



Newsletter

20TH JULY 2017

An End of an Era!

As another year draws to a close, we close the chapter on Robert Peel Lower School. But in six weeks time we start an amazing and exciting new chapter as Robert Peel Primary School! I feel incredibly lucky and very proud to be Headteacher of this fantastic school where children love to learn, support each other, throw themselves into everything we give them and I get to work with an incredible group of staff. Every day so many children share something they have achieved and they are proud of. To me, this is why I became a teacher and it continues to be the reason why I want every youngster who comes through our amazing school to be the best they can be!

Obviously, this success does not happen in isolation and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support this year. The partnership we have with you as parents makes a massive difference to the children and their educational journey. Robert Peel is a special place with parents, staff and Governors working so closely together for the children. I would also like to say thank you to all the members of staff at our school who, as always, have worked very hard this year to ensure that the children are given the opportunity to learn and to flourish and succeed in a happy and supportive environment. It is such an exciting time for all those involved with the school to see our goal of becoming a thriving primary school coming to fruition.

Life at Robert Peel is never dull and over the last few weeks we have been jam packed with Proms in the Playground, Image Theatre, Sports Day, Robert Peel's Got Talent, Pool Parties and our amazing Arts Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the different art and music experiences last week and we must say a massive thank you to the Sandy Upper School pupils who came and performed and ran workshops – the children were enthralled!

This time of year we always have goodbyes to say and we would all like to wish the Year 4 children who are moving on to Middle School all the very best for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Churms, Miss Diggle, Mrs Pruden and Mrs Jones. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work, commitment and dedication during their time at Robert Peel and wish them all the best in their next adventures.

The last thing I would like to say is a personal thank you for all your continued support for the school and the work that we do. I would also like to wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in September as we open the gates to Robert Peel Primary School.

Best wishes L Gannev

A Place to be GREAT

Term Dates 2017 - 2018

<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>
Start of Term children return to school Tuesday 5th September End of half term Friday 20th October	Start of Term children return to school Thursday 4th January End of half term Friday 9th February	Start of Term children return to school Tuesday 17th April End of half term Friday 25th May May Day Monday 7th May
Half term from Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October	Half term from Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	Half term from Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June
Start of Term children return to school Monday 30th October End of half term Wednesday 20th December	Start of Term children return to school Monday 19th February End of half term Thursday 29th March	Start of Term children return to school Tuesday 5th June End of half term Friday 20th July

**Staff Training Days Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September, Wednesday 3rd January,
Monday 16th April and Monday 5th June**

Year Group Meetings

At the start of the new academic year we have set a meeting for each year group's teachers to meet with parents to be able to share with you some information about the year ahead. Along with ways you are able to help your child with their learning at home.

The dates are as follows:

Year 1 – Wednesday 6th September 9.10

Year 2 – Thursday 7th September 9.10

Year 3 – Friday 8th September 9.10

Year 4 - Monday 11th September 9.10

Year 5 - Tuesday 12th September 9.10

Squirrels Out of School Club

Squirrels breakfast and after school club are taking bookings for September. Breakfast from 7.30am to 9.00am and after school 3.15pm to 6pm. If you are interested in booking places then please call:

07568426705 or email

squirrels@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk



Happy Summer Holidays



School Uniform

As many of you will be buying new uniform over the summer I would like to remind you that the correct uniform is listed below. Please remember that the children need to wear black shoes NOT trainers as many have been wearing lately.

Boys

Grey or black trousers or shorts
White shirt or red or white polo shirt
Red pullover/sweatshirt
Sensible black shoes

Girls

Grey or black trousers, skirt, shorts or red and white checked summer dress
White shirt or red or white polo shirt
Red pullover/sweatshirt
Sensible black shoes

PE Kit

Black shorts
White T-shirt
Plimsolls or trainers
Jumper and tracksuit bottoms for winter months

Scholastic Book Fair

**28th September to 3rd
October**

The logo features the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters on a red rectangular background. Below this, the words "BOOK FAIRS" are written in large, bold, blue capital letters.

Keep up with your Reading

& Times Tables

The summer holidays are a busy time for families and there is lots of fun to have. It really helps the children with their learning if they keep reading and practising their times tables over the holidays. That way when they come back in September they can hit the ground running!

Why not pop into the town Library as they have so many activities on this holiday.

**Children return to
school on Tuesday
5th September**

Parent/Grandparent Helpers for Reading Required

If you have an afternoon a week or an hour or two to help with hearing children read please can you contact the school office in the new year. This support really helps the children develop their reading and makes a massive difference to the children's reading confidence.

Robert Peel in Action

Talk for Writing Assembly



Sports Day Results

This was a fantastic first event in the new houses and the children and staff really got into the team spirit. It was a close run event with the points being:

- 1st Place Newton – 251 points
- 2nd Place Shakespeare – 249 points
- 3rd Place Nightingale – 243 points
- 4th Place Churchill – 221 points