Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays and that your children are glad to be back at school! The sunshine seems to be now making an appearance and we will hope that continues ready for a very busy Summer term! We have had a great start to the term and many thanks to those of you who continue to support us by ensuring your child attends school every day and you read with your child at least x3 a week.

There is always lots going on in the Summer term involving trips, Residential camps, Sports Days, Transition days and much more and as a school we are very lucky to have an incredibly dedicated staff team who hope to make your child's experience of school inspiring and happy as well as supporting every child academically to aim high! We have already had many parents helping out plant trees around the school grounds and there has been plenty of support for football matches and assemblies—thanks for your time! There is lots of information in this newsletter and enclosed are dates for 2018-19 and a parent questionnaire on School Dinners. We are always interested in the views of parents and pupils to make Robin Hood School the best it can be and as ever welcome your feedback!

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You will know that attendance is exceptionally important at Robin Hood. Pam Hissitt in the office is in contact (alongside the Office Team) with parents on a daily basis in order to establish good attendance habits for every child. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97% for 2017-18 and currently we are at: 96.2%

Attendance is important and research shows it has a direct impact on the academic progress of your child. We value attendance highly and talk to children about how essential it is to be in school every day so they don’t miss any part of the exciting curriculum we aim to offer. Every half term, two children are picked out of a raffle (a child in F2 / KS1 and a child in KS2) who has had 100% attendance for that half term. Well done to Nicolas and Matthew who won the £25 Argos vouchers for 100% attendance in Spring 1 and to Ryleigh and Liana for winning for 100% Spring 2 attendance. Many thanks to those parents who are writing letters to ensure there is clarity on the whereabouts of your child at any point—this supports our rigorous Safeguarding policy and builds a culture of trust in our school community. If you have any comments on our attendance policy, please speak to Mrs Hissitt or myself.

2018-19 School Term dates are enclosed in this newsletter—please do look at these as there is a long weekend planned in June / July for families to book holiday time with family. We hope this reduces the holidays taken in term time.

Parking on Eastglade Road / Beckhampton Road Junction:

We have been contacted by our local PCSO’s and Nottingham City Transport who are concerned about the number of cars which are parked on the junction of Eastglade and Beckhampton Road during drop off and pick up times of the school day. Can we please ask parents to be mindful of where they park and consider causing an unnecessary obstacle with their vehicle.
There will be lots happening over the next term. We have plenty of matches planned: Football / Basketball / Tag Rugby and Gymnastics. Mr Cole and Mr Gray have also started to talk to us about our World Cup Russian Sports Sensation 2018! This will be 3 weeks worth of Sports Days / Rounders / Cricket and Football events throughout the school. Please do look at your child’s Phase Key Dates sheet to find out more!

Lunchtime Games and PE!

There is plenty to do at lunchtimes at Robin Hood! Mr Gray has been busy getting all sorts of games happening on the KS1 and KS2 playground areas! On KS2, children can play football / basketball / swing ball / table tennis / be active on the trim trail, the actiweb and much more! On KS1 there is the ball Park / Reading / Hoops / Ball Games / the Playpark and we are always looking for ways to make lunchtimes a fun hour! You may even hear the Bleep Test which we have used at Ambassador Games Days in order to build children’s fitness and stamina!

We still are part of the Sheriff’s Challenge and run the Robin Hood Mile as a PE warm up!

Father’s Friday!

We ran a hugely successful Mothering Monday in March and we would like to offer dads the same chance to come and spend some time in school with their child! With the better weather—it has been suggested that we run a Father’s Friday which will involve a football training session / chance to get out and dig and even chance to cook your own BBQ food in our firepit! Look out for the flyers which will come out after half term. The date of this event will be Friday 15th June from 2:00—3:30pm and will be limited to the first 40 dads to get their slips back in!

Great fun on the playground playing table tennis / football / basketball / cricket / Games Club and much more!

Thanks to all our staff supporting play and MDS who supervise activities and behaviour at lunchtime.
As a school we are committed to being a book loving school and aim that every child develops good habits to reading. We are trying to broaden the types of text that your child might read… often when you ask a child what their favourite book is—their response is always “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” or “Bad Dad” in KS2. It is great that children have favourite books and authors but we are also hoping to expand the types of text which they might come across. Every class is attempting the **100 Book Challenge** where they have to read 100 different books. The first class to accomplish this will be rewarded!

