

Roberttown CE (VC) J&I School Weekly Newsletter



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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:

- KS2 Enrichment Choir 'Trust Carol Concert' rehearsals permission form (ParentMail)
- Y5/6 Armistice Service permission form (ParentMail) – to follow
- School Meals - New Winter Menu and Letter from the Catering Service (paper)
- Huddersfield Town Ticket Vouchers booklet (paper)
- All Saints' Church Autumn Fayre poster (email)
- Primary Times Magazine (paper)
- Yorkshire Attractions Winter Discount Vouchers booklet (paper)

PFA Coffee Afternoon – Tomorrow, Friday 19th October – Please send any donations of buns and raffle prizes via your child's classroom

A reminder that the PFA Coffee Afternoon will be held tomorrow from 1.15-3.15pm. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join us. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help. We really appreciate this. If you have indicated that you are able to help set up the event, please arrive at 1pm. **If you are able to assist and have not already returned a slip, please contact the office.**

The price of admission to the event for friends and family is **£1 per person**, which **includes a drink and a biscuit**. Additional drinks may be purchased for 50p. **The children may purchase a drink and a bun for 30p when they visit.** The Befrienders will also have games for the children to play at a cost of 20p a go and there will be a raffle at a cost of £1 a go. There will be a Fair Trade stall run by volunteers from All Saints' Church, selling a range of items priced up to £5.

The times that each class will be admitted into the hall (for a 15 minute period) are as follows:

Lucy Pittaway (Y6) – 1.15pm
David Hockney (Y5) – 1.30pm
Ashley Jackson (Y4) – 1.45pm
Joseph Mellor (Y3) – 2.00pm

Barbara Hepworth (Y2) – 2.15pm
Robert Thompson (Y1/2) – 2.30pm
Henry Moore (R/Y1) – 2.45pm
Andy Goldsworthy (Rec) – 3.00pm

After the event, please collect your child from their normal class exit and not from the hall.

Please bring donations of buns, cakes and raffle prizes into school tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support.

Art Projects for Schools 'Christmas Card Project' – Designs to be sent home next week

This year we are taking part in a fundraising project with Art Project for Schools (APFS). Last week the children designed their own Christmas Cards. The designs have now been sent off to APFS and will be returned to us early next week. As soon as we receive them your child will bring their artwork home with a letter explaining how you can order professionally finished cards, wrap and tags online. **It is very important that you do not misplace the artwork as a special barcode identifying each child's design has been affixed to the back and we do not have a record of the details.**

The last date for orders will be 6th November. Orders can only be made online and we cannot accept any cash in school. If you require any assistance once you receive your child's artwork, please contact the office.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. You have raised **£547.33** towards books for our school!

School Meals – Exciting new Winter Menu!

Today your child will bring home a new lunchtime menu which will be **introduced from 5th November** and will be in place until the Easter holiday next year. You will also receive a letter from Kirklees Catering Service with further information about the launch of the menu.

Free School Meals - Who is eligible, how to apply for them and what happens after you have applied

All children in Reception and KS1 (Y1 & 2) are entitled to free school meals. This is known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). From Y3 onwards you must apply to claim free school meals for your children if you think you may be eligible. Children and young people who live in Kirklees can apply for free school meals if they attend full time at a local authority school or sixth form, are under 19 years of age and their parents or carers receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

To apply you need to visit <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> to complete a simple online form. It takes around 10 minutes to complete and you will need both yours and your partner's National Insurance Numbers or NASS (National Asylum Support Service) numbers.

If your child is in full time education and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above, please fill in an application form even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2. This is important as they could also be entitled to free milk, help towards school trips and other support.

If you are eligible once you have made your application, Kirklees Council will notify us. We will then receive additional funding called Pupil Premium to support your child in school.

If you require any further information please contact freeschoolmeals@kirklees.gov.uk or call 01484 221000.

New Events...

