



ROBY PARK
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Mr. Hatton's Newsletter

29th February 2016

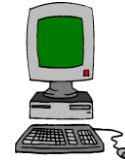


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Attendance Update: up to Friday 26th February 2016



| | Present Marks | Authorised Absences | Unauthorised Absences | % Attendance | Perfect Punctuality |
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| Reception | 213/232 | 3 | 16 | 91.8 | Well done Year 1 - who lost 3 minutes of teaching time due to no pupils being late! |
| Year 1 | 165/168 | 2 | 1 | 98.2 | |
| Year 2 | 215/240 | 7 | 18 | 89.6 | |
| Year 3 | 196/208 | 10 | 2 | 94.2 | |
| Year 4 | 196/204 | 4 | 4 | 96.1 | |
| Year 5 | 204/224 | 12 | 8 | 91.1 | |
| Year 6 | 171/176 | 3 | 2 | 97.2 | |



Well done Year 1! Overall attendance is 95.1% which is in line with our 95% target.

World Book Week - 29 February to 4 March:

We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for World Book Week in school:

- We have a range of authors visiting different classes to work with the children.
- Some classes will be visiting Huyton Library
- School staff will be reading with different classes and sharing their favourite stories with the children.
- Year 5 will be holding a reading themed INSPIRE workshop in the school hall on Wednesday at 9am so all Year 5 parents and carers are very welcome to come along and join in the fun!
- We will be sharing some stories with the children that reflect some current social situations.
- Pupils will be using our Reading blog to discuss their favourite books and characters and leave a review for other people to read!
- We have invited children to donate and read books from our Book Swap which can be found in the Hall - so we can share our favourite stories and encourage each other to read!
- A letter was sent out before the half term break about our Art competition linked to Book Week. Pupils are invited to design a piece of art work, however they wish, using a range of materials based on their favourite book or character. Entries can be sent into school up until Thursday this week. On Friday, our judges will pick two designs from each class and award Art prizes to the children. Good luck everyone!!



Diary Dates:

We have a busy half term coming up in school. I have provided a list below of the key dates that you will need to make a note of. Obviously, more dates will be added as the weeks go on but you will be notified by letter, text and on the school website with plenty of notice.



Spring Half Term 2:



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| 22 nd February 2016 | INSET Day - school closed for pupils |
| 23 rd February 2016 | School Opens |
| 29 th February - 4 th March | Whole School Book Week |
| 2 nd March 2016 | Y5 Reading INSPIRE - 9am Hall St David's Day Assembly |
| 6 th March 2016 | Mothering Sunday |
| 14 th - 18 th March 2016 | Assessment Week for all pupils in Y1 - Y6 |
| 16 th March 2016 | St Patrick's Day Assembly |
| 18 th March 2016 | Sport Relief Fundraising Event |
| 20 th March 2016 | Spring Begins |
| 22 nd March 2016 | 4.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting |
| 24 th March 2016 | Y4 Class Assembly - Easter theme |
| Thursday 24 th March 2016 | School Closes for Easter weekend |
| Tuesday 29 th March 2016 | School Opens after Easter Weekend |
| 30 th March 2016 | Spring Term Attendance Prize Giving |
| 30 th March 2016 | Final Y3 swimming session |
| 31 st March 2016 | Spring Term Parents' Evening 3.15 - 7.00pm |
| 1 st April 2016 | School Closes at 1pm for Spring Break. |

Please be aware of the Easter bank holiday being slightly different this year as the Easter celebrations do not fall in the holidays. The children will have a long weekend off school and are expected back in school at 8.45am on Tuesday 29th March.

Year 6 SATS Assessments:

I would like to remind all Year 6 families that the KS2 SATs Assessments take place each morning in school throughout the **week beginning 9th May**. Attendance is compulsory so the children must be in school every day that week. We will be providing a Breakfast Club for the children that week but more information about this will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 2 SATS Assessments:

Roby Park has been selected by the Department of Education to take part in a reading assessment trial. Our Y2 staff will be supervising these assessments during the first week back after the Spring Break holidays. Therefore, it is very important that all Year 2 children are in school throughout the **week beginning 18th April** so they can complete these assessments.

Knee High Club - Fridays - 9.00-10.30am:

Our parent and toddler group, led by Mrs. Hartley run every Friday for two hours in the school hall. Admission each week is £2.00. Please come along with your child/ren and join in the fun activities and make friends with other parents.



*Have a good week!
Mr Hatton*

We are in the process of applying for the Reading Quality Mark which rewards schools for their commitment to raising standards in reading and promoting reading for pleasure. We have found that pupils enjoy accessing activities online so we have created a Roby Park Reading Blog where children can add book reviews for the school community to read. Have a go at home and support your child with their book review!

The web address is: <http://robyparkbookblog.primaryblogger.co.uk/>

Also, if you are having a sort out at home after Christmas - please feel free to donate any old books that are in good condition to our 'Book Swap Bookcase' in the school hall. We have had many donations so far and the children love borrowing books to take home and read - please help if you can.

School Playground Building Plans:

Have you seen the plans for our new playground designs? We have them on display in our school entrance so feel free to pop in and take a look and let us know what you think!



Y1 Perfect Punctuality:

I would like to give a special mention to our wonderful pupils in Year 1. As parents/carers know we keep a weekly record of the teaching time lost for each class by pupils arriving late to school. Last week we lost **23 hours** of teaching time across the school by children arriving late after 8.50am which is unacceptable. However, not one child was late for school at all in Year 1 last week which is a wonderful achievement and proves that everyone can and should get to school on time! Year 1 received special certificates and a treat today as a reward for this special achievement.



Valentines Discos:



Next week, on Thursday 11th February, we will be holding two Valentines themed discos for the children. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are invited to attend from 3.00-4.30pm for the cost of £2.50 - this will include the cost of refreshments. These children are allowed to wear their disco clothes to school on the day of the disco and should be collected from the main entrance at

4.30pm. Pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 are invited to attend their disco from 5.00-6.30pm for the cost of £1.00. KS2 pupils will come into school in uniform as normal and will be dismissed from school at 3pm as normal. They should be dropped off and collected for the disco at the main entrance. KS2 pupils are allowed to bring their own money to spend on a range of drinks and refreshments.



Year 6 Residential Trip to Conway Centre, Anglesey:

Thank you to those families who have continued to pay for the trip away to the Conway Centre in May. We will be holding a meeting about the trip after the half term holidays to provide you with all the necessary information. Anyone in Y6 who hasn't started paying for the trip yet but would still like to go, please speak to Miss Worthington or the school office.

Sweets:

We are noticing more and more children bringing in sweets as a snack at break times. As a healthy school, a piece of fruit or a cereal bar is much more suitable and easier for children to eat in a short space of time. Sweets are not allowed in school. I would like to point out that chewing gum is banned too as we have had to confiscate packets of gum from some of our older children in recent weeks.



Dogs:



Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on to the school grounds for health and safety reasons. We are having to ask an increasing number of adults to leave the premises as they are walking or carrying dogs on to the playground and outside classrooms. Kindly leave your dogs at home or outside the gates out of respect for the guidance we have to follow. Thank you!