

Friday 29th September 2017

ROBERT PEEL Primary School



Busy Times!

All the children are settling in so well and it is lovely to see the whole Robert Peel family come together and share in the joy of all their learning. Year 5 had a hugely successful trip to Cromer and the chips in the rain under the cover of shelter was a highlight! Year 2 walked to the Sandhills this week and enjoyed collecting conkers and leaves to use in their Autumn work back at school.

The School Council elections took place and the children really showed our school Vision of being confident and aspirational in their goals. The children who were voted in will form this year's Council. I will share with you over the year some of their plans and ambitions for Robert Peel.

The Autumn weather has started to turn up with the cold and damp mornings turning into bright and sunny days. With the change in weather please ensure your child comes to school in a coat as we will always try to get them outside for breaks, even if it is drizzling.

The children will be bringing home a letter about Open Mornings today; please return these as soon as possible so Class Teachers know who they are expecting each session.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss L Gannev

Up and Coming Dates

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October—
Scholastic Book Fayre

Thursday 5th October—KS 2 Film
Club

Friday 6th October—Open Morning
9.00-10.30 (Afternoon Nursery will be
open to parents)

Monday 9th October—School Photos

Thursday 12th October—KS 1 Film
Club

Friday 13th October—Open Morning
9.00-10.30 (Afternoon Nursery will be
open to parents)

Tuesday 17th October—Harvest
Festival

Wednesday 18th October—Year 4
Trip to St Albans

Wednesday 18th October—Parents
Evening 5.00-7.00

Thursday 19th October—Parents
Evening 4.00-6.00

Friday 20th October—Break up for half
term

Sausage & Chips Special Lunch

On Thursday 5th October there will be a special hot lunch 'Fun Day' menu choice.

Sausage and chips with ice cream for pudding!

We would like to have as many children as possible join in the fun and don't forget children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free hot meal a day! Lunch is booked as normal on the day with Year 3, 4 and 5 costing £2.00.

Parentmail

Please check your account to see if you are receiving emails. We have sent some information already so if you haven't received it you may have to re-register. If you want to start receiving Parentmail an application form can be collected from the school office.

Harvest Festival Donations

We are now starting to collect items of tinned and packet produce for our Harvest Festival. If you have any items you are able to donate then please send them in with your child. All donations will go to the Need Project.



School photos Monday 9th October. Sibling photos of children who don't attend Robert Peel will start at 8.15 to 8.45. Get your smiles ready!

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 and 5 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 your 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.

Attendance Matters

As a school we are committed to maximising attendance for all our pupils in order to enable them to benefit fully from their education. We believe that regular attendance is vital for effective learning and that the key to success is in working in partnership with yourselves and your children. It has come to my attention that there are a number of children arriving late to school. As I have said before this has a considerable impact on the children getting ready for their learning and for teachers being able to start their lessons promptly. Children in Years 1 to 5 need to be in their class ideally by 8.55 for morning activities and for Reception this is 9.00. Registers will be taken at this point and any children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. We need your support as parents to make this happen and I hope that over the coming weeks to see an improvement and that all the children are in their classes on time and ready for their exciting day of learning.

Over the coming weeks I will be sending letters to parents whose child's attendance has dipped below 95% which is the level the Local Authority sets as the percentage of days children need to be attending school.

Can I also remind you that if your child is absent you must phone the school office to inform them of the reason your child is absent. We have a duty of care to follow up any unexplained absences therefore it is so important that you keep us informed about your child's absence.

The children are thoroughly enjoying using the I-Pads and laptops and as part of our curriculum we teach them about keeping safe on line.

Below are our internet safety rules which the children follow to keep themselves safe.

These rules help us to stay safe on the internet.

Think then Click



We only use the Internet when an adult is with us.



We can click on the buttons or links when we know what they do.



We can search the Internet with an adult.



We always ask if we get lost on the Internet.



We can send and open emails together.



We can write polite and friendly emails to people that we know.