



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to school, and to our first newsletter of the new school year. The children have returned to school looking smart and smiley! We are looking forward to a great first half term. We will send out regular newsletters to keep you informed of all that goes on at school including trips, events and dates for your diary and we hope you will find a few minutes to read through it. Newsletters are sent out via email and are also on our website.

The newsletter has information on future events which is regularly updated (there may be date changes from time-to-time) but we try to avoid this as much as possible.

Please keep the date sheet at the back of the newsletter and watch out for text messages to update you on events. It is important we have up to date contact details for you. We will be sending home the contact forms so you can fill in all your up to date details.

We welcome new staff members across the school Mrs Dare (Y4), who has moved across from Grange Primary, Mr Bowers (Reception), Mr Foster (Y1) and Miss Harris (Y3). We hope you settle in well at Robinswood and enjoy being part of the community.

PE lessons

PE lessons will have started this week and children will need to bring their PE kit to school. PE Kit is black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts, a school PE –shirt in the house colour and trainers.

Friends of Robinswood Primary School

If any new Reception parents or carers would like to join the Friends of Robinswood Primary School please drop into the school office. Similarly, if any parents from any other year group would like to join then drop in too. We need new members to keep up our fund raising efforts and to help out at events.

Parent helpers

Do you have some time each week where you could come and support in the classroom with reading? If you would be interested in a regular commitment to helping hear children read or practise their sounds throughout the day. This would be subject to a DBS check. Many thanks.

Fundraising for our Pantomime Trip







We would love the opportunity to take the whole school, from Reception up to Year 6 to watch the pantomime at the Everyman theatre on Friday 25th November. In order to keep the cost of the trip down, we are fundraising to pay for the coaches, which is the most expensive part of the trip. Our first fundraiser is....Soak the Teacher!

Please meet us on the KS2 playground to pay £1 to throw wet sponges at the teachers on Tuesday 27th September after school. We can't wait to see you!

NEWSLETTER



Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	 6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	 7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it
12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
 26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
			29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are	 	

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ATTENDANCE



Our whole school target is to have all our children in school 100%.

We are so excited to see so many children in school on time. The more time your child spends in school the better their progress will be.

As we enter a new academic year, please can I remind you of our School Attendance Policy. The full policy can be found on our website or a paper copy can be requested from the school office.

Illness

If your child is absent from school, please leave a message on **01452 530430 Option 1**, before 9:15am. Alternatively, you can email attendance@robinswood.academy. Please state your child’s name, class and reason for absence. If your child is going to be absent for a period of time, you must keep the school updated every other day.

Late Arrivals

Children arriving after the registration period has closed, i.e. after 9:20am, will be marked as an unauthorised absence unless there is a reason given that is deemed acceptable by the Head of School. Ten or more unauthorised late marks within a ten-week period will lead to parents/carer being invited in for an Attendance Improvement Meeting with the Attendance Officer, which could lead to a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

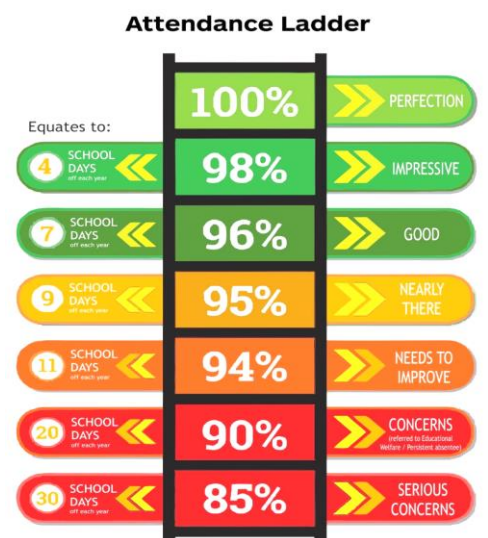
Appointments

Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours wherever possible. If an appointment falls within a school day, please bring your child in before and afterwards - if time allows - enabling your child to get their morning/afternoon mark on the register. You must provide evidence of these appointments to the school otherwise, we will be unable to authorise them.

