



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to this month's newsletter and to a new term here at Robinswood. We hope that you all had a restful half-term and are back to school looking forward to lots of fun activities this term which has started with World Book Day on Thursday last week and is followed in a fortnight by Red Nose Day 2023.

This term is only 5 weeks long but there are already lots of events going on. As always, please check the dates on the back page to ensure that you keep up to date with events going on at school.



RED NOSE DAY - Dress up for Joy! Go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest outfit!

Friday 17th March 2023-Wear something that makes everyone smile in return for £1 donation on PARENT PAY. Comic Relief are not running the school deposit scheme this year, therefore we will NOT be selling red noses. We will only be doing a RED dress up day.

Please be aware that the Red Noses this year are not suitable for children under 7 years of age due to small parts.

NEWSLETTER

SPORTS LEADERS
AND
SCHOOL COUNCIL'S
**FUNDRAISING
NEARLY NEW SALE**

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH
3:15PM IN THE TOP HALL

PRICES FROM 50P

SUPPORT US IN RAISING
MONEY FOR OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Illustrator competition

Do you have a budding artist at home? Do you feel they have a talent in this area to bring the pages of a book to life? If so, please encourage your child to enter the competition!

We are running a competition for two of our children to become the official illustrators of our two shared writing stories that we all contributed to, writing sections of the story in our classes and year groups on World Book Day.

The hopeful candidates will have an extract of the story to illustrate and the winners will be chosen by Mrs Davis in the coming weeks. The winners will then have a copy of the story to add the illustrations to and once finished, the children will have their very own copy of their finished book and we will add copies to the class book corners for all to see.



Further details will be posted on Dojo this week!

ATTENDANCE

We are still seeing a high number of children arriving late to school. Your child starts learning the minute they walk into the classroom and are therefore often missing initial instruction. Not only is this disruptive for your child, it is for the teacher and the rest of the class.

As school starting times move forward in September, it is a really good opportunity now for children to get into a good routine of arriving on time. We are now able to issue penalty notices to parents whose children regularly arrive after the register has closed. This is a maximum fine of £120 per parent.

Please see below for a reminder of school opening times from September:

Following the Government guidelines from 1st September 2023 the school times will be as follows;

8.30am Gates open

8.35am Classroom doors open.

8.40am Gates close.

8.45am Classroom doors close.

8.50am Register closes.

8.50 – 9.00am is a late mark.

9.00am onwards will be unauthorised absence mark.



Staff will be on the gate from 8.30 – 8.40am to allow ENTRY and until 8.50am for EXIT ONLY. This is to allow families to walk children around to classes and leave by the gate. Children WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER AFTER 8.40AM. Please arrive at school on time between 8.30 – 8.40am.

Staff will be on classroom doors from 8.35am – 8.45am when the doors will close. Register will take place from 8.45am – 8.50am.

Pre-School

What a start to the term! There is a real buzz in Pre-school, the children have settled back well and are ready to learn. We have celebrated pancake day, World Book Day and introduced a new topic 'Yum, yum in my tum!' Celebrations and festivals are ideal for encouraging the children to learn and develop in every area of learning. It helps them to think of others, to be kind and celebrate each other's similarities and differences. It prepares them to accept others in the diverse world we live in



Reception

At the end of last term, the children in Reception had a wonderful time at the Valentines disco. They loved dancing with their friends and made every use of the chance to show the staff their best dance moves!



The term has gotten off to a great start with a visit to forest school to introduce our new focus story 'The Gruffalo'. This week also notes the arrival of the eggs we are hoping will hatch. We can't wait to see the chicks and watch their development over time!



Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely time at Slimbridge Wetland Centre. They learnt about migration, saw lots of birds including the smelly flamingos and enjoyed playing in the park and Welly boot Land.



Last term in year 1, we studied the artist Monet. We learned about his history, practiced colour mixing, tinting and shading. In our final week we put these skills together in order to create a representation of Monet's famous 'Water Lilies' painting.



Year 2

What a busy start to the term! Year 2 celebrated 'World Book Day' with a visit to Matson library, reading with Year 5 and taking part in the masked reader! Then on Friday 3rd March, we headed off to Slimbridge to start our science topic!



Year 3

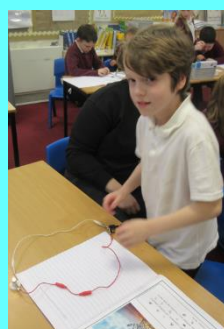
Birch and Hazel class had a great day dressing up for World Book Day. We also took part in a shared story write where we shared our ideas to contribute to the beginning of an adventure story. We also enjoyed our Whole Class Reading text - Alex Sparrow and linked activities to this. To make the day even more special we enjoyed sharing our books with year 6.



