

Dear Parents and Carers,

The year seems to be shooting past. It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were basking in the summer heat and wishing you a good holiday and now we are fast approaching Christmas!

There are lots of events as always and we have listed lots of the specific Christmas events separately. Please look out for letters and check the school website for the most up to date news and information. We are particularly excited about the upcoming theatre visits. Please check out the dates to see when your child is going. There will be no charge for these visits.

Mrs D Hunt.

Queen's Tree

As a memorial to Queen Elizabeth II, Roberts Primary School have planted a small tree in our KS1 playground. Some of our Eco Council joined staff in a small ceremony we held to plant the tree.



We are hoping that it shows off its spectacular foliage in the Queen's colour of purple next year.

Children have also put together a book celebrating how the Queen might have followed our Roberts Charter.

Handy Helpers

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! We are looking to start our Handy Helpers group again. They were a small group of parents who organised our fantastic Summer Fayres as well as discos and lots of other things throughout the year.

Come along to a meeting to find out what we do:

Wednesday 30th November at 6pm. Please meet at the main school entrance.



Parking

As you know, Robert Street and the surrounding roads can get very busy at the start and end of the school day. If we could politely ask you to be careful when parking or driving away after dropping your children off and when you are turning around. Could we also ask that you are considerate to our neighbours and not block their driveways.

For the latest up to date information, please check our website



www.robertsprimary.org.uk

Attendance and Lateness

Our current school attendance is 94%. Government guidelines say that attendance is good if it is above 96%. External classroom doors will open 5 minutes before the allocated start time and will close 5 minutes after the allocated start time. Any child arriving after this time is classed as late.

Well done to Reception Red, Red 1, Yellow 1 and Blue 5 who have all won our trophy for the best attendance over a week. Particularly well done to Yellow 3 who have won the attendance trophy 3 times!

Gold certificates have also been given out to children who have not had any time off school last half term. Children with attendance above 96% have received a silver certificate and those with attendance above 90% have a bronze certificate.

Please encourage your children to come to school as much as possible and make sure that they are on time.

Year 6 Bully4U

Loudmouth Theatre Company brought their Bully Buster superheroes in to help our Year 6 children learn about bullying and the 5 ways to wellbeing. Through drama and workshops, the production helped our Year 6 to identify a range of bullying types, including cyberbullying and helped them to understand the impact bullying can have and the importance of mental wellbeing. They also told Year 6 about how and where they could get help.



INSET Days

Please check the list below for the rest of our INSET days for this academic year:

- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 24th July 2023
- Tuesday 25th July 2023

Please remember that we close on Friday 16th December at normal time and **children are due back in on Wednesday 4th January 2023.**

Termly Dates

w.b. 14.11.22 Anti-Bullying Week (Reach Out)

18.11.22	Children in Need
23.11.22	School Council Meeting
25.11.22	Yellow 4 Assembly
28.11.22	Houses of Parliament Visit
29.11.22	Year 5 Theatre Visit - Nativity the Musical
30.11.22	Year 6 Theatre Visit - Nativity the Musical
02.12.22	Reception Theatre Visit - The Bear
07.12.22	Year 3 and 4 Theatre Visit - The Snow Queen
09.12.22	Year 3 Christmas Story
13.12.22	Year 2 Theatre Visit - The Bear
14.12.22	Year 1 Theatre Visit - The Bear
16.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.22	Christmas Sing-a-Long
16.12.22	Christmas Parties



Christmas Holiday: 19th December 2022 - 2nd January 2023
Tuesday 3rd January - INSET Day (School Closed)

Nursery Applications

Please note that the closing date for applications for children wanting to start Nursery at Roberts in September 2023 is Sunday 15th January 2023. For more information, please check our website or see a member of our office staff.

Christmas is Coming!

Lots of activities for the Christmas season beginning with:

- ★ Our children's Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 7th December.
- ★ Year 3 are visiting one of our local churches on the 9th December to find out more about the Christmas story.

KS1 take part in their Christmas production on the afternoons of :

- ★ Wednesday 7th December, 2.15-3.15pm (Blue 1 and Blue 2)
- ★ Thursday 8th December, 2.00-3.00pm (Red 1 and Red 2)
- ★ Friday 9th December, 2.30-3.30pm (Yellow 1 and Yellow 2)

Reception will be singing Christmas songs with parents/carers invited to come and join in:

- ★ Monday 5th December, 2.00-3.00pm (Reception Red)
- ★ Tuesday 6th December, 2.15-3.15pm (Reception Blue)
- ★ Wednesday 7th December, 2.30-3.30pm (Reception Yellow)

Nursery will hold a Christmas crafts session for parents on Wednesday 14th December.

And finally on the last day, Friday 16th December, we will be going all out Christmas!

- ★ Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper.
- ★ It is also party day for all children.
- ★ And children can also join in with our Christmas Sing-a-Long.



Safeguarding at Roberts

Roberts Primary School is committed to the safeguarding of all of the children in our school. If we have any concerns with regard to your child's safeguarding we have a duty of care to raise these with the relevant agencies if and when they arise.

If you wish for your child to be collected by somebody other than yourself, please let the office know by 1pm or as soon as possible. As the winter nights are upon us, please make sure you are aware of your child's location at all times.

As always, should you feel concerned or worried about anything, please contact us and we will be happy to help you. Myself and Mr Hughes are usually on the playgrounds most mornings before and after school.

Year 3 Lower Gornal Walk

Year 3 had a great time in their Geography lesson when they had a walk into their local urban village centre. Their new learning has been based around what 'urban' and 'rural' is. To investigate the local area they live in, Year 3 had a lovely walk down to the village centre. They kept a look out for human features, such as pubs, shops and churches, whilst walking. They even looked out for transport and people to see how busy the local area was.



Year 3 were thrilled when lorries kept honking their horns at them to say hello!



Dogs

Some of our children are very scared of dogs and for that reason we ask that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds. Please help us with this matter by waiting outside of the school gates.



Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Little Wandle phonic sessions. Roberts now use the Little Wandle scheme to teach phonics. More details and resources that will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters can be found on our website.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