Holidays

Holidays during term-time will not be authorised unless the Head of School deems there to be an exceptional circumstance. A Holiday Request Form must be completed and returned to school before the holiday is taken. Forms can be collected from the School Office. Holidays will be recorded as unauthorised which can lead to the Local Authority issuing a Penalty Notice without warning. Penalty Notices are issued per parent/per child. This is currently £60, rising to £120 if it is not paid within a 21-day period. For example, if you have two children, you will be charged a total of £240.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please come and speak to Mrs Andrews, our Attendance Officer, or alternatively any member of the Inclusion Team who can support you.



Roles and Responsibilities

The vote for House Captains was made last week and with over twenty children campaigning, the decision was a challenging one for our young voters! The House Captains are as follows, huge congratulations to everyone:

Holst – Blue	Rowling - Yellow	Stokes- Red	Wilson- Green
Sienna W	Thomas W	Brayden B	Leah B
Riko	Darcy	Isabelle R	Joe D

We look forward to seeing the children in their roles and being role models for their peers.

Other roles and responsibilities that the staff will be working with the children on are:

- School councilors (Year 1 to Year 6 representatives voted for by each class)
- Poddies (Years 5 designated helpers to organize the Play Pod equipment and support play with their peers)
- Y6 Associate Board Members (ABMs) These children work with our Board of Trustees to monitor education across our school.
- Librarians (Years 4 to manage the books on offer and ensure our library runs smoothly)
- Digital Leaders (Y6 to support their younger peers in Computing)
- Sports Leaders (Y6 to support their younger peers during play times and lunch times.)

School council representatives

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Felicity & Xzavier Nassir & Hallie	Jax & Eden Anna & George	Aaliyah & Javan Isaiah & Harry	Bonnie-Rae & Anthony Shelby & Denley	Harrison & Leigha-Mai Max & Laicey	Aleesha & Alfie Tobias & Albert Bonnie & Oliver

Pre-School

This week the children have been busy exploring the pre-school environment. It has been lovely meeting all our new Parents, Carers and extended family members. The children are beginning to settle and build relationships with their class and staff. We cannot wait to share more new learning experience this term. Our topic is 'This is Me!'



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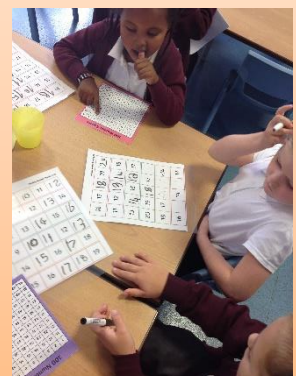
Reception

We would like to welcome our new Reception children and parents to our Robinswood family. They have been busy making new friends, learning about our school and even staying for lunch! Well done Reception.



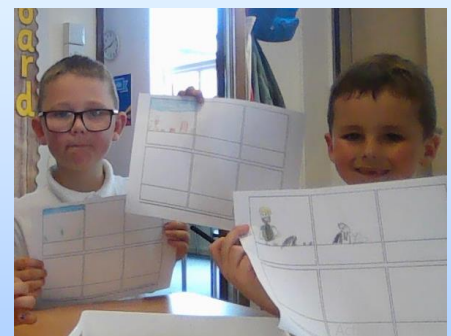
Year 1

Elm and Teak class have settled in very well to Year 1. We have had fun exploring our new continuous provision activities and using the outdoor area. In Maths, we have been focussing on number and counting to and within 20. We can represent numbers using tens frames, number lines, chalk and objects.



Year 2

What an amazing first week back in year 2! It has been incredible to see how hard everyone is working in all areas of the curriculum – Well done!



Year 3

Birch and Hazel Class enjoyed an adventure walk to Robinswood Hill. This was as part of their learning in writing. They explored vocabulary describing the woods and will use this to write setting descriptions.



