to enter the area.

Guide Dogs Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone for their support of the Guide Dogs charity on the last day of the summer term. You raised a fantastic **£435!**

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who completed our Summer Reading Challenge:

Y1/2 – Oliver Scott, Violet Hull, Bobby Asquith, Ruhan Bentley-Khan, Lewis Pattinson, Isabelle Armitage, Alicia Swailes, Amelia Benson, George Simper, Evelyn Mayor, Daisy-Belle Wood, Daniel Green, James Jones, Lily Marlow, Jessie Lannigan, Laila Evans, Olivia Vernon, Aaron Hickman, Aamina Ahmad, Esmee Stewart-Padgett.

Y3/4 – Lilly Crowther-Gleadall, Maisie Crowther-Gleadall, Harriet Longfield, Isla Shackleton, Danniella Walsh, Edward Hall, Yousuf Ahmad, Harrison Cockerill, Miah Taylor, Sophie Jackson, Esmee Kennett, Finnley Frankland, Grace Houston, Maddie Asquith, Max Wood, Jessica Gavaghan, Livia Stanley, Callum Wadsworth.

Y5/6 – Alex Garcia, Molly Cotgrave, Katie Appleton, Ava Willans, Amelia Saville, Joe Windle, Ewan Manton, Lucie Overend, Ruby Styles, Jake Hickman, Eva Kennett, Ruby Craddock, Sophie Ellis, Llana Green, Harry Hellawell, Sam Griffith, Neve Wood.

The children have been presented with certificates and gold medals. We hope their love of reading will continue!

School Council, Eco Council and CARE Group

Congratulations to the following new School Council, Eco Council and CARE Group members:

School Council

Henry Moore (Rec/Y1)	Holly Baker / Zach Trigui
Robert Thompson (Y1/Y2)	Oliver Derry / Ellie Butterworth
Barbara Hepworth (Y2)	Jack Goodall / Olivia Vernon
Joseph Mellor (Y3)	Corey Ratcliffe / Annabel Martinus
Ashley Jackson (Y4)	Noah Holdsworth / Cara Griffiths
David Hockney (Y5)	Alicia Holdsworth / Liam Butterworth
Lucy Pittaway (Y6)	Lucas Stead / Olivia Martinus

CARE Group

The CARE Group is a group of children who help monitor and plan our work as a Church School. The Care Group members are chosen by their class teacher.

Henry Moore (Rec/Y1)	Max Darlington / Aamira Razaqat
Robert Thompson (Y1/Y2)	Violet Hull / Xavier Asquith
Barbara Hepworth (Y2)	James Jones / Laila Evans
Joseph Mellor (Y3)	Layla Hull / William Hainsworth
Ashley Jackson (Y4)	Mitchell Newsome / Jessica Gavaghan
David Hockney (Y5)	George Driver / Florence Hydes-Scott
Lucy Pittaway (Y6)	Evie Clavin / Ewan Manton

Eco Council

Henry Moore (Rec/Y1)	Neve Walker / Rafael Wells
Robert Thompson (Y1/Y2)	Lily Green / George Simper
Barbara Hepworth (Y2)	Jessie Lannigan / Joshua Forsyth
Joseph Mellor (Y3)	Yousuf Ahmad / Isla Shackleton
Ashley Jackson (Y4)	Harrison Cockerill / Macy Weathers
David Hockney (Y5)	Molly Cotgrave / Kaif Younis-Butt
Lucy Pittaway (Y6)	Oliver Webster / Ruby Styles

Trust Parliament

Two Trust parliament representatives from each school in the Spensborough Co-operative Trust meet each term. The meetings give the pupils an opportunity to interact and share ideas with others. Congratulations to Lloyd Beaumont and Lexi Mortimer who will be our representatives for the next 2 years.

Befrienders

Our Befrienders provide a peer support network which provides a service for any child who feels they need someone to talk to. The service is closely monitored and supported by adult Befrienders, Mrs Mott (HLTA), Mrs Thomas (Cover Supervisor) and Mrs Smith (Head Teacher).

The Befrienders are volunteers from Years 5 and 6 and are well-trained to deal with any problem which may be presented to them. This training includes guidance on when to maintain confidentiality and when a problem is serious enough to be passed over to an adult.

The Befrienders not only provide terrific support to other children in school, but also benefit enormously themselves. Being a Befriender is a great responsibility which the children handle with maturity and respect.

Following successful interviews the new Befrienders for this year are as follows:

Jack Horner, Molly Cotgrave, Katie Appleton, Bethany Walker, Freya Ward, Florence Hydes-Scott, Llana Green, Ava Smith, Carley Brame, Lily Smith, Bronte Sumner, Sophie Ellis, Bethan Gleadall, Ruby Craddock

The following children are also continuing in their roles as Befrienders:

Amelia Saville, Eva Kennett, Evie Clavin, Oliver Webster, Elliot Newsome, Ava Willans, Neve Wood, Sam Griffith, Iona Battye, Olivia Martinus, Lucas Stead.

