



ROBY PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. Hatton's Newsletter

9th September 2016



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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to a brand new school year! It has been lovely to catch up with the children this week after the summer break and hear all of their news. I must say thank you to our parent/carers for how smart our pupils look in their uniform and I expect this high standard to be maintained throughout the year. We have lots planned over the coming months so please keep up to date with events and information via the school website (www.robyparkprimary.co.uk) or via our Twitter account (@RobyParkSchool).

Entrance and Exit Arrangements:

Thank you for your patience this week as we have settled back into new routines especially those classes who are entering and exiting via different parts of the building.

Early Years - Nursery and Reception Classes:

- Pupils are to line up on the soft play area and will be collected by their teachers each morning.
- Staff will dismiss the children from the classroom doors at the end of the day.
- In the event of bad weather of a morning, the doors will be opened at 8.40am to prevent the children becoming wet and cold.



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Key Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2 Classes:

- As of Monday, pupils will be asked to line up by KS1 staff in two lines outside the KS1 door. This will hopefully provide a smoother handover each morning and the opportunity to pass messages on to staff.
- Years 1 and 2 will be dismissed via the KS1 door at 3pm. I would ask that parents/carers do **not** crowd or block the doorway to ensure a safe handover to parents. Blocking the doorway slows the process down and frustrates all involved. We are using this door as the former Y1 courtyard is no longer suitable to be used as an exit point due to the high volume of pupils and adults in such a small area at busy points of the day.
- In the event of bad weather of a morning, the KS1 doors will be opened at 8.40am to prevent the children becoming wet and cold.



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Key Stage 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Classes:

- Pupils are to line up on the playground at 8.45am and will be collected and taken to class by their class teacher. School staff will be on duty from 8.35am to supervise pupils and if parents need to take a sibling to another part of school to line up, please inform the member of staff on duty that the child is being left so they can be supervised properly.
- Years 3 and 4 pupils will exit school at the end of the day via the Library.
- Years 5 and 6 pupils will exit school at the end of the day via the main entrance and we ask parents/carers to wait on the playground and pupils will be sent to you by school staff.
- In the event of bad weather of a morning, the Library door will be opened at 8.40am to prevent the children becoming wet and cold and provide somewhere dry for them to go.



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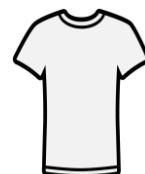
Behaviours For Learning Week:

We have started the year with a special week focusing on learning behaviours. Each class has a 'learning animal' which you may have heard of such as a spider, unicorn or owl which represents a skill the children can draw on to support them with their learning and behaviour. For example, an owl is wise so we become owls as we learn new things and we make sensible decisions with our behaviour. It is important to get our attitudes to learning right at the start of the year to help the pupils grow and develop both academically and socially. You will hear lots more about our learning animals throughout the school year.



PE:

This week the children have been introduced to our new Sports Coach, Miss Thomas. She will be working with a selection of classes this term delivering a varied PE curriculum. Pupils **must** have their PE kits in school as of Monday so that they are prepared for PE lessons each week. Kits **will** remain in school until the end of the half term to ensure that all pupils can participate in PE lessons which is a statutory requirement. Pupils will need trainers/pumps for their PE lessons.



Uniform/Belongings:

I urge all parents/carers to please make sure that your child's uniform especially jumpers, cardigans, PE kits and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name. We find far too many items of clothing left around school that are not labelled which is a shame as parents/carers have spent good money on making sure their child looks smart. We can't help find or locate items of lost clothing if you do not label them!



Pupil Planners:

Our pupils in Year 1 - 6 have been issued with a new planner. Planners are aimed to help build links between home and school and aid organisation. Please ensure that planners are in school every day as teachers use the planners to teach from and your child may be asked to read to a member of staff and this needs to be recorded in their planner. This week parents/carers have been asked to sign the home/school agreement and internet/photograph consent pages of the planner so that we have accurate records in school which help us to safeguard the children correctly - please fill these sections in if you haven't done so already. ***If your child should lose their planner, replacements can be purchased from the office for £3.00.***



Contact Details:

Mrs Rothwell will be updating school records as we begin a new year. It is vitally important that we have up to date telephone numbers for safeguarding reasons and should we need to contact you during the school day if your child was to become unwell or upset. All forms that are sent home must be completed and returned to school. Medical forms must be completed so we have up to date information about specific conditions, allergies or needs so that school can be aware in order to help and support your child. Even if your child has no medical needs, please return the form so that our records are accurate.



School Photographs:

A date for your diary - the school photographer will be in school on the morning of Wednesday 21st September. Individual and family photographs will be taken so please make sure that your child has their full school uniform on so they look as smart as possible and don't be late!



School Coats:



We can now confirm that Roby Park coat samples have arrived in school. Please visit the school office with your child if you wish to try a coat on. The coats cost £20.00 each which must be paid at the time of ordering. Please speak to Mrs Rothwell or Mrs Carroll for further details.



School Dinners:

If your child has moved into Year 3 this year, you may or may not be aware of the school dinner arrangements. Year 3 pupils are not entitled to a free school dinner as the offer is only open to Year 1 and 2 pupils. The cost of school dinners for the week is £8.50 which **must** be paid every Monday. We advise weekly payments so that parents/carers don't run up a high bill. If you need information on how to claim free school meals then please see Mrs Rothwell in the school office for more details.



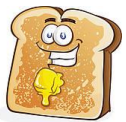
Years 1, 2 and 3 Influenza Vaccination:



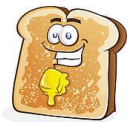
Pupils in Year 1, 2 and 3 will receive the annual influenza nasal spray vaccination on Wednesday 9th November during the school day. Permission forms have been sent home about this and need returning to school ASAP. We do ask that you return your form even if you do not wish for child to receive the vaccination so we have an accurate record for the school health team to work from.



Key Stage 2 Toast Club:



After the successful launch of our Toast Club in the summer term, we will be continuing with Toast Club as of Monday 12th September for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Toast can be purchased for 12p per day or 60p per week which must be sent into school clearly labelled in an envelope for school staff to collect. If any parents/carers are available to help out with preparing the toast of a morning, please pop in and see Mrs Nelson or Mrs Tucker. Alternatively, you can also pass a message on through the school office.



Roald Dahl Day:



On Tuesday 13th September, we will join in with worldwide celebrations to mark the 100th birthday of the brilliant children's author, Roald Dahl. Pupils will take part in art activities, sending birthday cards and writing reviews of their favourite Roald Dahl stories. Key Stage 1 pupils will have a special Roald Dahl themed assembly on Tuesday afternoon and Key Stage 2 pupils will take part in an exciting online show looking at songs, drawings and memories of Roald Dahl.



Attendance and Punctuality:



We have had a wonderful start to the term with regards to attendance and punctuality. We have had 6 classes achieve over 95% attendance and Years 2 and 6 achieved 100% attendance this week which is amazing! We have also received reasons why pupils have been absent which we appreciate to keep our registers accurate and safeguarding actions to a minimum - we thank our parents/carers for that and we expect this to continue for the remainder of the year. We have had very few lates this week as well which has helped our school day and lessons begin in a calm, organised manner which ultimately benefits our pupils' learning. Keep it up!



Knee High Club - Fridays - 9.00am:



Our parent and toddler group, led by Mrs. Hartley begins next week Friday 16th September. The sessions 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 - spread the word and tell your friends and family too!

