



*ROBY PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL*

Roby Park Primary School Newsletter

No. 1

Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Head teacher at Roby Park Primary School. I am thrilled to be taking on this new role in such a wonderful school. It is a unique, inclusive school with high aspirations for all, without discrimination, which I am keen to be a part of. I look forward to working with Governors, colleagues and families, as together, we prepare our young people for a happy, confident entry into the world. This means together building their confidence and belief in themselves, helping them to make good friends and to develop a wide range of interests and skills, as well as inspiring them to achieve academic excellence.

As the Head teacher at Roby Park Primary, I aspire to develop a culture and community of awe and wonder whilst developing children's thirst for learning, where all children have access to enriching and exciting life experiences, inside school and out. I will strive to continue developing the school's mission statement 'aiming for excellence' by ensuring our children learn in an environment which is happy, secure, stimulating and challenging both academically and through extra-curricular pursuits.

I will strive to never compromise on my core belief that the children of Roby Park will be at the heart of all we do. We are a school where we are not just tolerant of difference; we value it, celebrate it and encourage each child to be different. I am passionate about children's health and wellbeing being at the heart of our curriculum whilst maintaining high expectations and aspirations, along with maintaining high levels of engagement from all.

Over the past ten years, I have been blessed with the experiences of working in challenging and demanding schools across Glasgow and London before relocating to Liverpool. My experiences have enabled me to work with pupils and families from a range of diverse backgrounds which reflect the cosmopolitan mix of our communities today. My experience sets me in good stead to continue Roby Park's journey from good and beyond.

My aim in the first half term is to get to know as many of the school community as I can and I would like to invite you to an informal "Meet the Head teacher" meeting on **Wednesday 16th January** at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. During this meeting, I will talk about my background, experience, values and aims. I will also ensure there is plenty of time for questions and a chat over tea and coffee.

I will be spending lots of time over the first few weeks in and out of classes, getting to know the children but please bear with me, as there are so many new faces and names to learn. I will be available in the playgrounds most mornings and I will endeavour to be able to welcome families by name by the end of term.

I look forward to working with you and your children to ensure their experience at primary school is the best we can provide.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Allen

Attendance and Punctuality

| Number of late children week beginning : 07.01.19 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 0 | 14 | 24 | 7 | 13 |

| Attendance for week commencing: 07.01.19 | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 83.8% | 88.6% | 93.8% | 94.3% | 97.8% | 90.5% | 90.5% | 91.3% |

| Punctuality for week commencing: 07.01.19 | | | | | | | |
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| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 26.6% | 33.3% | 20% | 25% | 39% | 14% | 41% | 52% |

Well done to all the children who come to school every day and on time. The schools attendance target is 97% and we are under that figure at 5%. We understand that sometimes, children may be very poorly and need to stay at home to rest. However, please bring children in if they have a cough or a mild cold, we will look after them at school. We will **ALWAYS** send children home if they are really unwell. We need to get the whole school Attendance average to 97% or higher in **every class**. Thank you for your commitment to helping us improve the school.



Attendance and Punctuality Meetings

Next week, all families will receive a letter reporting on their children's attendance. All those families who have attendance less than 95% will be invited into school for an attendance panel meeting with myself. If your child's attendance does not improve from Monday onwards, you are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice and a visit from the Local Authority's Education Inclusion Officer.

Attendance panel meetings will go ahead whether families attend or not and action plans will be shared in order to improve attendance.

Missing school has a detrimental impact upon children's wellbeing and academic achievement:

| Period of Absence (Years 1-10) | Rate of Attendance | Equivalent School Missed |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Average 0-1 day missed per 20 days | 95-100% | 0-6 months |
| Average of 5 Days per term | 90% | 1 Year |
| 1 Day Per Week | 80% | 2 Years |
| 1.5 Days a week | 70% | 3 Years |
| 2 Days Per Week | 60% | 4 Years |
| 3 Days per Week | 50% | 6 years |
| 5 Weeks per term | 40% | 5 Years |

Upcoming Events

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| 16.01.19—Y3/4 Step Gymnastics after school club | 24.01.19—Prestolee SCITT open evening 6—8pm |
| 16.01.19—Y3/4 Stone Age visitor in to school | 25.01.19—Y5 Class assembly @ 9am — families welcome |
| 16.01.19—HT welcome meetings t 2.30pm & 5.30pm | 30.1.19—Parents' Forum @ 2.15pm |
| 17.01.19—Y5/6 Boccia after school club starts | 01.02.19—Y4 Class assembly @ 9am — families welcome |
| 17.01.19 - Y5 Seated volleyball competition | |
| 17.01.19— HSA meeting @ 3.00pm | |
| 18.01.19—Y6 class assembly @ 9am —families welcome | |

Parents' Suggestion Box

This week, there will be a suggestion box for parents/carers to contribute their ideas to. If there is anything you think we could be doing or something you would like to see improved, please complete a slip and pop it in the box.

Suggestions will be reviewed by SLT on a regular basis and school responses will be feedback through the school's newsletter.



Y6 Request from Miss Worthington

Y6 are studying Evolution and Inheritance this half term. To help children understand that we inherit characteristics from our parents, we would like them to bring in two photographs. One photograph should be when they were a baby and one photograph should be a recent one of either one or both parents. All photographs need to be brought to school in a sealed, named envelope and will be returned to you.

Y6 Residential 5th—7th June

Nestled in the glorious Eden Valley, the village of Ormside provides the beautiful location for the outdoor centre. Perfectly located between the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales, the rolling hills and glistening lakes will be on our doorstep. A former station on the Settle to Carlisle railway the centre boasts amazing architectural design both inside and out. Having recently undergone a major refurbishment, it now comprises of self-catering kitchen, dining room, games room and modern dormitories.

Working with the centre staff children will be involved in the planning and preparation of their residential. There will be a focus on the outdoors and adventure which will develop communication skills, life skills, team-work and confidence. The programme is tailored specifically to the children's needs and abilities with fun and engaging activities, getting the children out and exploring the outdoors.

Cost: £35

We would love all of our Y6 pupils to enjoy this exciting experience with us, before moving on to Secondary school.

Watch this space for more details! If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Miss Worthington, Mrs Carroll or Mrs Allen.

For more information please visit: <https://www.ormsideeducationcentre.co.uk/>

Prestolee SCITT

We want to develop local talent to become the teachers that go on to change lives in their local community.

Come and meet #teampresto at our Prestolee SCITT @ Merseyside's first Open Evening!

6-8pm on Thursday 24th January 2019

An Outstanding provider of Primary Initial Teacher Training across Merseyside and beyond, our postgraduate training programmes lead to the award of qualified teacher status (QTS) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). Training is designed and delivered across our partner schools by leading practitioners and Leaders of Education.

Our open evening will give you the opportunity to:

- Get tips on making your application the best it can be
- Speak with our ITT team, receive a personalised review and advice
- Have a tour of Roby Park Primary School
- Receive more information on our training packages

If you would like to attend the open evening, please contact

karis.schroeder@prestoleetrust.org

or on 01204335756. Please also don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or if this date isn't convenient for you.

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It is important we can contact you in case of emergencies.***