Donations of items for Wet Playtime

We would really appreciate any donations of board games such as chess, snakes and ladders etc. for the children to use during wet playtimes. Please send any donations into school. Thank you.

A few reminders for you at the start of term...

Before and After School Supervision

Please note that children are not supervised in the school grounds before **8.40am** and after **3.15pm**. Please **do not** send your children to school before the doors open at 8.40am. For the safety of everyone arriving at school football is **not allowed** in the KS2 playground. To ensure your child's safety please do not let them climb on the school gates and fences. I would appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you.

Naming School Uniform

Please make sure that you have named all items of your child's school uniform and PE Kit. We do recommend 'sewn in' name tapes as pen seems to fade very quickly. Thank you.

Uniform Colours

If your child is wearing non-badged cardigans and sweatshirts they must be royal or navy blue. Children should no longer be wearing uniform bearing our old school logo.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school and that it is taken home each day to be washed. Thank you.

Jewellery, Nail Varnish and PE

Jewellery should not be worn in school for safety reasons and wearing nail varnish is not appropriate for school. Long hair must be tied back for PE. If appropriate please make sure that your child has a bobble to fasten their hair back.

Mobile Phones in School

A reminder that children must not bring mobile phones or other electronic devices such as iPads in school. If they need to be brought they must be handed into the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

New Reception Parents – ParentHub, ParentMail and ParentPay

We use a variety of ways to communicate with parents in school. ParentHub is used for direct messaging through an app on your phone. Instruction sheets have been sent home with the new Reception children this week. Please do sign up to the app as soon as possible to ensure that you do not miss out on important information. We also use ParentMail for visit permission forms and some letters. You will shortly receive an email invitation asking you to register. Please follow the instructions in the email. Activation letters for ParentPay were sent home with the children last week. Even if you do not need to use your ParentPay account straight away to make payments to school, please set up your account now so that it will be ready to use in the future.

New Events...

M & M Theatre Company 'A Little Princess' – Tuesday 25th September – Non Uniform Day

M & M Theatre Company will be performing 'A Little Princess' on Tuesday 25th September. They are an excellent theatre company and we will be using the performance as the basis of work in Literacy. To make the day even more exciting the children may come in non-uniform for a **donation of £1 towards the cost of the performance**. Please send your donation in a named envelope via your child's classroom.

KS2 Spen Valley Area Cross Country Competition – Wednesday 26th September

We will shortly be having trials in school for the KS2 Cross Country Qualifier. Further details will be issued via ParentMail as soon as the team members have been selected.

Reception Parent Workshop – Thursday 27th September at 7pm

We are holding a 'Working with your Child' workshop for new Reception parents on Thursday 27th September. Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Horner will explain how we can work with you to support your child's learning, particularly in reading and maths. The evening will also give you an opportunity to meet other parents and for us to answer any queries. Please come into school through the main entrance. Refreshments will be served on arrival. We do hope that you are able to join us.

Open Mornings for 2019 Reception entry

This year we are holding a series of open mornings to allow parents with children due to start in Reception in 2019 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. The sessions will be held from 9.30am – 12noon on the following dates:

- Friday 28th September
- Tuesday 9th October
- Wednesday 14th November
- Thursday 6th December

Information...

Registering Your Child for School for a Reception Place in September 2019

If your child's birth date is between **1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015** they will be due to start school in **September 2019**. 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.

Fashion Show and Clothes Sale – Wednesday 26th September at 7pm at All Saints' Church

The Complete Clothing Company are holding a Fashion Show and clothes sale at All Saints' Church. Ex-chain store items from Next, M & S etc. will be available. Proceeds from the event will go to support the work of All Saints' Church. Please do go along and grab yourselves a bargain! Entry will be £2.50 and includes refreshments.

Spensorough Co-operative Trust Car Boot Sale – Sunday 7th October, 9am – 12noon

A car boot sale to raise funds for the Spensorough Co-operative Trust has been arranged for Sunday 7th October at Spen Valley High School. For more information or to book a place please contact sbreeze@spenvalleyhighschool.co.uk

Volunteering opportunities within Kirklees

Please see the attached flyers regarding a number of volunteering opportunities in our area.

Forthcoming Events...

Friday	14.09.18	Y4 Ashley Jackson Class Collective Worship
Monday	17.09.18	Y5 Winmarleigh Hall residential
Tuesday	18.09.18	Y1/2 Welcome Meeting at 2.45pm in the Hall
Wednesday	19.09.18	Y6 Winmarleigh Hall residential
Wednesday	19.09.18	Celebration Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Friday	21.09.18	Y2 Barbara Hepworth Class Collective Worship

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