Dear Parents / Carers,

Half terms feels like a long time ago already and it has been a super start to the last half term at school! Many thanks to staff who took away our Year 2 children camping overnight at Wollaton Hall—they had a great time. Over the next few weeks we have two more residential camps to look forward to—Walesby and Kingswood—we hope all the children who attend have dry weather and lots of fun! More trips happening this half term are Nursery visiting Ferry Farm, Y1 and Y4 visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Y3 visiting Beacon Hill.

Lots is happening over the next few weeks. We have just this week celebrated our first Ambassador Day for pupils in Reception and Year 1 / 2 and next week we begin our 3 weeks of sports days and sports activities. A letter should have come out to you this week regarding more details. We look forward to the dads coming on Friday for our “Fathers Friday” event—I know there are some fun activities planned!

Many thanks to those parents who returned the questionnaire re dinners. We will look to take on board your comments. The £25 Amazon voucher went to Gemma Phoneix —Congratulations! Thanks too to the parents who handed back in slips regarding school running a holiday club for 2 weeks in the summer. There has not been enough interest shown in this so unfortunately we will not be running any child care facilities this year. If you are interested and did not register this—please do speak to Mrs Hissitt or Mrs Williams as it would be good to know if there is demand for this offer at a point in the future. As ever, many thanks must go staff who continue to work incredibly hard in this very busy and demanding half term.

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Attendance:

I am sure you are aware that we talk lots about good attendance. Whole school attendance since the beginning of the year is 96.2% this is below our target of 97%. In the school report you will receive a registration certificate which we show your child’s attendance for this academic year. Many thanks to those parents who have worked with us to ensure their child has good attendance or has worked with us to improve their child’s attendance over the course of the year. We currently have 81 children who have been in school every day! This is fantastic! Children who have a 100% at the end of the year will receive a medal and a £5 book voucher. We will next week be drawing the two children who had 100% attendance in Summer 1 and they will receive a voucher.

Please remember next year there has been a long weekend planned with an INSET on a Friday and Monday in June so that families can take holidays. We still encourage parents to consider the impact taking their child out of school will have at any point in the term.

Alice In Wonderland Performance!

We welcomed a company in last week to put on a production of Alice In Wonderland. It is always a great experience for pupils to see shows and performances from external providers and we hope your child enjoyed the show! Next year we hope to have a performance of Robin Hood and the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe...!
We have begun the half term with plenty of sports and games and celebrated a fantastic Ambassador led Reception and KS1 day this week! Thanks must go to Mr Gray, Mr Allen and all of our Ambassadors in school who worked so hard to ensure this was a great day.

Children competing in a Boccia Tournament

We have many external providers coming in to support our school in its ambition to be active! Many thanks to the Infant Sports Star team who came in last week and worked with Year 2! We also this week had Nottingham University Netball Team come in. They worked with our Year 4 pupils and ran some excellent afternoon sessions!

Hotter weather...

We have been lucky to have had a spell of better weather—let’s hope this continues! Your child may need to bring in a sun hat either a school cap or a plain hat. School caps are available at the office. Can we also ask that footwear is suitable for school, i.e. avoid strappy sandals which do not fasten to the foot, also please avoid sandals with heels. (See above guidelines) Many thanks for your support in this.

Protect your child from the sun by applying sun cream in the morning before school and ensuring they have a hat in school. You may want to send them in with labelled sun cream which they can apply (Nivea do a roll on which is easy for children to apply themselves) . We will ensure there is plenty of water and shade available during break and lunchtimes.
As a school we are committed to being a book loving school and aim that every child develops good habits to reading. This year we have asked that your child reads and signs their learning log at least 3 times a week. In 2018—19 we will be asking that every child gets into the habit of reading every school night (or x5 a week) This will be a challenge but we know that developing reading habits has been proven to ensure later success in life and are ambitious that we support a love of books in the primary phase.

