Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy half term with lots going on! We have had Sports Days, trips out to NTU / NGHS / Twycross Zoo and many other events here and there. We held a very successful Fathers Friday / Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic and InHarmony concert for Y3—5. We have also had Wellbeing Week and celebrated RSE Day in school as well as squeezing in a trip from another group from China and rewarding our Ambassadors with a trip to Belton House. We hope your child has been inspired by the activities which have been on offer at school and wish that you and your families have a relaxing and happy Summer Holiday when it arrives!

Your child is currently in a transition week. We do this to relieve the anxiety of starting a new year in September and so that children are clear before we break up of the expectations from a new year group! As ever, many thanks for all your support as parents this year. We have very much valued your attendance at Learner Reviews / Christmas Concerts / Mothering Monday and Fathers Friday events and much more! We do hope to see you at our Robin Hood Fest this week!

We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 2nd September 2019. On this day, school gates will be open at 8:30am and there will be plenty of staff around to support pupils new to Reception. If your child is in Year 3 next year, they will access their classrooms via the main entrance. If you do have any questions before we break up for the holidays, please feel free to talk to your child’s class teacher or arrange to speak to one of us!

Parents Open Afternoons—September 2019

We know that parents are the key educators in their child’s life and also see the link between having parents and teachers working together so that their child makes great progress.

Each year group has an afternoon in September for you to come and have time to meet your child’s class teacher, get to know a bit about the expectations of your child in their new year group and work on an activity with your child. We want to give parents as much notice as we can as we aim that every child has a parent / carer involved in one of these afternoons.

Tuesday 16th July* — (New) YEAR 2 PARENTS 1:30—3:00pm
Thursday 18th July* — (New) YEAR 3 PARENTS 1:30—3:00pm
Monday 9th September 2019—YEAR 4 PARENTS 2:15—3:15pm
Tuesday 10th September 2019—YEAR 6 PARENTS 2:15—3:15pm *Residential meeting follows straight after at 3:15pm for Y6 parents
Wednesday 11th September 2019—YEAR 5 PARENTS 2:15—3:15pm
Tuesday 17th September 2019—YEAR 1 PARENTS 2:15—3:15pm
Wednesday 18th September 2019—RECEPTION (F2) PARENTS 2:15—3:15pm

Nursery Parents Open Days will continue throughout the next academic year.

There will be catch up sessions run if you are not available on one of these dates. We will also run a later session for parents who may be unable to attend due to work commitments. Sessions will include meeting your child’s teacher / running through expectations of the year ahead including trips etc. Also working on an activity with your child!
We have had an incredibly successful few weeks of sports in school this half term and we hope that parents and carers enjoyed attending sports days (even with mixed weather!) Our teams were linked with our Ambassador led days and we hope that children enjoyed being in teams with other children across the Key Stage. Huge thanks to Mr Gray and Mr Cole who did an excellent job of organizing the events in school!

Mrs Brosch

You may well have heard that Mrs Brosch will be retiring at the end of the Easter term 2020. Mrs Brosch has worked for over 20 years at Robin Hood and I know many of you have been taught by her! We will very much miss Mrs Brosch who has led on supporting children across school but especially those with Special Educational Needs for many years. She is an incredibly passionate and dedicated member of our staff team and very much respected by colleagues in school and within the Local Authority. We will of course be taking the chance to wish her well and there will be a chance for parents to be involved in this. More details will follow in the Spring.

Congratulations to Miss Manasseh (Y2) and Miss Kelsey (Y5) for both successfully completing their NQT year with us at Robin Hood!

Mrs Andrews (Year 2 Class Teacher) will be going on maternity leave early in the Autumn term. Mrs Andrews (who until recently was Miss Woolley!) has worked in KS1 for a number of years and we will miss her but wish her the very best of luck as she takes time out to start her own family! You may recall that Mrs Stevenson left to go on maternity leave in May. She and her husband have welcomed a baby boy—Albert—into their family. Miss Storey also is enjoying her maternity leave after having a baby girl—Harper!

I must take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I feel incredibly lucky to work with a great team who go above and beyond their professional duties to ensure that Robin Hood Primary School is the best school it can be for your children. I hope all staff have a well deserved break over the Summer holidays!

Aim High for the Stars!

