



Dear Parents/carers

It is hard to believe we've been back in school for 7 weeks already and the children have settled well into the day-to-day routines. We will continue to update you via emails and texts. However, please email or call the school if you have any queries. Please keep the date sheet at the back of the newsletter and watch out for text messages to update you on events.

Parking outside the school is very busy, with some people parking on the zig-zag lines at the start and end of the day. Please refrain from this as it makes it extremely difficult to see families crossing the road to and from school, especially on the upcoming dark mornings! We really want our families to be safe. Please be aware that staff will ask you to park somewhere safe if we see vehicles parked dangerously.

Please ensure your children have their 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.

Parent show around for children starting school in 2023

There will be an opportunity for any parents considering Robinswood Primary Academy as a school choice to visit the school on Tuesday 22nd November at 9:30am and Thursday 24th November at 1:30pm. Please spread the word amongst the community for any children starting school in September 2023.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 29th November –Thursday 1st December, pupils who have returned their NHS vaccination consent forms will be eligible for a nasal flu vaccination. Please remember to return the form whether you want your child to have the vaccination or not.

School Day times from 1st November

The gates will open as usual at 8.30am.

The doors to the school will open at 8.35am.

Lessons will start at 8.45am

All children are required to learn in school for 6.5 hours a day. Therefore, all children will be finishing school at 3.15pm.

We understand that you cannot be in two playgrounds at the same time so please do not worry. We will always keep children safe until you make your way around the building.

We will let Reception and KS1 children out straight away when we see parents waiting. Please be patient with staff and indicate if you need to collect other children so we can help it work smoothly for you.

ATTENDANCE

Following the pandemic, the Government is putting a huge emphasis on school attendance. It is paramount that children catch up on the education they have missed. Robinswood staff are working incredibly hard to ensure this happens, but we need your child to be in school at every opportunity for this to happen. If you are struggling to get your child into school, please speak to Mrs Andrews, your child's teacher or a member of our Inclusion Team who will be happy to support you and your child.



Illnesses

We are at that time of year again where bugs are doing the rounds and spreading through the school. We continue to ensure good hygiene practise is in place throughout the school. If your child is absent with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please ensure your child stays off school for 48hours from their last episode. This helps to minimise the spread throughout the school.

If your child tests positive for Covid, they need to remain off school for 3 full days after they tested positive.

If your child has a fever - 38°C or above, they must stay off school for 3 full days.

As long as they feel well enough, and do not have a temperature, Children can come to school with general ailments, such as colds, sore throats and stomach ache.

Please remember to call the school before 9am to report your child's absence and state the reason. You can call on 01452 530430, Option 1. Alternatively, you can email attendance@robinswood.academy.

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.

Pre-School

Songs introduce the children to new vocabulary and help teaches them many new words that they may not hear in everyday conversation. New words can also be easier to learn when rhyming, repetition and actions are part of the songs. This term, the children have been enjoying learning new rhymes and songs. One of the children's favourite rhymes is 'Five Little Ducks'. The children have explored this rhyme in a variety of learning experiences. You can make singing and music part of your daily routine, sing throughout the day and make up your own silly songs to introduce new words and recite nursery rhymes in a sing-song voice. Our rhyme of the week this week is '5 Little Speckled Frogs.'



Year 1

This term in Art, Year 1 have been looking at the artist Kandinsky. He was one of the first abstract artists and was a great teacher for those who followed him. We looked at Kandinsky's style of using colour, shape and line. The children enjoyed recapping previous knowledge from Reception about colour mixing and applied this when printing using 3D shapes and string. The children loved showing you some of their Art work during open afternoon and they cannot wait to create their final piece this week.



Reception

The children in Reception performed beautifully at the Harvest assembly. They really enjoyed creating new lyrics to perform 'Let It Grow!' Teaming up with Year 2 was a great experience.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London'! We talked about how the fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane. In our classrooms, we made some bread, comparing how bread would have been made in 1666 and 2022!



