

MILE POST



Welcome Back to School

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school to everyone and a particularly warm welcome to all parents and children new to Robert Miles. We are looking forward to another happy and productive year and I very much look forward to working with you to support your children.

Staffing

Our school once again has eight classes, two in each of the four year groups.

The classes are organised as follows:

Year 3

Mrs Broster (Class 3B)

Mr Powley (Class 3P)

Year 4

Mrs Chamberlain/Mrs Mosley (Class 4CM)

Mr Edwards (Class 4E)

Year 5

Miss Lanagan (Class 5L)

Mrs Alcock/Mrs Ryan (Class 5AR)

Year 6

Mrs Melhuish (6M)

Mr Haslock (Class 6H)

SENCO

Mrs Ward

Extra Teachers

Mrs King (Yr 3/4)

Mrs Tang (Yr 5/6)

Mr Haslock is the deputy head teacher and if I am not available will be able to deal with all matters pertaining to the school.

Mr Maylard-Mason will once again be teaching PE and swimming to most classes. Mr Parnell will continue teaching music to all children on Fridays. Mrs Alcock will be teaching French to years 5 and 6 and Mrs Broster will be teaching French to years 3 and 4.

We have seven teaching assistants: Mrs Clark, Mrs Donovan, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Mason, Mrs Ward, Mrs White and Mrs Wilson.

Mrs Wallace is the school business manager, Mrs Carr and Mrs Nunn are the administrative assistants. Mrs Fisher is our designated first aider.

Mr Dexter, school caretaker, lives on the premises in the house just inside the entrance.

Our Midday Supervisors, led by Mrs Stewart, are Mrs Allan, Mrs Mayhew, Mrs Spencer, and Mrs Turns.

Our school cook is Mrs Dodd and her assistant is Mrs Dove. I am very fortunate in having a great staff here at Robert Miles who work together very effectively to support each and every pupil. If you are a new parent who I have not met, I hope it will not be long before we do.

Dates for this term's information meetings and open evenings can be found inside this newsletter, alongside dates and times for other major events this term. Year 3 will have an early open evening to ensure the Year 3

teachers have a chance to talk to as many parents/carers as soon as possible. (A separate letter will be going home with full details). If you have any concerns at all, however, please do not wait until then to discuss them with your child's teacher. Teachers will be happy to meet you to talk. Please remember that teachers will not be able to talk for long in the few minutes just before school because they will need to take charge of their class at 9.00am promptly.

Thank you for your continuing support.

R. A. Gilbey (Headteacher)

Gold Standard!

We had some great news to come back to - we are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sport and competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been awarded Gold. Find out more on our website!



News, Information and Reminders

Important Dates

Thursday 13th Sep: Swimming starts for years 4 & 6

Saturday 15th Sep: Boys Rushcliffe six-a-side football tournament.

Monday 17th Sep: Year 6 Information meeting. 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th Sep: Year 5 Information meeting. 2.30pm

Wednesday 19th Sep: Year 4 Information meeting 2.30pm

Wednesday 21st Sep: First Honours Assembly

Saturday 22nd Sep: Girls Rushcliffe seven-a-side football tournament.

Monday 24th Sep: Open evening timetables available (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)

Tuesday 25th Sep: Parent volunteer meeting 2.15pm

Weds 26th Sep: Year 3 Open evening

Thursday 27th Sep: Year 6 Dukes Barn Information Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 28th Sep: Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00 - 10.15am

Friday 5th October: Individual photographs

Monday 8th Oct: Open evening for Classes 4E, 5L, 6H

Wednesday 10th Oct: Open evening for classes 4CM, 5AR, 6M

Monday 15th Oct - Friday 19th Oct: Year 6 residential visits to Dukes Barn

Mon 29th Oct - Fri 2nd Nov: Half term holiday

Tuesday 20th November: Year 5 Harry Potter Trip

Monday 10th Dec: Christmas show 1.30pm

Tues, Weds, Thurs 11th - 13th Dec: Christmas show 7.00pm

Monday 17th Dec: Year 3 Nativity performance in the Church 1.45pm

Tuesday 18th Dec: Year 3 trip to Brackenhurst

Tuesday 18th Dec: Year 6 trip to Eden Camp

Wednesday 19th Dec: Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 21st Dec: Last day of term

Information Meetings

We will be holding information and 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for Years 4, 5 and 6. Dates and times for these meetings are listed alongside. These meetings will give you the chance to meet the teaching teams who will give you information about the term and year ahead - PE days, homework arrangements, curriculum topics and organisation etc. We hope you will be able to make these. If you are not able to, all relevant information will be made available on the website.

