

Tuesday 27th November 2018

ROBERT PEEL Primary School



This week is going to be much colder and wetter, therefore it is essential that all the children come to school in a warm coat, gloves, hat and a scarf. We are aiming for the children to be outdoors for some of their PE lessons this term therefore the children also need a winter PE kit including of jogging bottoms and a warm jumper/fleece.

We are starting to think ahead to Christmas and the children start their rehearsals for the Christmas productions this week. As has been the case in previous years each family will be allocated two tickets for a performance to see their child and this year the bookings will be made through Parentmail. Therefore please check your account so that when the tickets are released you are able to book them.

As we come to the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kearsley who will be leaving us after 26 years to take up a teaching position in Cologne, Germany. This is a most exciting time for her and her husband and we wish her all the very best. Mrs Williamson will be stepping down from her role in the Nursery to spend more time with her husband who will be retiring but she will still be working with the children for an afternoon a week.

It's a great honour to be able to introduce to you our Head Girl: Orlagh, Head Boy: Lee and Prefects Emily, Jack and Alannah. In addition the Year 5 House and Sports Captains are below:

Churchill	Newton	Shakespeare	Nightingale
House Captain Cameron	House Captain Margaret	House Captain Charlie L	House Captain Rubi
Sports Captain Sophie R	Sports Captain Kayden	Sports Captain Chloe	Sports Captain Shannon

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday at the Christmas Fayre.

Best wishes

Miss L Gannev

**Join us for a fantastic Christmas Fayre on Friday
30th November straight after school.**

Christmas Fayre Donations

Thank you for all the donations we have already received and if you have any further items listed below which you would like to donate we would be happy to receive them this week.

These are:

Sweets and Treats, Toys and Games, Bags for Hook a Bag Stall, Christmas Tombola – Bottles (alcohol permitted), Festive Food, Toiletries, Cuddly Toys, Hamper items, White Elephant Stall, DVDs, Books, Unwanted Gifts, Scooters and Bikes.

Most importantly we would like to invite you to enjoy the fun. There will be an opportunity to meet Santa, visit lots of stalls, play loads of games, enjoy a good cake and refreshment, get your face painted, get decorated with a glitter tattoo and generally have an amazing and extra special Christmas experience.

Your generosity in donating items and spending money raises vital funds for the school which we are able to use to enrich the children's learning experiences, support school trips and provide additional resources for the children.



**Raffle Tickets are out!
Remember you have to
be in it to win it!**

Diary Dates

Thursday 29th November—KS 2 Film Club

Friday 30th November—Decoration Day

Friday 30th November—Christmas Fayre after school

Thursday 13th December—Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance at 2.15 and Friday 14th December at 9.30

Thursday 13th December—Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at 9.30 and Friday 14th December at 2.15

Tuesday 11th December—Yr 3 & 4 Christmas Performance at 9.30 & 2.15

Thursday 13th December — Yr 5 & 6 Carol Concert at 6.00 with Yr 5 Christmas Market from 5.00

Tuesday 18th December—Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 19th December —Christingle

Wednesday 19th December—Last day of Term

SSSHHHH — The Secret Present Room Returns!



We are again hosting our Secret Present room for Christmas. The room will be open the week of the 10th December and presents cost £2.50. Over the coming weeks letters will be sent home for you to return about the number of presents you would like. This way we can get the elves organised in their present preparation!

Are you entitled to financial support for school lunches, daily snack, milk and school trips?

One quick phone call is all it takes, just a minute of your time to make a massive difference to you and your child.

We know that there are lots of things for your family to consider when the school starts but you could be missing out on some financial support for your child at school. Parents are able to register their child for Free School Meals which enables the school to gain additional funding to support with trips, milk and snacks. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and you pay for hot lunches at the moment, by registering for Free School Meals you could save yourself nearly £400 on lunches alone.

It is a quick and easy process and all children from Nursery up are entitled to this additional funding if you as a parent are receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and you're annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call

0300 300 8306.

When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner

Dates of birth for your children

If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and already get a free meal, do still apply as the school will receive funding to support your child in other ways.

Thank You!

Harvest Donations

This year we collected our largest amount of produce to donate to The Need Project.

Huge thanks for your generosity!



A **big** thank
you from Pudsey
for raising
£333.45.

**This year we raised
£357.58 for the
Royal Legion's
Poppy Appeal.**



School Closure due to Bad Weather

Its that time of year again when I just wanted to remind you of the arrangements in the event of the school being closed due to bad weather.

All parent/carers who subscribe to Parentmail will receive an email as soon as possible when the decision has been made. Please also listen to HEART and Three Counties Radio for updates on school closures. You can also register with the Central Bedfordshire SOS system and receive alerts. To register, please go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS Click on “register for updates” and fill in the text boxes then click on “submit”. You will then receive an email containing instructions on how to activate your account.



Christmas Jumpers—Friday 30th November

As Friday is our Christmas Fayre the children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper for the day and they do not need their book bag or school bag that day.