



Robert Miles
Infant School



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Staff We are very excited to announce that Miss Woodhouse is having a baby. We envisage that a new teacher will start at some point after Christmas to cover Miss Woodhouse' maternity leave.

Mrs Hooker, our School Business Manager, leaves us at the end of the month. She will be going to work at another of the Nova Trust schools in Wollaton. We are advertising for a new School Business Manager so if you know anyone who would be interested please direct them to our website for further details [or click here](#). The closing date is Monday 19th October.

School dinners/packed lunches Fortunately, our online system now seems to be working well. Please share with your child what you have ordered for them each day. We have had a few situations where children are getting upset because they want something other than what parents have ordered. We will only provide what parents have ordered and cannot accommodate changes on the day as the chef prepares what has been ordered.

Calpol/paracetamol Many of our policies have been reviewed this term. I would like to make you aware that we are only able to administer medicine that has **been prescribed by a doctor**-that includes paracetamol. Medicines should have the child's name, date of birth and dosage printed on the label.

If you felt your child might need paracetamol, e.g. for a toothache and you only have the shop bought kind then you would be able to come to school and administer it to your child.



Including Parents- Webinar week!

Hosted by Schools and Families Specialist Services

Week beginning Monday 9th November 2020



Following the cancellation of our annual 'Including parents Conference' in May, due to the pandemic, we are pleased to offer a series of free online webinars, for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs

School places

If you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year, applications open on the 9th November. At the moment, we cannot offer tours of the school, but if they head over to the [New Starters tab](#) on our website they can find out more and I am always available to answer questions by phone or email.

- Monday 9th November- Welfare Benefits:** A Webinar to explore benefits available for young people with additional needs and their carers. How to claim and what support is available to help.
Provider: Paul Stafford, Senior Benefits Advisor, NCC
 To book click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/123033421275>
- Tuesday 10th November- Interoception, the 8th Sense, the key to unlocking anxiety:** Interoception is a lesser known sense that helps you understand and feel what is going on inside your body; children who struggle with interoception may have trouble with feeling their emotions.
Provider: Wendy Kozakis, Senior Practitioner Communication and Interaction team
 To book click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124064336771>
- Wednesday 11th November- First Aid for Your Child's Emotional Health:** Creating a home environment to encourage resilience and emotional wellbeing in children and young people with additional needs.
Provider: Claire Horn, Specialist Teacher, Cognition and Learning Team
 To book click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-aid-for-your-childs-emotional-health-tickets-124069955577>
- Thursday 12th November- Emotion Coaching:** Helping your children and young people to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur and how to handle them.
Provider: Pauline Clarke, (E.P) Nottinghamshire Educational Psychology Service.
 To book click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124071688761>

Closing date: Wednesday 4th November

Webinars will be held on TEAMS

You will receive a joining invite after booking on Eventbrite
 Webinars will start at 10:00 am and last for up to 90 minutes
 All webinars are free to parents

For further information please contact Ruth Cook or Cath Page on (0115) 854 6464

Reception Maple and Willow have had a great start to their first term in school. We have all been so proud of how well the children have settled in and quickly adapted to the new routines. We have been getting to know each other through our topic 'All About Me'. Some of our highlights have been:

Guess who... Lots of children (and staff) brought in photographs of themselves as a baby. The children really enjoyed guessing whom each photo belonged to and talked about how they have changed since they were babies.

P.E. For many children, one of their favourite times of the week is the PE session with our Sports Coach, Mr Bourne. They have been learning new warm-up games and developing their control and co-ordination when moving in different ways. So far, we have been changing footwear only. This half term, we will gradually build up to changing into full PE kits. Next term, our topic is 'Festivals and Celebrations'. Throughout the term, we will be learning about how and why we celebrate different occasions, such as birthdays, weddings, Diwali, Bonfire Night and, of course, Christmas!



Year 1

We have had a wonderful start to term in Beech and Cedar class. Everyone is settling well and adapting to the new routines of school. We have been learning all about different animals that live in the garden and what they like to eat. We are getting very good at classifying them as herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We have been learning about the season autumn and the different signs that we might see. Everyone loved our autumn day and we really enjoyed looking at your pictures of autumn and the different signs you had found around your homes.

Year 2

In Science, we carried out an investigation to find out what materials are waterproof. Children made sensible predictions by using what they already knew about materials and their properties. Children worked well in groups, led by a 'team captain'. They tested and observed materials fairly and recorded their findings accurately. We created class floor books to share our investigation.

Children seem to be thoroughly enjoying our History topic - 'Great People who Change the World'. It is wonderful to hear children be able to name different people from the past and recall what they did that was so significant.



Flu jab On Friday 6th November, the NHS team will be coming in to administer the flu jabs to children whose parents have given consent. For children of this age it is a nasal spray rather than an injection.

Nuts If you are sending a packed lunch from home, please make sure it is nut free. Thank you