



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, taking part in the Christingle at St Katherine's Church and taming naughty elves in their classrooms. 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 Monday 8th January is an INSET day for the staff. The school will reopen to the children on **Tuesday 9th January**. So until then, stay safe and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at Robinswood Primary School!

Pantomime

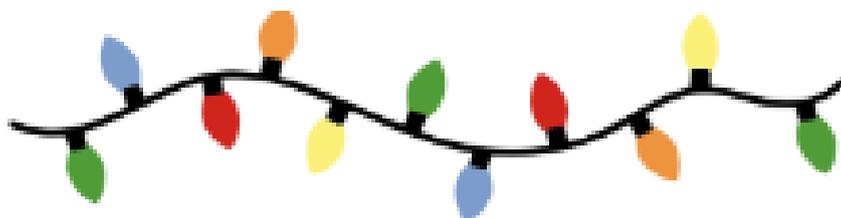
The children had a great time watching Mother Goose at the theatre a few weeks ago. The children behaved impeccably and were proud representatives of our school.

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 Gloucestershire Gateway Trust for supporting us with funding to cover the cost of the coaches. The children and staff had a wonderful time.



NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

As the cold weather sets in and winter bugs start to circulate, please find below a handy guide to help you decide whether your child needs to be kept off school.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Once your child is registered at a school, you are responsible for making sure they attend regularly.

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

We can't believe we are so close to our Christmas break! In the build up to Christmas, the children have been busy creating items that are unique to them and not copies, production lines or replicas of a design decided by the adult. This enables all their creations not to look exactly the same. It was important for us to capture a moment in time where our children are at their most creative, expressive and have the confidence to create fantastic artwork with individuality. They have had the opportunity to make Christmas crafts, which they will share with you. Be proud of their creation because we are!



Year 1

It's been such a busy and fun-filled run up to Christmas in Year 1. We've been to the pantomime, a show at the Redwell Centre, a Christingle service and a festive multi-skills session. We've still been working hard during all of our lessons and we hope you enjoyed coming to watch us perform at our Christmas show last week. We think it's time for a rest! Merry Christmas everyone.



Reception

Reception have had a very busy week getting into the spirit of Christmas. Firstly, we sang our hearts out at St. Katharine's Christingle service. All the children were amazing and really enjoyed having our Year 6 helpers to walk with us. Not only was it a week of performances, but we also brought smiles to people's faces at Gloucester Services too with our fantastic singing! We especially enjoyed the hot chocolate afterwards.



Year 3

Year 3 have been practicing really hard for our Christmas show. Our grown ups are immensely proud of us.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful term, consisting of developing our mapping skills in Geography, creating gift boxes in DT and learning all about the human life cycle in Science. In writing, the children have written some fantastic pieces of work and have recently been learning about position and direction in Maths. We are also so proud of all of the Year 2's in the KS1 nativity performance and were very impressed with their singing and dancing talents! Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in the new year.



Year 4

We have had fun this term in year 4. Cedar class completed their 10-week violin lessons. We have been making winter/Christmas cards in DT and had fun at the Christingle last week.



Year 5

Year 5 have just started making their working Cam model. We have looked at different types of cams and how they work and we are now making our own. The children have created their own designs and have been brilliant at solving problems as they encounter them. We are all looking forward to see how they work out.



Year 6

Inspired by our book this term, 'October, October', year 6 went mud-larking! We walked to our local river and searched for all sorts of wonders! We found rings, jewellery, pottery and keys amongst other exciting finds. This has then been the inspiration for stories in our writing lessons.



School Council

The School Council enjoyed a trip to Hempsted Recycling Centre to plant trees on a previous landfill site and are excited to be part of the future of green spaces in Gloucester. It was humbling to think that these trees will be there long after we are not. We planted over 50 trees between us.



Christingle

The whole school were able to enjoy the Christingle service this year at St Katherine's Church at the top of the hill. They sang beautifully and we lit the Christingles during the service whilst singing, creating a magical atmosphere. We would like to thank Asda and Mrs Millward's Church for providing oranges for our children with their generous donations.



Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Thursday 21 st December	BEST Shop
Friday 22 nd December	BEST Assemblies Last day before Christmas holidays
Saturday 23 rd December –Sunday 7 th January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8 th January 2024	Teachers INSET day – No children in school.
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Back to School
Thursday 18 th January	Robinswood Vs Parton Manor
24 th January	Young Voices –Resorts World Arena, Birmingham
Friday 2 nd February	Open Afternoon for parents
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day/PCSO visit
Wednesday 7 th February	Now and Beyond Mental Health & Wellbeing Festival for Schools
Tuesday 6 th & Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evenings
Friday 9 th February	BEST Assemblies
Saturday 10 th -Sunday 18 th February	Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Back to School Y6 Residential
Friday 23 rd February	Y6 Return from residential
Monday 4 th -Friday 8 th March	Really Wild Reading festival
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day-dress up as a book character
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief-Red Nose day
Friday 22 nd March	BEST Assemblies Last day before Holidays-3:15pm finish
Saturday 23 rd March -Sunday 7 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 9 th April	Back to School
Monday 15 th –Friday 19 th April	Year 6 Bikeability week
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday

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Monday 13 th - 17 th Friday May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 25 th May	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Friday 24 th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 25 th May- Sunday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 4 th June	Back to School
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer Holidays