

Welcome back.

Thank you for all of your support in helping us start the new academic year well. It is so good to see all of your children back and many eager to start the new term. I do hope that the children have settled well into their new class. Some children do take a little more time to settle in to the new routine than others so please don't be alarmed if this is the case. Can we please ask you to continue to support us in bringing as little as possible between home and school. Children should only need to bring their water bottles, lunchboxes and reading books. If your child is in an after school sport club they are given time to change into their P.E. kit before and after their session. If Year 6 swimmers could bring their kit in a plastic bag or small drawstring bag that would also help us out. If you have more than one child starting at the same time, please make sure that they each come in through their own classroom doors. Myself, my Deputy and all of my staff are on hand should you feel concerned or worried about anything. Please contact us and we will be happy to help you. No matter how trivial you feel the question is, please ask. You can usually find us on the playground before and after school.

Nut Allergies

Please may we remind all parents and carers that Roberts Primary School is a nut free school. We have a number of children in school who suffer from nut allergies and therefore, in order to keep them safe there must be no nut products brought into school. Please check all items put into lunch boxes for nut allergy advice. Thank you.



Reception - Pirate Day

Last year's Reception have enjoyed their pirate topic last term. A part of this was a fun packed day that involved a treasure hunt, walking the plank, making and racing pirate ships, painting pirate posters to get people to join our crew, as well as making eye patches, pirate hats and a hook for their hand. Reception enjoyed reading a book called, 'Sammy, the Seasick Pirate'.

The children particularly enjoyed all the pirate themed activities and had a pirate day where they all dressed up as pirates.



Queen Elizabeth II

We were all very saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth. The Department for Education have announced that all **schools will be closed on Monday 19th September** as this will be a Bank Holiday to mark Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral.

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

School closes at normal time on Friday 21st October for October half term and reopens on Monday 31st October 2022.

Year 5 Pioneer Centre Residential Visit

At the start of last term, Year 5 pupils got the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Pioneer Centre in Shropshire. They participated in a range of adventurous activities including caving, climbing and raft building. The pupils demonstrated cooperation, resilience and courage throughout the visit and they all enjoyed giving the various activities a go. The staff at the Pioneer Centre highly praised our pupils' behaviour and attitude. The teaching staff from school reported the year group was a pleasure to take away and they represented the school with great pride.

Our current Year 5 will have the opportunity to go in March 2023.



Attendance

We know that there might be lots of valid reasons for your child being away from school. The Government classes good attendance as being 96% and above. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as being persistently absent. Children arriving more than 5 minutes after their allocated start time are classed as late. They will need to be signed in at the main school office by a parent, carer or adult and a reason for their lateness given.

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. Being late can also have an impact on your child's attendance figures.

If we have concerns about your child's attendance, we will notify you of this, continue to monitor their attendance and work with you to help improve this.

Termly Dates

13.09.22	Year 6 Swimming begins
15.09.22	School Council Meeting
19.09.22	After School Clubs start
05.10.22	Year 6: Bully4U
07.10.22	Red 6 Assembly
11.10.22	Year 1/2/3 Parent's Evening (phone)
12.10.22	Vaccination UK (Rec - Year 6)
12.10.22	Year 4/5/6 Parent's Evening (phone)
13.10.22	Parent's Evening (in school)
14.10.22	Red 3 Assembly
20.10.22	Year 5 Pioneer Centre - 2nd instalment due (£70)
20.10.22	School Council Meeting
21.10.22	Red 5 Assembly

Half term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022

Assemblies

We are bringing back our whole school assemblies and have just taken part in our first school assembly with all of the children from Years 2 to 6 in since 2020!

Paul Willmott and Pete Wright from Springs Church came in and spoke about losing and finding things. Paul also reminded us about Twist's website and a new game that you can find there. Have a look at www.twistonline.co.uk for more details.



School Uniform

It is good to see all children back in their bright red and yellow uniform. Please remember that jewellery, apart from watches and one pair of stud earrings, should not be worn for school. Can we ask that children wear plain white, red or grey socks rather than patterned ones. Nail varnish should not be worn to school either and we do not approve of extreme hairstyles which include dyed hair and tramlines/designer patterns in shaved heads. Please save these works of art for holiday time.



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 your child's safeguarding, we have a duty of care to raise these with the relevant agencies if and when they arise.

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. Our latest Safeguarding Policy is available for you to view on the school website.

Year 1 and 2 - Dancing

Year 1 and 2 finished last term off in style with Indian dancing from Year 1 and African dancing from Year 2.

Year 1 learnt step by step and the children were able to perform many traditional actions and movements in an Indian style of dancing.

Year 2 were also visited by a professional dancer who has worked in the West End and led them in an African Dance workshop.



Dudley Performing Arts

Last term, members of our school choir from Year 4 and 5 had the opportunity to join in with other schools from the region to take part in a live stream, recorded from Resonance, a new purpose-built music studio in Brierley Hill. The event was co-ordinated between Dudley Performing Arts and Bring the Power as part of the build-up to the Commonwealth Games. The children had a great time performing with a live band and seeing inside a studio. We hope to be back there again next year for more music projects!



If you would like to learn an instrument, get in touch with Mr Charlton or Mrs O'Shaughnessy in the school office who can point you in the direction of what DPA can offer.

For the latest up to date information, please check our **NEW** website www.robertsprimary.org.uk