**Classics Challenge:**

For KS2 children, on the walls of the corridor there is the classics challenge. This is where children are encouraged to read some classic texts such as: The Tripods / The Hobbit / Treasure Island / Oliver Twist / Swallows and Amazons and many more. When they have read a classic, they sign their name with a Sharpie pen!

We will be getting the pop up Reading tents out again with the better weather and hope that over the course of the next term children continue to be inspired by books!

Many thanks to all the children who took part in the bookBench design competition. All of the children who entered received a book as a prize! Mrs Whiting and Mr Overton have gone through all the entries and are now beginning to create our very own Robin Hood Bookbench! Look out for this Bookbench in the City over the Summer holidays—there will be a trail of robins and bookbenches around the city to follow!

Thanks to those parents who attended the Y4 Parents Reading Workshop!

**PARENTS OPEN AFTERNOONS!**

As you will know, we value parents as the key educators in their child’s lives. We will continue to run Parents Open Afternoons in September and last year trialled some of these before the holidays to lesson the anxiety of key year groups in coming back to school. Please note these dates if your child is currently in Year 1 or Year 2.

Y2 (Current Y1 chn) Parents Open Afternoon—Tuesday 17th July (1:30—3:00)
Y3 (Current Y2 chn) Parents Open Afternoon—Thursday 19th July (1:30—3:00)

**INHARMONY!**

If your child is in KS2 you will know our commitment to the InHarmony project. This is where every child in Y4 and Y5 receive 2 hours of music tuition a week (either on a violin / viola or cello). Pupils in Year 3 receive a weekly “Musicianship” session! It has been great to see so many children attend Area Band on a Tuesday and go on to play in Orchestras when they leave our school. The InHarmony project will continue next year and we look forward to inviting you in to be part of our concerts!
We do lots at Robin Hood to promote the emotional wellbeing of every child and we work hard to make sure that school is a happy place where your child can thrive and be happy. We have a very talented Nurture Team and want to share with parents and pupils the provision we have to pupils who need it at any point during their time in school. We will be celebrating what goes on in school to promote Nurture and wellbeing in the last week of this half term! (See the Nurture week flyer!) PSHE is taught weekly in every class and children discuss subjects such as friendships / bullying / self esteem / dealing with difficult situations and much more.

We are also launching a new RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) scheme of work. This will be shared with parents on Nottingham City RSE Day (Thursday 28th June) from 2pm in the Lower Hall. Children in Year 5 and 6 will be using some of the RSE scheme in this term. Letters will be sent out to you to share what topics will be covered and chance will be given to answer any questions you may have. Other children (F2—Y4) will be starting the scheme from September.

**ROYAL WEDDING FEAST!**

Our Kitchen team work incredibly hard and on Thursday 17th May to celebrate the Royal Wedding, they will be putting on a Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea!

**Sandwiches / Pizza Bites / Cheese Flan / Sausage Rolls**

Served with a choice of salad

Jewelled Muffin

**Free Raffle entry for every child having a dinner!**

**Key Dates for Parents**

Week Beginning Monday 14th May—**Year 6 SATS Week**

Throughout May—**Year 2 SATS**

Week Beginning Monday 21st May—Robin Hood **NURTURE WEEK**

Friday 25th May—KS1 Ambassador Games & Break Up for Half term

Monday 4th June—Return to school for Summer 2

Monday 11th June—Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

WB Monday 18th June—Our 3 week World Cup Russian Sports Sensation 2018!

**MONDAY 25th JUNE—INSET**

Thursday 28th June—Nottingham City RSE Day (2pm Lower Hall—more information to follow)

Wednesday 4th July—**TRANSITION DAY** (all chn in new classes)

WB Monday 16th July—**Robin Hood Transition Week**—children in new classes from Monday 16th—Thursday 19th July

Thursday 26th July—Break Up for Summer Holiday!

Look out for Year Group Flyers which will have important dates on for events happening in your child’s class.