Parents' Evening Booking Form – Available on ParentMail from 6pm on Monday 22nd October

Parents' Evening will be held from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th November. You will need to book your appointment online via ParentMail. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher, have a look at their work and discuss the progress your child is making. We do hope that you will be able to come along to this important meeting. **The booking form will be available from Monday 22nd October at 6pm. You will receive an alert from ParentMail.** There will be a separate form for each class which states the times and dates that are available for you to book. We have tried to offer appointments at a variety of times. If you have any problems booking an appointment please contact the office.

Please note there will be **no after school clubs on Monday 12th November** due to Parents' Evening. Rascals will be open as normal.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal – Shoe Box request letters coming home on Tuesday 23rd October

We are supporting the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal again this year. The children will hear about the project next week in Collective Worship on Tuesday 23rd October. Your child will then bring home a letter on Tuesday with further details. **If your child would like to fill a box please return the slip at the bottom of the letter to the office with a £1 donation towards the cost of transport by Monday 5th November.** A box will then be sent home with your child. Please return the filled box to school by **Friday 9th November.**

'Musical Theatre' After School Club performance – Wednesday 24th October at 3.40pm

The children in our Musical Theatre After School Club have been working hard since September on their first routine. They will perform this for parents and carers in the hall next Wednesday 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 Enrichment Choir 'Spenborough Co-operative Trust Carol Concert' rehearsals - ParentMail

The children in our Enrichment Choir will be taking part in the Trust Carol Concert at Dewsbury Town Hall on Tuesday 4th December. **There are 2 rehearsals prior to the event on Wednesdays 7th and 28th November** at Spen Valley High School. So that your child can attend, **please complete the permission form on ParentMail by Thursday 25th October.** More information about the event is provided in the permission form and further details will be issued as soon as they are available.

Y5/6 Armistice Day Parade Service – Friday 9th November – ParentMail (to follow)

This year, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1, the pupils in Y5/6 will take part in an Armistice Day Parade Service at Cleckheaton Memorial Park during the morning of Friday 9th November. We have been invited to take part by the Chairman of the Spenborough Branch of the Royal British Legion. **A permission form will follow on ParentMail. Please complete this by Monday 5th November.**

Information...

Head Lice

Head lice have been reported in Y1/2 Robert Thompson and Y2 Barbara Hepworth classes and a leaflet was sent home with the children earlier this week. Please do be vigilant at home by carrying out regular detection combing and treating hair where necessary as this helps to reduce the spread of lice.

Huddersfield Town Ticket Vouchers for Schools

Your child has been given a voucher booklet for reduced entry prices to forthcoming Huddersfield Town home games. Please read the terms and conditions on each voucher carefully. You must take the vouchers to the Ticket Office to claim the reduced prices. To claim reduced entry to some of the games you must have already attended previous fixtures.

Lost Property

We currently have a large number of items in lost property. Please name your child's uniform to help to prevent this and please check the lost property box for any items that may belong to your child. Any items remaining at the end of the half term will be given to charity.

All Saints' Church Autumn Fayre – Saturday 27th October 11am to 2pm

An Autumn Fayre will be held at All Saints' Church next Saturday. The fayre is being held a little earlier than usual this year, instead of a Christmas Fayre in November, but there will be all the usual things to enjoy! Please see the attached poster for more information. Please do go along to support this event, which helps to raise money for the work of the church.

Forthcoming Events...

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| Friday | 19.10.18 | PFA Coffee Afternoon 1.15pm - 3.15pm |
| Friday | 19.10.18 | Y3 Joseph Mellor Class Collective Worship at 9am |
| Tuesday | 23.10.18 | School photographs |
| Wednesday | 24.10.18 | Half Term Superstars Collective Worship at 2.45pm |
| Thursday | 25.10.18 | School Closes for Half Term |
| Monday | 5.11.18 | School Opens |

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J S Laycock-Smith,
Head Teacher.