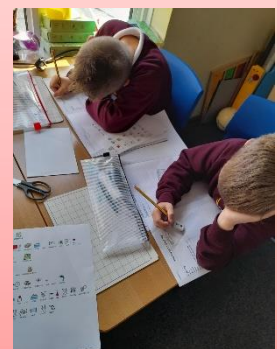
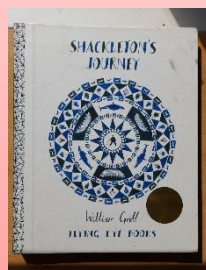
Year 4

Year 4 are learning about respect and working as a team. We are reading a brand new book in writing and have created our own stories. In Maths, we are looking at 4 digit numbers and solving lots of problems. We have been practising working together and playing bench-ball, as some of us are going to represent the school against other schools. We are learning about the digestive system in science and are getting very messy making our own digestive system. We are looking at the artist Jacob Lawrence and looking at his work all to do with painting the everyday lives of black African American people.



Year 5

Year 5 have been studying Shackleton's Journey. We have been writing a short historical story that looks at what might happen on their expedition to Antarctica. The children have been using dictionaries and thesauri to develop their vocabulary and make their writing more interesting.



Year 6

Year six have had a busy week back and we are so proud of the way they have started their final year at Primary School- clearly feeling ready to be top of the school. Maths got practical and the children loved writing on the tables! We also enjoyed heading back to Forest School this week.



Are you a parent of a child with SEND?

Join us for coffee and cake on this **TUESDAY 20th September** at 2pm (please note the change of day)



This is led by two staff members who are also parents of children with SEND.

This will be a chance to ...

- ☐ meet other parents
- ☐ share ideas
- ☐ understand common difficulties and share success stories
- ☐ listen to guest speakers
- ☐ find out how best to help your child
- ☐ find out about local SEND provision

Next meeting: Monday 3rd October



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Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Monday 19 th September BANK HOLIDAY	School Closed for Queen's Funeral
Tuesday 20 th September	Reception Parent's session in classrooms 8:40-9:30
Wednesday 21 st September	Y6 Netball Festival
Thursday 22 nd September	Y6 Swimming (every week until Christmas holidays)
Monday 26 th September	Clarinet teacher (Y4 every week until 21 st November)
Tuesday 27 th September (9:00am)	Year 1 & 2 Parent's Meeting (bottom hall) Individual school photographs Fundraiser-Soak the Teacher (after school on KS2 playground)
Monday 3 rd October	SEND parent's group 2-3pm
Monday 10 th October	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day Wear something yellow for £1 donation
Wednesday 12 th October	Harvest assembly-Y2 parents invited-9:10 a.m Y6 assembly-parents invited -10 am
Friday 14 th October	Open afternoons-parents can visit children's classrooms to look at their work. 1:30- parents with more than one child's class to visit 2pm-parents with one child to visit
Monday 17 th October	Dance Workshops with Mrs Reid SEND parent's group 2-3pm Start of Black History month
Tuesday 18 th October	Dance Workshops with Mrs Reid PARENTS EVENING-more details to follow
Wednesday 19 th October	PARENTS EVENING-more details to follow
Thursday 20 th October	BEST assembly (some parents of children receiving certificates will be secretly invited) Wear something red to school (no donation needed) 'Give Racism the Red Card!' day of awareness
Friday 21 st October	Teachers INSET day – No children in school.
Monday 24 th – 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Teachers INSET day – No children in school.
Tuesday 1 st November	Back to School
Tuesday 8 th November	Year 2 visit to the Redwood Centre
Monday 14 th November	Wear odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week
Thursday 17 th November	Cross Country
Friday 25 th November	Pantomime trip-Reception, Year 1 to Year 6
29 th , 30 th November and 1 st December	Nasal Flu vaccinations

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Friday 16 th December	Last day before Christmas holidays
Monday 19 th December– Monday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3 rd January	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Back to School
Friday 27 th January 2023	Young Voices concert in Birmingham