Our whole school theme for 2018-19 has been to encourage children to “Aim High for the Stars!” We have asked every pupil to consider what they would aspire to be in the future and we have been getting them to think about all the career choices which may be open to them! We have also discussed how the attitudes in our Learning Charter may help them be successful in their learning journey to reach their chosen career. This term will end with a special KS2 Aim for the Stars Day! Mr Allen has been working hard organising many parents, local businesses and relatives of staff to come in and hold a “jobs fair!” We very much want to inspire every child to aim high and fulfil their ambitions and ensure they are ready for the next stage of their learning journey once they leave Robin Hood! Thanks to Mr Allen for all his hard work organising the day!
Our Brainy Breakfast offer to which all children in receipt of Pupil Premium are invited will continue in 2019-20. We will be making all parents whose children are eligible for this very aware of what the benefits of this excellent offer are. Breakfast is provided from 8:00am in the lower hall.

Many children across the school have enjoyed coming into school early and working with teaching assistants who have supported them with any homework, and spent time with them on Mathletics and Bug Club as well as perhaps hearing them read. Next year, Brainy Breakfast will run from Monday 9th September 2019.

**School Dinners**

Many thanks to all parents for getting on board with our Parent Pay Booking system. You will receive a text before we return to school to remind you that you can book dinners a half term in advance.

We intend that all trips and other payments are taken via the ParentPay online system. Please do go and speak to Reception if you have any concerns.

**COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS**

Over the year, we have talked to parents and taken on board your comments and concerns. It can be difficult communicating effectively with parents. We have taken the decision from September to email all letters via the Parent Pay app. This will send an alert to your email account to tell you there is a letter waiting to be read.

We will aim to Marvellous Me to communicate positive messages about what your child has been learning about. We will still send reminders for class based projects via this medium.

We have opened up our Twitter feed (please do follow us!) so that we can share successes with you more easily and keep whole school events and year group activities high profile in your mind!

@robenhoolschool

As you know, Robin Hood is a book loving school and value our links with our local libraries. We would encourage all children to get involved over the Summer holiday in the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019 being run by all Nottingham City libraries:

We will be running an assembly (led by Southglade Library) for all children before we break up to ensure that they are aware of the Reading Challenge.

**Space Chase**

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Read 6 library books to get special stickers, some with mysterious smells. By adding these stickers to your collectable mission folders, you will help the Rockets solve clues, dodge asteroids and discover the missing books, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

Finish the challenge for special rewards, a certificate and medal.

BONUS- If you read more than 6 books we'll put your name in to a special prize draw!
Attendance

Regular family holidays are not considered ‘exceptional circumstances’ however "we expect every parent to keep us well informed about their child’s whereabouts. They will need to write a letter stating the holiday being taken and in most cases—this will be unauthorised."

"If your child's attendance is poor (below 90%) it is likely you will be fined for taking holiday during school term time."

As you know, we believe that good and excellent attendance leads to good progress being made in learning and so we will continue in 2019-20 to reward those children who aim high by getting into school every day.

Learning time starts at 9!

End of KS1

Maths EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 76%
Reading EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 72%
Writing EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 68%
Science EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 85%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2019
72% passed the Screen Check

End of KS2:

Combined EXS in R.W.M = 76%
(Maths EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 83% (National 2019 = 79%)
Reading EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 78% (National 2019 = 73%)
Writing EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 81% (National 2019 = 78%)
Science EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 83% (National 2018 = 83%)
SPAG EXS (Working at the Expected Standard) = 82% (National 2019 = 78%)

Well done to the pupils who have gone on to achieve some great results at the end of KS1 and at KS2! You will find out your child’s results in their reports which will be out next week.

Our staff team work very hard to ensure that pupils at our school achieve well academically and we plan learning opportunities and interventions to support and challenge our children so they are able to aim high and excel!

We also aim that every child’s learning journey is enriched with exciting and inspiring opportunities: such as trips out and being involved in sports competitions, music tuition and much more!

We have had a strong focus on Reading this year and made some changes to our timetable which will continue as we move into a new academic year. Children in Y5 and 6 have a later lunch (12:30—1:30) We are also aiming that every child reads at least x5 a week and gets their learning log signed. This is in line with national expectations and we appreciate this is an ask of parents with busy family lives. We know however the impact of positive reading habits on a child’s later life so will be asking for your support in this ambition!

Learning time starts at 9!
We aim to run a fun Breakfast Club where children want to attend and are given a healthy start to the morning as well as some chance to play and be active before the school day begins. We are very lucky that school staff known to pupils run this additional wrap around provision. We are however having to increase the price of this provision which both still offer incredibly good value for money.