Please do continue to encourage your child to read—if they make it wound their class reading chart they will come and receive a free book from Mr Overton. If children do read regularly they will have the chance to take away three free books from school each year!

We are as ever committed to building good reading habits and over this half term, children will continue to visit the library. Our local library will also be coming in to talk to the children about the 2018 Summer Holiday Reading Challenge.

**China Sister School Visit!**

You may be aware that six pupils and two staff members are due to visit our sister school in China over the October 2018 half term!

We are preparing to welcome twenty pupils from our sister school in China on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July! We cant wait to meet them, learn some Chinese and welcome them to Robin Hood so they can experience life at our school!

**TRANSITION into 2018 –19**

Every year we aim that transition is more effective so that progress in learning is not disrupted and children feel happy and confident as they move into new classes with new teachers. We will be having a Transition DAY on **Wednesday 4th July**. This will be a chance for children to find out who their new teacher is going to be and which classroom they will be going into.

Towards the end of the term we will be running a Robin Hood Transition Week. This will be a chance for teachers to get to know children in their new classes well. They will begin talking about the sorts of curriculum questions they are going to learn about and also discuss expectations of their new year group.

We will continue to run parents open afternoons for parents / carers to attend so that you have a chance to meet your child’s new class teacher and so that you can have time to go through with your child the expectations of the year ahead. We encourage all parents to attend these incredibly useful and informative sessions.

A letter will be coming out towards the end of June giving parents more information about the transition process.

**PARENTS OPEN AFTERNOONS!**

After parent feedback, we will run some of these parents afternoons prior to breaking up for the Summer holidays. This is to lessen anxiety for specific year groups of children and parents who may want questions answered before we break up for the Summer break.

**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)
Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will be made compulsory in all secondary schools, while all children in primary schools will be taught about healthy relationships from September 2019. It is likely that the teaching of PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) will too become a compulsory subject.

At Robin Hood we will begin using an RSE nationally approved scheme which will add to our existing PSHE lessons from September 2018. Every year group will consider what do healthy relationships look like? Sex Education will continue to be taught in Year 5 and 6 and parents are always informed of this however there will be some changes in other year groups to introduce key concepts.

Nottingham City are running an RSE Day on Thursday 28th June and at school we will be running an RSE Café from 2:30—4:00pm in the Lower Hall to give parents a chance to look at some of the RSE materials, ask any questions they may have and discuss their opinions. Parents will continue to have a right to withdraw their children from sex education.

Key Dates for Parents

Friday 15th June—Fathers Friday (invites have been sent out to those dad lucky enough to get a ticket!)
WB Monday 18th June—Our 3 week World Cup Russian Sports Sensation 2018! **Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school during this time.
Wednesday 20th June—F1 am potted sports @ 9:30am / F1 pm potted sports @ 1:30pm
Friday 22nd June—Y5 & 6 Kingswood Residential Trip
Friday 22nd June—Reception Potted Sports at 2:00pm
MONDAY 25th JUNE—INSET DAY (School closed to pupils for staff training)
Wednesday 27th June—KS2 (Years 3—6) Sports Afternoon 1:30—3:00pm
Thursday 28th June—KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Sports Afternoon 1:30—3:00pm
Thursday 28th June—RSE Café! (Lower Hall from 2:30-4:00pm)
Thursday 28th June—Y4 Walesby Forest Residential
Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July—China Visit to Robin Hood!
Wednesday 4th July—TRANSITION DAY (children into new classes for the day)
WB Monday 16th July (Mon—Thurs) - TRANSITION WEEK (children into new classes for the week)
Wednesday 18th July—5:00—7:30pm OPEN AIR CINEMA!
Friday 20th July—Reports out to parents
Tuesday 24th July—Robin Hood Talent Show (open to children only!)
Thursday 26th July—BREAK UP for Summer Holidays

MONDAY 4th September*** Children back in school from this date
Look out for Year Group Flyers which will have important dates on for events happening in your child’s class.