School Money

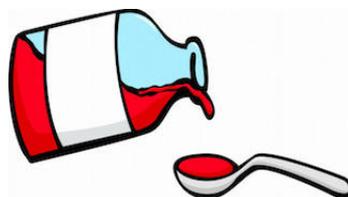
All new parents/carers will receive their username and log in details for our on-line payment system by the end of next week. If any existing parents/carers have lost their details, please ask at the office.

We very much intend to move to having a cashless office during this academic year so the more you can use School Money for school dinners, trips etc the sooner you will get used to not sending cash into school.

Medicines

Children who require an inhaler should always keep one in school in case of emergencies. If necessary we will store and administer other medicines in school once you have completed a brief instruction and permission form available from the school office.

If your child has any medical needs that you have not already informed school about then please contact the office as soon as possible, thank you.



Honours Assemblies

We hold regular Honours Assemblies on Wednesday mornings at 9.15 until 9.35. This is a time of the week where we celebrate children's achievements. If your child is selected to appear in an Honours Assembly, you will receive a letter home on a Friday inviting you to the assembly the next week. These are very enjoyable mornings and I look forward to sharing successes with you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are once again supporting this national event to raise valuable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity which offers support to people living with cancer. We would like to invite you to our coffee morning which will be on **Friday 28th September** from 9 - 10.15am All money raised will go to Macmillan.



No Nuts or Seeds Please

We have several children in school who have potentially very dangerous allergies to nuts. For this reason please help by never sending in nuts or 'nutty' cereal or chocolate bars in packed lunches, or items of food where seeds can easily fall from. We appreciate your help with this, as do the parents of children with nut allergies.

Swimming

Swimming begins Thursday 13th September. This term years 4 and 6 will swim. Classes 4CM and 6M will swim from 1.30 – 2.15pm and classes 4E and 6H will swim from 2.15 – 3.00pm

We will require parent volunteers to accompany classes to the pool.

Please note this is purely in an observational role, you are not required to act as instructors or lifeguards! If you can help with this, please contact the school office as soon as possible, thank you. Your help with this is invaluable.

Parent Helpers

We welcome parental help in many areas of school life. Indeed, some activities, such as swimming, cannot go ahead without parental help as observers. We also welcome help listening to children read, helping with craft activities and any other areas in which you feel you can offer.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like further information, Mrs Ward will be running an induction session on **Tuesday 25th September at 2.15pm**. This session will explain what volunteering would entail and answer any questions you may have. We would welcome any parents/carers to attend - new or existing volunteers.

Website

Our school website – www.robertmiles.co.uk – has regular updates about events that have happened in school, with photographs from special occasions, news, Weekly Posts and more.

The school calendar contains all the dates for this term and beyond. It is a Google calendar which you can subscribe to should you wish to link it to your own computer or mobile device. The calendar address is:
office@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk

Attendance

We have to closely monitor the levels of authorised and unauthorised absence and I would ask for your continued support in contacting the school either by telephone, or sending a note in advance, if your child is going to be absent. If we have not received notification of absence we will contact parents from 10.00am to ascertain the reasons why a child is not at school. This also acts as security for parents of the older children who allow children to walk unaccompanied. The school office is staffed from **8.30am** onwards. You can ring before and leave a message if there is no-one available.

Please ensure that your child is not left alone on the playground before 8.50am. There is no supervision before that time and therefore no one to ensure their safety. Either Mr Haslock or myself will be stationed at the school entrance from 8.50am. You are free to leave your child(ren) at that time, or wait until the bell rings.

If you collect your child during the school day for appointments etc, please ensure you sign them out at the front desk.

Jewellery

For safety and practical reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school. The exceptions to this rule are watches and **plain studs** for children who have pierced ears. Watches and ear studs have to be removed during **all** PE activities, this includes swimming. Your child needs to be able to remove their own ear studs, and if they cannot they will not be allowed to take part in PE sessions or swim.