Year 3

Birch and Hazel class have been exploring shadows in science and having great fun! We looked at how and why the shadows changed over the course of the day.



Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Gloucester Cathedral learning all about the Anglo Saxon Heritage in Gloucester. Did you know that the Gloucester Cathedral used to be called St Paul's Abbey? The children had lots of fun dressing up in Anglo Saxon costumes and having a chance to role play through the historic story.



Year 5

AS part of our art topic, Year 5 have been looking at the work of Yayoi Kusama, a Japanese artist. We loved her use of contrasting colours, polka dots and patterns. At the end of the unit, the children have produced their own work inspired by the artist. Great work Year 5!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a super start to the year.

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our assembly- We're sure you will agree it was fantastic and showcased their fantastic work brilliantly!

This week, we enjoyed a dance workshop as part of Black History Month. The children learnt some Afro-Caribbean dances.



We also went to Gloucester Academy for an art workshop where the children came up with designs for a sculpture on Robinswood Hill, which represents what the hill means to them and can be interactive.

The creations were incredible and it was great to see them present their ideas to the class.



**TO THE FOLLOWING
CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN
APPOINTED AS OUR**



**MAISIE - BIRCH
NOEL - HAZEL
TULISHA - MAPLE
VANESSA - MAPLE
ALICJA - WILLOW
CHARLIE - WILLOW
RILEY - WILLOW
LEXIE - CHESTNUT
TILLY - SYCAMORE**

Pantomime

For any children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, please ensure that their space for the Pantomime trip on the 25th November is paid by the 18th November. The school has tried hard to find funding for the coach and subsidise the cost of the tickets to keep the price of the trip as low as we possibly can so please pay the full amount if you can. Thank you!



School Council

year 6 school council members Alesha, Olly, Alfie and Bonnie represented our school confidently and proudly this week at a community meeting. They shared their ideas of what they would like to see in their community and spoke passionately about what they liked about living in Robinswood. They made Mrs James so proud that she actually had a tear in her eye! Well done team!



Robinswood Girls Can!

The girls' football team have made a fantastic start to the season. After battling hard, they drew their first league match (0-0) against Upton St Leonards and lost 1-0 to Barnwood who played exceptionally well.

Last week, they entered a tournament involving 14 schools across Gloucester. The girls played brilliantly and improved after each match they played which led to them winning their first game this year against St Paul's. A special well done to Cerys Ball who came out of goal and scored our first two Robinswood goals this year. What a superstar!

Mrs Staten has been very impressed by the 32 year 5/6 girls who signed up for football club and are improving their skills each week. Following this, Mrs Staten is trying to organise more matches for a girls football B and C team. Watch this space!



Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Monday 24 th – 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Teachers INSET day – No children in school.
Tuesday 1 st November	Back to School
Wednesday 2 nd November	OAA taster session Y2 & Y5
Tuesday 8 th November	Y2 trip to Redwood Centre-more details to follow
Monday 14 th November	Wear odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week
14 th -18 th November	Anti-Bullying week Really Wild Reading Festival
Thursday 17 th November	Cross Country at Holmleigh Park School (selected children)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need -Be Spotacular! Wear spots for £1 donation to Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	SEND parents meeting 2pm-Read, Write Inc. focus
Tuesday 22 nd (9:30am) & Thursday 24 th (1:30pm)	School visits for prospective parents and children (children starting school in September 2023)
Friday 25 th November	Pantomime trip (2pm showing) return to school by 4:30pm
Monday 28 th November	Parent Forum - 2pm
29 th , 30 th November and 1 st December	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Monday 5 th December	SEND parents meeting 2pm
Tuesday 6 th December & Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Dance festival (selected children)
	KS2 Christmas concert - 2pm & 4:30pm
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner
	Reception & KS1 Christmas show - 9:15am & 2pm
Friday 16 th December	Last day before Christmas holidays
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