

Robert Miles Infants

May 2019



Remember school starts at 8.45.

Morning Routine

We are focusing at the moment on getting the children to come in to school independently in the mornings. When the bell rings at 8.45 the expectation is that children line up with their teacher to enter school. Some parents are bringing their children in daily from the playground and it is unsettling for the other children; they wonder why their parents are not allowed to bring them in. In exceptional circumstances there may be occasions where a parent needs to bring a child in. If your child arrives to school late please bring them to the office and a member of staff will take them to the classroom.

Teachers are available on the playground in the mornings for quick messages but please can we ask that if you have something you need to discuss at length you make an appointment with the teacher for after school, so that the teacher can take the class in. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing As you may be aware Mrs Booth rejoined us in September after being on maternity leave. She decided that she wanted to work part time so that she can spend more time with her family. Luckily we were able to find a position for Mrs Booth until the end of term. We are delighted for Mrs Booth that she has now secured a permanent part time position at a new school, close to her home. She has been a wonderful person to work with and we all wish her the very best of luck in her new job.

After half term you will see a new face in the office. Mrs Hooker joins us as our new part time school business manager. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bradley who has been with us 'on loan' from another school for a year and has been a wonderful support to us all.

Enterprise Week



The week beginning 17th June will be 'Enterprise Week' at school. We will be doing lots of work with children on the value of money. We want to teach the children that enterprise is about a can-do and positive attitude. It supports the development of a wide range of skills, including resilience, risk taking, creativity, as well as a self-belief.

Each class will be given a 'loan' of £30 to try and make a product or service to 'grow' their money. Hopefully their products and services will be available at the School Fair.

Hoodies

Lots of parents have been asking us about hoodies for Year 2 next year. As soon as we have finished with camp and organizing food for the school Fair BBQ we will send out a letter.



Road Safety Day

Thank you to the Road Safety Team who came and did workshops with all the children. The team talked to them about 'Stop, Look and Listen', how to cross the road safely and general safety when near roads. There was a mix of role play and songs and the children really enjoyed it.

Year 1:

Cedar and Beech have had an exciting term learning all about 'Into the Woods'. This term began with a visit from an unexpected visitor in our wildlife area. We received a letter from a lady called Wendy Hopkins explaining that she had seen something strange in our school area when staying in Bingham during her holidays. Cedar and Beech got to work and put their detective heads on and found some clues as to what it could have been. We soon discovered that it was 'Leaf' the polar bear from our focus text this term.

Our main topic focuses have been upon Science and Art this term. We have learnt about the animals and trees that we might find in the woods and about different scientific terms, for example, nocturnal and hibernate. Cedar and Beech will be making their own presentations all about what they have learnt.

Our Art focus has been on landscapes and trees, looking at the work of Gustav Klimt and Claude Monet and their different techniques.

Next term, we will be encountering an enchanted woodland with some learning on different traditional tales of the forest.



Year 2:

Our learning adventure this term is 'Into the Woods'. We visited the wildlife area to develop our science learning about habitats and why animals are suited to different micro-habitats within woodland. Children have been collecting weather data and recording their findings in different ways, including using charts, graphs and tables.

The children have enjoyed writing imaginatively, using a range of stories and video clips as writing stimulus. They have been using interesting vocabulary and have learnt how to use similes to enhance their writing, including poetry, setting descriptions and stories.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the work of different artists this half-term and learning to use different techniques from pencil drawings to painting using 'impressionism'.



We are looking forward to learning about Robin Hood next half-term and exploring the heritage of Bingham and Nottingham. The children are also very excited to get started with our Year 2 performance, visit the junior school and of course go on our fantastic camping trip; so much to look forward to!

Reception

It's been an exciting time in Willow & Maple this term. We have been enjoying the stories written by Julia Donaldson & we have turned our role play area into a 'Lotion & Potions' centre. The children have been mixing, making & writing their own spells and they even managed to magic up a broomstick - just like in the story of 'Room on the Broom'! Great fun was had by all as they zoomed around the playground on the magic broom!

On a more sensible note we also had a visit by the Road Safety Team who taught us a song which we often sing that reminds us of how important it is to cross roads carefully.

We are all looking forward to our trip to Sherwood Pines, which is on Thursday 6th June when we will be going pond dipping & having a walk in the woods where hopefully we might spot a 'Gruffalo' or even 'Zog' the dragon.



A Day of Rugby

Sam from Nottinghamshire Rugby club visited our school and delivered some exciting sessions. The children learnt the importance of warming up before exercise and developed some simple rugby skills. Lots of fun was had trying to hold on to a funny shaped ball while tagging our friends.





We are running low on spare knickers, pants and socks for those 'little accidents'. If you have any you wish to donate they would be greatly received.

Parking

We have



had lots of complaints from residents and parents about inconsiderate parking. We have been in touch with the council to see if we can get a patrol to visit the area. Please bear in mind the children's safety when you think about where to park your car.

School Fair

Hopefully you all received the information last week about the school fair. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. If you have mislaid the letter you can find it on our website.

Lost Property

Lost property is taking over again! Please come and have a look and see if you recognize any items.



Transition

We are going to start our programme of transition earlier this year. Year 2 have all received a letter from Mr Gilbey outlining some of the activities the children will be doing with the Junior School. Year 1 teachers have been spending more time visiting both Reception classes already to make sure that they are familiar faces for the children. The Year 1 children and reception children will have their first visit with their new teacher on Thursday 13th June and you will receive a letter on that day to tell you who your child's new teacher is. We will also be organizing an afternoon on the 9th of July at 3.30pm where you can meet your child's new teacher and learn a bit about the expectations for that year.

The staff have decided that only the reception classes will be split; the children in current Year 1 and 2 will continue as they are. When the children join in reception we do not know the children; after a year we try to ensure that we mix the classes to ensure an even spread of ability, personalities, special needs etc... We have taken the decision not to split them again as the classes are already well balanced.

Dates to Remember



- 24.05.19 Break Up for Half Term
- 03.06.19 Back to School
- 06.06.19 Reception at Sherwood Pines
- 07.06.19 Year 2 Camp
- 11.06.19 Beech class at Nottingham Tennis Centre
- 12.06.19 Cedar Class at Nottingham tennis centre
- 26.06.19 Sports Day - pm
- 28.06.19 School Fair
- 03.07.19 Toot Hill Family Sports
- 09.07.19 Open Afternoon for current Reception and Year 1 to meet next year's teachers - 3.30pm-4.30pm
- 11.07.19 Year 2 Play 6.30pm *revised date*
- 12.07.19 Reports go out to parents
- 18.07.19 Leavers' Assembly - 2pm