



MILE POST



Important Dates

Friday 26th Jan: Young Voices Concert. (Final details for all those going will be sent home separately.)

Tuesday 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th Feb: Year 6 Parents SATs information meetings, 2.30pm or 6.30pm

Thursday 8th Feb: Last swimming session for yrs 4 & 6

Friday 16th Feb:

Last day of half term

Monday 19th Feb - Friday 23rd Feb: Half term holiday

Monday 26th Feb: First day of half term

Thursday 8th March: Year 4 Twycross Zoo trip

Monday 12th March: Open evening for classes 3P, 4E, 5L and 6H

Wednesday 14th March: Open evening for classes 3B, 4CM, 5M and 6AR

Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th March: Year 5 Ilam residential visit

Thursday 29th March: Last day of Spring term

Friday 30th March: Bank holiday

Monday 16th April: First day of Summer term

More details about various events will be sent home closer to the time.

SATs Tests

Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments (known as SATs tests) in English and maths during the week beginning **14th May**.

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a good festive season and are enjoying the new year.

The term has started well. The children have settled down to their work quickly and I know there is much to look forward to in the year ahead.

Please note the important dates for the term ahead. Weekly Posts will continue to bring you up to date with what is going on and do not forget the website is regularly updated with news and photographs from different events happening in school.

I would like to welcome Mr Maylard-Mason to our school as our new PE coach. He will be teaching PE to classes across the school. Your child's PE day may change this term due to a reorganisation of our timetable; your child's teacher will ensure they know when that will be.

Year 6 SATs Meetings

There will be 2 meetings on Thursday 8th February for parents/carers of year 6 children. The year 6 teachers will give you information about the forthcoming SATs tests, advice on how best to prepare your child and the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The meeting will be at 2.30pm and repeated at 6.30pm.

Open Evenings

Please note the dates for this term's open evenings. This is a very important meeting and I would urge any parent/carer who is unable to attend to make alternative arrangements with your child's class teacher. A reminder letter will be sent out closer to the time.

Middy Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

6 hours 15 mins per week

Monday to Friday

11.55am - 1.10 p.m.

Term time only

Salary: NJE Grade 1 point 6 (£7.78 per hour)

Duties include helping and supervising children in the dinner hall and supervision of children on the playground ensuring that acceptable standards of behaviour are maintained. Full training will be given.

If you are interested in joining our friendly midday team, please do not hesitate to call in or telephone (01949 875011) for further information and an application pack.

Robert Miles Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date for applications is
Friday 26th January 2018

Dragon Days – the Movie!

We have a film ready of the show from last term (it is the Thursday night performance.) If you would like to buy a copy then please return the order form that comes along with this newsletter. We are moving with the times and this year the film will be supplied on a memory stick rather than a DVD (in mp4 format). This will mean a much better quality film and can be watched on an laptop, smart TV etc.

Please note it may take a week for your film to arrive, depending on how many we have to order and copy.

Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club Art Competition 2018

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club are once again sponsoring this annual competition for primary aged pupils. This year's theme is Earth, Sea or Sky and the closing date is 28th February 2018. Please see Mrs Ryan for full details and an application form.

Thank You

The collection at the end of the year 3 Nativity play in the Church at the end of last term raised £97.00 which has gone to the charities supported by the Church. I received a very nice letter thanking you for your generosity.

Snow Procedure

Just in case we experience any unduly severe weather through January and February, it is worth reminding parents/carers of our snow procedure.

If there has been a heavy snowfall overnight, I will endeavour to make a decision as early as possible as to whether the school will remain open, hopefully by 8.15am. The school will only be closed if snow makes it

impossible for staff to get to school.

If the school is to be closed, notice to this effect will be sent via text message and confirmed on the school website. We will not send this information to radio stations because past experience shows it is not a 100% reliable way of transmitting closure news.

The decision to close will be made, if possible, with Mrs Greensmith. However, this very much depends on staff availability and it may be the case that one school is open when the other is closed.

Hopefully the school will remain open if it snows, so we can all enjoy it at playtime. The rule for snowy days when school is open is that if children bring a pair of wellies and gloves, then they will be allowed out at playtimes to build snowmen. The same applies to the staff!

Parent Pay

A reminder to please keep your Parent Pay account up to date. All school dinners need to be paid in advance. It is very helpful to the office staff if your account is kept up to date and saves them a lot of unnecessary work. Thank you.

Attendance

All parents/carers should have received a letter outlining your child(ren)'s attendance rates for the past term. We cannot stress enough how important good attendance is to ensure academic progress and hopefully this end of term check will enable you to keep an eye on your child(ren)'s current attendance rate. If you have not received a letter please contact the office or if you would like to discuss any of the issues raised please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gilbey.

This Half Term's Clubs

New clubs are always announced in assemblies and individual letters giving full details will go home with any child who expresses an interest. More after school clubs will start after half term when it is light enough to be outside at 4.30.

Club	Open to	Day/Time	Starts
Times Tables Rock Stars	Yr 3 & 4	Monday 12.30 – 1.00	15/1/18
Film Club	All	Monday 3.30 – 5.15 (£1 per session)	15/1/18
Jigsaw Club	Yr 3 & 4	Tuesday 12.20 – 12.50	30/1/18
Times Tables Rock Stars	Yr 5 & 6	Tuesday 12.30 – 1.00	23/1/18
Young Voices	Yr 5 & 6	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30	16/1/18
Dance Club	All	Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30 (£2 per session)	17/1/18
Bible Explorers	All	Thursday 12.30 – 1.00	18/1/18
Archery Club	All (limited nos)	Thursday 3.30 – 5.00 (£3 per session)	Started
Orchestra	All	Friday 12.30 – 1.00	19/1/18
My Maths Club	All	Friday 12.30 – 1.00	12/1/18
Handball	Yr 5 & 6	Friday 12.30 – 1.00	19/1/18