

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always last half term was busy with lots of exciting events happening including netball and football matches, class trips and discos. There is plenty more to come next half term with Native American dancing and Year 5 going off to the Pioneer Centre!

Can I remind you that myself, my Deputy and all of my staff are on hand should you feel concerned or worried about anything.

## Dudley Cross Country Championships

12 children from Roberts took part in this year's Dudley Primary Cross Country Championships. The children had to complete 2 and a half laps of the field at the Summerhill School - nearly 2.5km of running. We did really well with our fastest runners coming in 11th for the girls and 37th for the boys. Our overall positions were 14th for the girls and 10th for the boys. This gave us an overall position of 12th out of 27 schools. With over 300 children competing, we are really proud of these results. Well done to all.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This year the children and staff at Roberts Primary School really embraced the theme of 'Let's Connect'. We learned about the importance of connecting with other people inside and outside of school and had time to explore what this meant to us as individuals. Some classes learnt about famous people that have changed the world by connecting with others, for example Marcus Rashford, Louis Braille and Anne Frank. We gathered ideas on how we can connect with others more simply by saying hello to people, speaking to someone new or asking how a friend is feeling. As a school all of the classes were involved in exciting activities which enabled different year groups to really drill down to why it is important to stay connected.



## Attendance

Well done to Yellow 3 who have managed to have good attendance all year round so far.

We are constantly monitoring attendance. If your child's attendance is below 90% and does not improve significantly, you will receive a letter from us. Please work with us on improving our whole school attendance. Being late is a big reason for lots of children having low attendance. School starts at 8.45 am (Red classes), 9.00am (Blue classes) and 9.15am (Yellow classes). Doors open 5 minutes before and close 5 minutes after these times. If your child arrives after these times, they will need to go to the main school office and be signed in as late.

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

## Year 5 Native American Workshop

Our Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Georgina Varney who led a workshop covering Native Americans. The children learnt the struggle that the different tribes faced when they were displaced from their homeland. A discussion took place to try and imagine the struggle this would have caused and the feelings associated with it.

The class got to see an authentic Native American headdress adorned with feathers and intricate beadwork. The children designed their own headband using images associated with Native Americans.



## KS1 Dance

Year 2 were visited by Vivian Gayle, a professional dancer who has performed in West End shows and on TV. The children explored African motifs, which were developed into a routine linked to music from the Lion King. They looked at contrasting animal movements, incorporating high and low levels of movement and speed. The children had great fun putting their routine together.

Year 1 took part in a special Indian dance session. With a visiting specialist dance teacher, the children learnt some traditional Bollywood dance moves and worked together to learn a whole Bollywood dance. They even learnt some facts about India, such as the capital city is New Delhi. Everyone had a great experience and practised their Year 1 dance skills.



### Termly Dates

01.03.23	Secondary Year 7 intake decision emails
01.03.23	Roberts v Milking Bank Football Match (home)
02.03.23	World Book Day
02.03.23	Year 5 and 6 Netball Engage Event
02.03.23	Broadway Halls Visit
02.03.23	World Book Day Discos: KS1 (6-7pm), KS2 (7.15-8.15pm)
03.03.23	Gold Book Praise Assembly
06.03.23	Open the Book Assembly
07.03.23	Roberts v Priory Football Match (home)
08.03.23	Year 3 Kinver Visit
09.03.23	Year 4 Health and Hygiene
09.03.23	Year 6 Relationships
09.03.23	Roberts v Straits Netball Match
09.03.23	5.30pm: Handy Helpers Meeting
10.03.23	Year 5 - Native American Dancing
13.03.23	Paul Willmott Assembly
15.03.23	Red Nose Day: Red 1-6 Dance Off
16.03.23	Nursery: Mother's Day
	Red Nose Day: Blue 1-6 Dance Off
16.03.23	School Council Meeting
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
	Red Nose Day: FS/Yellow 1-6 Dance Off
17.03.23	Yellow 1 Assembly
20.03.23	Georgina Varney Assembly
22.03.23	Year 6 Samba Drumming
22.03.23	Parent's Evening
23.03.23	Year 2 RAF Cosford Visit
23.03.23	Parent's Evening
24.03.23	Red 2 Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Pioneer Centre Visit
28.03.23	Nursery: Adventure Street
28.03.23	DPA: Come and Play
29.03.23	Year 1: Black Country Living Museum Visit
30.03.23	Nursery Easter Crafts
	KS2 DPA: Planet Jazz
31.03.23	Yellow 6 Assembly

**Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023**

## Safeguarding at Roberts

If you do not feel safe at school or are worried about somebody else at school, you must speak to an adult you can trust. Mrs Hunt, Mrs Ratledge and Mr Hughes are responsible for safeguarding in the school. Miss Burns is responsible for safeguarding at Brightsparks.

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

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



[www.robertsprimary.org.uk](http://www.robertsprimary.org.uk)

## INSET Days and Holidays

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

- Monday 24th July 2023
- Tuesday 25th July 2023

At Easter, children finish at normal time on Friday 31st March and the Easter holiday is until Friday 14th April.

There are 2 bank holidays next half term, Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May 2023.

Holidays for the rest of the year are:

May Half Term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June .

Our last day for the Summer term is Friday 21st July 2023.

Please keep checking our website for all current dates.

## Maths Championships

Our KS2 teams were very excited on their journey to Priory Primary School to take part in the maths championships. We were up against other primary schools and had 6 rounds of hard questions to get through. Our Year 3 and 4 team managed to get through to the finals!

Well done to all those who took part.



## Kids That Rock - Guitar Workshop

Year 4 pupils experienced the 'Kids That Rock' guitar workshop and had a fantastic time. The children learnt about the origins of rock and roll music, whilst learning to play some simple tunes on the acoustic guitar. The children enjoyed taking part and learning a brand-new skill.



## Nail Varnish and Earrings

Could we remind you nail varnish and fake nails are not part of school uniform. Our school policy is also that children whose ears have been pierced should wear one set of studs which must be removed for games, PE and swimming.