Breakfast Club (from 7:30am) £3 per session
Breakfast Club (from 8:00am) £2 per session
After School Club provision (3:20 – 6:00pm) £8 per session

PRICE INCREASE for BC and ASC

Breakfast Club (7:30am or 8:00am start) and After School Club will begin from Monday 2nd September 2019

Thanks to parents who joined in our RSE Café! Here is our winning poster entry from Y4 celebrating Nottingham City RSE Day 2019!

Great Residential Trips to Norfolk (Year 6) / Walesby (Year 4) and Kingswood (Years 5 & 6) Thanks staff who attended!!

On stage at the RSC!

As we have previously shared in our newsletters, we are an associate RSC school. This means that we have opportunities for staff and pupil development delivered directly by staff from within RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) As you will remember, we celebrated an Arts week in the year based around Romeo and Juliet.

Ten children from Y5 have been part of a joint project alongside pupils from Rosslyn Primary School to perform a scene from Romeo and Juliet. They worked incredibly hard to rehearse their scene and performed it to a great standard. The children—with Mrs Whiting and Miss Kelsey—then went to Stratford to perform on stage at the RSC theatre. What an amazing opportunity! Many thanks to the staff who went above and beyond supporting these children and well done to all the children for acting so maturely throughout!

We look forward to starting our 2019-20 Shakespeare play “The Merchant of Venice!”
Please see the attached information for Key Dates 2019-20

Please note children are not required back in school until Monday 2nd September. Gates will be open on this first day back from 8:30am.

Uniform will be available from the Office on Friday 30th August if you still require it then.

Our whole school theme for the year 2019-20 will be based around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) and we will continue to talk to your children about their aspirations for future learning—perhaps in one of these subject areas. Do look out for our themed entrance and days from September 2019!

Key Dates for Parents: Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September—Children return to school
Friday 13th September—Sunday 15th September: Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip
Friday 4th October—“Full STEAM ahead!” Themed Day (whole school)
Tuesday 15th October —School Photographs*
*These will be Individual school photos of chns.
Friday 18th October – Break up from School

(TWO WEEK HALF TERM HOLIDAY)
Monday 4th November —Return to school
Thursday 7th November—Outdoor Classroom Day!
Thursday 12th November (pm) - Family Photographs Day
Friday 29th November—INSET DAY
Friday 20th December—Christmas Holidays begin

Year Group Flyers have important dates on for events happening in your child’s class. These are on our school website along with Termly Year Group Curriculum leaflets:

www.robinhoodprimary.co.uk

A couple of reminders!

We do have a uniform policy at Robin Hood and we believe this instils a pride in our children to be well presented and supports our ethos to learn collaboratively as part of our school community. There are some children who are wearing nail varnish—we ask for this not to be worn. Thanks to all parents for supporting us in this.

Can we also remind all parents that their child needs to have appropriate PE Kit in school at all times.
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Ipad ICAN project Launch!

At Robin Hood we want to:

- Support children becoming creative and critical thinkers so they can investigate and discover for themselves inside of and beyond the classroom walls.
- Integrate technology that enhances teaching and learning to empower children to make excellent choices in understanding and interpreting the world around them.

As a school, we are investing in these aims. From September 2019, our Year 4 cohort will have assigned to them an ipad which they will use in class to support them in their learning. We intend for this cohort to be able to take their ipads home from January 2020. There are also throughout school other sets of ipads which will be used to support teaching and learning. All of our ipads are managed by a secure Mobile Device Management System. We hope that the result of this investment will be to ensure that technology is integrated effectively into our curriculum. We want children to be engaged in their learning and are sure that this provision will enable them to be more ready as they move on in their learning journey into KS3 and beyond!

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HOOD’S HELPERS!

From September 2019 we are lucky that a group of parents have agreed to be our “Hood’s Helpers” and lead on organising fundraising activities for the school. Fundraising is vital to ensure that our school offers some amazing opportunities at a vastly reduced rate for pupils throughout school—e.g. Christmas pantomime trip. If you are interested in being part of this team, please speak to Pam Hissitt in the Office.

PARENT GOVERNOR vacancy

If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Bridges and put forward your interest by Friday 26th July. You will be asked to write a 250 word summary about yourself and why you want to be part of the governing body.

All governors must have a DBS check and will be voted onto Governing Body by our parent community. Commitment is attending six FGB meetings half termly and at least once a term to support the school by way of a monitoring activity.