

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.

Children should only need to bring to school their water bottles, lunchboxes and reading books so there is no need for them to bring in bags or rucksacks. 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 5 swimmers could bring their kit in a plastic bag or small drawstring bag that would also help us out.

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.

Year 5 and 6 Cricket Tournament

10 children from Year 5 and 6 at Roberts attended a cricket tournament at Stourbridge Cricket Club along with 16 other primary schools. The beginning of each game started off well and Roberts consistently won rock, paper scissors to choose bowling and fielding or batting first! By the last game Roberts had really warmed up with bowlers taking wickets, fielders making stunning catches and our batters hitting fours and sixes.



Nut Allergies

Roberts Primary School is a nut free school. There are 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.



INSET Days

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

- Friday 22nd December 2023
- Monday 22nd July 2024

There are 2 further INSET days to be announced. School closes at normal time on Friday 27th October for October half term and reopens on Monday 6th November 2023.

Year 3 and 4 Maths Championships - Final!

The finals of the Maths Championships had finally arrived. Roberts had successfully navigated their way to the grand final after securing a place in the heats in February. The team were eager to show off their maths skills against 11 other schools. Roberts achieved second place, well done, amazing!



Health and Safety

Please help keep children safe at Roberts at all times. Roberts ask that children do not ride scooters or bikes on the school grounds so that they don't bump into other children. If children are using any of the school playground equipment before or after school, they need to be fully supervised by parents or carers. However, because of its height, please ensure children do not use the climbing frame outside of Year 5 before or after school. There are a number of children who are frightened of dogs and school asks that parents follow the signs and do not bring dogs on to the school premises. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Well-Being Ambassadors

Some of the wellbeing ambassadors visited a local primary school to continue their journey to becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. The message running through the day was 'Young people can change the world!'



Termly Dates

- 10.10.23 Year 1 Indian Dance
- 10.10.23 5.30pm: Year 6 SATs Meeting
- 11.10.23 Year 2 African Dance
- 11.10.23 4-6pm: Rec Blue/Yellow/Red 2 Parent's Evening
- w.b. 16.10.23 Send Harvest Produce into School
- 17.10.23 Year 6 Bully 4 U
- 17.10.23 2pm: Reception Red Phonics Workshops
- 17.10.23 4-6pm: Parent's Evening
- 18.10.23 2.15pm: Reception Blue Phonics Workshops
- 19.10.23 2.30pm: Reception Yellow Phonics Workshops
- 20.10.23 Blue 3 Assembly
- 20.10.23 Tag Rugby Tournament
- 26.10.23 5.30-7.30pm: Parent's Evening
- 27.10.23 Red 6 Assembly
- Half Term: Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023**
- 08.11.23 Reception - Handwashing Workshop
- 10.11.23 Blue 5 Assembly
- w.b. Anti-Bullying Week 2023:
- 13.11.23 Make a Noise About Bullying
- 13.11.23 Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Odd Socks Day
- 14.11.23 School Photographs (individuals and siblings)
- 17.11.23 Children in Need
- 17.11.23 Year 4: Let's Rock (Guitar)
- 20.11.23 Vaccination UK (Catch Up Session)
- 20.11.23 Houses of Parliament Visit
- 20.11.23 Year 4 Sparks Visit
- 23.11.23 School Council Meeting
- 24.11.23 Yellow 2 Assembly
- 01.12.23 Yellow 4 Assembly
- 12.12.23 2.15pm: Reception Red Christmas Performance
- 13.12.23 2.30pm: Reception Blue Christmas Performance
- 14.12.23 2.45pm: Reception Yellow Christmas Performance
- 15.12.23 Year 3 Christmas Journey
- 18.12.23 9.30am/1pm: Nursery Christmas Crafts
- 19.12.23 Year 1 Theatre Visit
- 20.12.23 Year 2 Theatre Visit
- 22.12.23 INSET Day (school closed)

Christmas: Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024

Safeguarding at Roberts

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

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

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.

Don't forget that children need their P.E. kits in school - Yellow T-shirt, red shorts, black plimsolls and plain black tracksuit bottoms or jogging trousers for when it is cold outside. If you have any problems in buying a P.E. kit, please see Mrs Hunt.

Year 3 Chinese Dance

Last year's Year 3 were lucky enough to take part in some Chinese Dragon dancing. Some of the children used fans, some used parasols and some operated the dragon! The children learned the dance then put it together with the props, performing consecutively in their groups.



Attendance

There might be lots of valid reasons for a child being away from school. The Government classes good attendance as being 96% and above. If a child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as being persistently absent. Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on academic progress and achievement.

Children arriving more than 5 minutes after their allocated start time are classed as late and will need to be signed in at the main school office by a parent, carer or adult and a reason for their lateness given. School begins at 8.45am for Red classes, 9.00am for Blue classes and 9.15am for Yellow classes. The end of the school day is 3.00pm for Red classes, 3.15pm for Blue classes and 3.30pm for Yellow classes. Doors will be open 5 minutes either side of these times. Being late will also have an impact on your child's attendance figures.

If school has concerns about your child's attendance, you will be notified you of this. Attendance will continue to be monitored and assistance will be offered to help improve this.