Year 4

So far this half-term Year 4 have learnt about Michael Morpurgo, a famous author responsible for books such as Kensuke's Kingdom. Michael is the author of our new book The Butterfly Lion. During World Book day, we found out more information about him and his early life in boarding school. This was captured in the first chapter of The Butterfly Lion. Miss Haines even dressed up as The Butterfly Lion!

There was a lot of excitement for the science topic 'Electricity'. We tried to create an electrical circuit using wires, a battery and a bulb. The thrill when the bulb finally lit up! Soon we will be making our own switches.



Year 5

At the end of last term, Year 5 had the privilege of creating some bespoke Fireball pits through the incredible talents of a Bright Lights artist. The children created their own metal designs for the Fireball pit based on what they like about where they live. It was trickier than they thought! Their designs were then cut out and moulded to shape by our artist. The children were excited to see the final products on the playground on the last day of term and to hear that they were being displayed at the Redwell centre for all to see. I think you would agree they are absolutely stunning. Great job Year 5!



Year 6

Year 6 loved World Book Day: they enjoyed dressing up as their favourite fictional characters, writing the next part of a Katherine Rundell story and working out who the masked readers were. A particular highlight for most was completing the KS2 class stories - they fully immersed themselves in this task and loved coming up with unexpected endings! We hope you enjoy reading them!



Sporting News-Knock Out Cup Football Success

All three Robinswood teams have been successful in the GPSFA Knockout Cup which started a few weeks before February half term. First, the B team were triumphant against Kingsway, 2-1 and made it through to the next round against Upton St. Leonards. Unfortunately, after being defeated 4-0 in the second round, this is where their cup run ended. Secondly, the girls' team flew through the first round of the cup taking a phenomenal 5-1 win against St Peters. After an epic post PGL battle, the girls just missed making it through to the semi-finals after a close penalty show down against Upton St Leonards. Finally the A team boys faced a strong Longlevens team in the first round and were knocked out in round one. However, following this early defeat, they were automatically entered into the plate. The boys, who were determined to win, dominated Widden winning 4-0 which means they are through to the semi-final next week against Harewood primary School. Good luck to the A team boys and well done to everyone who has taken part.



Flipping Good Fun!

Before half term, breakfast club enjoyed the delights of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Mrs Wyatt was an expert with flipping the pancakes and the children were creative with the variety of toppings on offer.



March 2023 edition

Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Friday 3rd- Wednesday 8th March	Book Fair-Top Hall, after school
Wednesday 8th March	Y3 library visit
Thursday 9th March	Y2 Fire Engine visit
Friday 10th March	Netball fixtures-Kingsway
Monday 13th March	SEND parents group 2pm
Wednesday 15th March	Year 6 Mock trial
Thursday 16th March	Year 6 School Nurse Height and Weight Checks
Friday 17th March	RED NOSE DAY - Dress in red
Monday 20th March	Y5&6 Science workshop
Wednesday 22nd March	CLASS PHOTOS INCLUDING Y6 LEAVERS INDIVIDUALS
Friday 24th March	Richard Graham MP attending Year 5/6 celebration Assembly
Monday 27th March	Parent Forum 2pm
Tuesday 28th March	Year 5/6 Romeo & Juliet performance at Henley Bank School (p.m)
Friday 31st March	BEST Assemblies Last day before Holidays-3:15pm finish
Saturday 1st -Sunday 16th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	Back to School
Monday 17th April-Thursday 20th April	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 18th April	Y3 Trip-Nature In Art Reception- School Nurse Height and Weight Checks
Wednesday 19th April	Y4 Trip-Everyman Theatre show 'An Unexpected Twist'
Monday 24th April	SEND parents group 2pm
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY – No children in school
Friday 5th May	School Coronation event-save the date!
Monday 8th May	EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY – No children in school
Week beginning 9th May	Y6 SATs week
Thursday 25th May	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish BEST Assemblies
Friday 26th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 27th May- Sunday 4th June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Back to School
Friday 21st July	Last day of term-3:15pm finish
Monday 24 & Tuesday 25th July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Wednesday 26th July	Summer Holidays

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2023/24



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	7	14	21	28	Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	3	10	17	24	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY						
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27	
Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28	
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Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21	28	
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Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST						
Mon	3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22*	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tues	4	11	18	25	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27	
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Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25	

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset Days
22nd July to be taken as twilights over academic year	
Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023	40 days
Term 2: Mon 6 th Nov – Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	35 days
Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024