Healthy Breaktimes

Our healthy tuck shop at morning break is up and running at a cost of 30p per item of fruit. Please note children are only allowed to have fresh fruit or vegetables at morning break – either from the tuck shop or from home.

Musical Instrument Tuition

We have many children who take up the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument in school and we are trying to extend the range each year.

Currently we offer tuition in brass, woodwind, violin, cello, guitar (electric or acoustic), drums and voice (singing). You will receive full information about how to access tuition, cost etc in a separate letter soon.

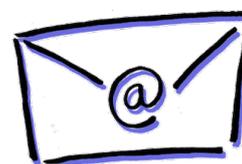
Mr Parnell, who teaches music to all children on Fridays, will continue to run the orchestra, which this year will be on Friday mornings. All children who play an instrument can join the orchestra, whether they have lessons in school or out.



Email

Wherever possible, newsletters will be emailed rather than printed out like this one. You will have given us an email address or two when you filled in this year's contact form, these will be used for newsletters and other information. If you would like another email address adding to receive information then please let the office know.

We have some issues in the past with email providers who move all mass email to junk or spam folders. To avoid this we will always send a text letting you know when a newsletter has gone home, they will also be available on the website. If you are continuing not to receive any newsletters via email then please let us know.



Clothing

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions, particularly for those days in which they have PE. Mr Maylard-Mason will attempt to do PE outside in all weathers except pouring rain. Therefore when the weather begins to get colder your child will need a pair of jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for PE. When the forecast is for rain we can continue to go outside for playtimes as long as children have a waterproof coat. Fresh air is so important! Thank you for your help with this.

Lost Property

A lost property bin is sited on the stairs leading to year 4 and children have full access to it. Every effort is made to find the owners of lost property. Please could you ensure that all items of clothing are marked with your child's name. If it is named, it usually finds its rightful owner.

Cycles and Scooters

We have a parking area around the back of the hall for cycles and scooters. Anyone is free to park scooters there but please ensure if your child wants to park their bicycle they have taken home a

cycle to school letter and you and they have signed the agreement.

For everyone's safety the rule is that children are not allowed to ride cycles or scoot on scooters anywhere on the school site.

They must dismount at the gate and push them round. Failure to do this will result in them being banned from using the scooter/cycle park. Thank you for your support with this.

I am pleased to inform you that we will be running cycle safety courses for years 4, 5 and 6 during 2019. Further details late in the year.

This Term's Clubs

These are the clubs for this half term. **Note - all after school clubs will finish at half term as we begin practice for the Christmas play.** New clubs are always announced in assemblies and individual letters giving full details will go home with any child who expresses an interest. Unfortunately we are unable to take children to KoolKidz following a club. Please note start dates.

Club	Open to	Day/Time	Starts
Film Club	All	Monday 3.30 - 5.15 (£1 per session)	10/9/18
Handball Club	Yr 3 & 4	Tuesday 8.15am - 8.55am (£1.50 per session)	11/9/18
Times Tables Rockstar	Yr 5 & 6	Tuesday 12.30 - 1.00	18/9/18
Clementines Reading Group	All	Tuesday 12.30 - 1.00	18/9/18
Football Club	Yr 3/4 (Alternate weeks)	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	11/9/18
Young Voices Choir	Yr 5 & 6	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	11/9/18
Athletics Club	Yr 5 & 6	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	18/9/18
Running Club	All	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30	19/9/18
Dance Club	All	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 (£2 per session)	12/9/18
Christmas Play Prop Making	Yr 5 & 6	Thursday 12.30 - 1.00	20/9/18
Times Tables Rockstar	Yr 3 & 4	Thursday 12.30 - 1.00	13/9/18
Football Club	Yr 5 & 6 (Alternate weeks)	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30	13/9/18
Colouring Club	Yr 4, 5 & 6	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30	13/9/18
Futsal Club	Yr 5 & 6	Friday 8.15am - 8.55am (£1.50 per session)	14/9/18
Orchestra	All	Friday 8.15am	21/9/18
Computer Coding Club	Yr 4, 5 & 6	Friday 12.30 - 1.00	14/9/17