



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/carers

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...and the children at school are so excited! The children have been preparing for Christmas by planning and practising their Christmas productions, preparing to take part in the Christingle at St Katherine's Church and taming naughty elves in their classrooms. Hopefully, everyone has seen when the Christmas shows are for all year groups. Please check the dates page on the newsletter and Class Dojo to ensure that you don't miss anything!

Please ensure your children have their gloves, hats, jumpers and coats named as there have been a few misplaced items recently and it makes it extremely difficult to reunite the lost clothes with their owners if they are unnamed.

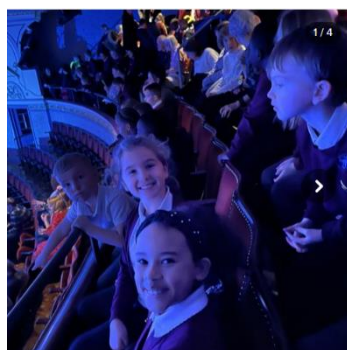
Just a reminder that Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day for the staff. The school will reopen to the children on **Wednesday 4th January**. So until then, stay safe and have a very Merry Christmas and New Year from us all at Robinswood Primary School!

Pantomime

The children had a great time watching Dick Whittington at the theatre last week. Mr Bowers became the unexpected star of the show and was brought on to the stage, much to the delight of Ash class! The children behaved impeccably and were proud representatives of our school.

Thank you to everyone who has paid in full or made a donation towards the cost of the pantomime. ParentPay remains open to anyone wanting to make a payment.

A HUGE 'Thank you' to Culture Matson and GL4 Communities for supporting us with funding to cover the cost of the coaches. The children and staff had a wonderful time.



ATTENDANCE

Holidays

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Please note that we now request penalty notices from the Local Authority. The fine can be as much as £120 per child, per parent. If it is unpaid, this can lead to prosecution through the Courts.



Registers/Lates

With the school day moving forward, the time the register closes will soon be moving forward to 9am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as unauthorised. Ten of these in a ten-week period can result in prosecution through the Local Authority.

Children start to learn the minute they arrive in the classroom. When children arrive late, they are missing vital input from the teacher. This can start your child's day off badly and is disruptive for the rest of the class.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Did you know that the school can claim extra funding for your child? For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You will receive an instant response as to whether you are entitled to free school meals once you have submitted your claim. All you need is your National Insurance Number and a current email address. Please apply online, it takes less than 5 minutes:

<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal>

Pre-School

This term we have been thinking about fireworks some of the children shared they had watched fireworks in the sky and out of the window. We watched a firework display on the board. I thought this would be a good opportunity to explore powder paint and water to make our own firework display. We looked at how the colours changed when mixed in the water and extended our learning in the outdoor environment.

The children sprinkled the powder paint into the water, and watched as the colours expanded and changed.



Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely time during the Really Wild Reading Festival. We met Charlotte Middleton and Mini Grey in our classrooms and we have two virtual author sessions too. We loved creating a large Christopher illustration with Charlotte Middleton and learning all about her inspiration for her stories.



Reception

Reception have been focusing on the text Supertato this term. The children have used the book to support with many areas of learning such as Literacy, Maths, Physical Development and Expressive Arts and Design.

The children used their phonic knowledge to describe Supertato and after the classrooms were invaded by the Evil Pea the children created a wanted poster describing what the Evil Pea looked like in the hope he would be found. He had been getting up to lots of mischief!

The children also created traps both inside in outside hoping that the Evil Pea could be caught.



Year 2

In Science, we have been working really hard on 'Animals including humans'. We have been thinking very carefully about what we need to survive. Then we discussed what we need to make us happy- the children had some amazing ideas. We made posters to show what we had learned.



Year 3



Birch and Hazel class had a great time at the Panto, getting involved in the dancing, singing and shout outs. We definitely want to visit again in 2023.....oh no we don't! Oh yes we do!

Year 4

The children have been super busy this term. They have been wowing us with their maths, doing their times tables and addition. We had fun in writing when we had to make a fish pie, following a recipe then writing our own. We enjoyed listing to the different authors that came and visited us and this inspired many of us to write our own stories. In Science, we made raisins dance! We are now preparing for our Christmas shows and celebrations by doing lots of singing.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed 2 trips over the past couple of weeks which have helped them with their Geography and their writing.

Our first trip was to the Forest of Dean where we looked at a temperate forest. As well as looking at the nature around us, we also followed the sculpture trail and marvelled at some wonderful pieces of Art. When we returned to school, we wrote a fabulous recount.

Our second trip was to the Living Rainforest in Newbury. In the morning, we explored the created rainforest, making a note of the questions we wanted to know more about. In the afternoon, we were given a guided tour around the rainforest, where we could ask some of our questions to our wonderful guide.



Year 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from our local School Beat Police officer (Candice Palmer) who taught the children about the importance of being safe online. The workshop covered several key topics: PEGI ratings for gaming; the impact of social media; secure password selection and online safety scenarios. She was very impressed with their maturity, engagement and knowledge base throughout the session and is looking forward to returning later in the year.



Junior school council members really enjoyed their opportunity to visit the Sea Bin in Gloucester Docks last Thursday. We collaborated with Young Gloucester and the building communities project to take some time to learn about plastics in the environment. We got stuck in and helped empty and record the contents of the day. Our aim is that we can share our ideas about recycling with the Phoenix Alliance and eventually introduce some more opportunities to be eco-friendly within our school.



A selection of Year 4's had a great opportunity to attend a Computing workshop at Ribston to program Oh Bots! Using Scratch, they were able to program the Oh Bot to move its lips and say something, move in different ways and even create poems for the robot to say! They had a great time and the Ribston teaching staff were very impressed with their programming skills, considering they were only Year 4! Well done.





On Friday 11th November, the lucky Robinswood children that had been chosen to be Wellbeing Ambassadors had their first-ever meeting and started their training with Mrs. Godwin and Miss Doyle.

We came up with lots of ideas about the different ways that we can help children in school. We are looking forward to our next training session and sharing our ideas very soon!

Charlie & Alicja - Y5

The Robinswood football team have enjoyed 2 3:0 victories in recent weeks, against Calton and Hardwicke.

What has been just as impressive as their skill is their determination, teamwork and togetherness. They have gotten better and better each week and that is commendable. Well done.



Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Monday 5 th December	SEND parents meeting 2pm
Tuesday 6 th December & Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Dance festival (selected children)
Wednesday 7 th December	KS2 Christmas concert - 2pm
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner KS2 Christmas concert – 9:15am
Tuesday 13 th December	Reception & KS1 Christmas show - 9:15am Pre-school Christmas Storytelling
Wednesday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 Christmas show – 2pm Pre-school Christmas party
Friday 16 th December	Final BEST Assemblies
Friday 16 th December	Last day before Christmas holidays-3:15pm finish
Monday 19 th December– Monday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Teachers INSET day – No children in school.
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Back to School
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Y6 Trip to Redwood Forest
Friday 27 th January	Young Voices Concert-Birmingham
Friday 3 rd February	Open afternoon-1.30pm for parents with multiple children 2.00pm for parents with one child in school.
Friday 17 th February	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Saturday 18 th -Sunday 26 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th February	Back to School
Friday 31 st March	Last day before Holidays-3:15pm finish
Saturday 1 st -Sunday 16 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	Back to School
Thursday 25 th May	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Friday 26 th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 27 th May- Sunday 4 th June	Half Term

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Monday 5 th June	Back to School
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term-3:15pm finish
Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 th July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Wednesday 26 th July	Summer Holidays