



★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 8th September 2023 ★

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to have the children back in school this week. They've returned with a spring in their step and quickly settled back into the routines of school life. The new Year 3 children have also quickly settled into their new school and are busy getting up to speed on how everything works. The only complaint is that it would have been nice to have this weather in August!

As you know, we made some changes to the uniform this term. Thank you so much for supporting with this and purchasing the additional items you may have needed. The children look really smart and it is nice to have the consistency that I believe a uniform policy should create.

As the new school year gets under way, I will increasingly share dates both here and on the front page of the website so you know when things are happening. Please keep an eye out for these; we will also write to parents with further details about specific events as required.

Finally, as some of you know, Mr Jennings is on paternity leave following the birth of his son, Emrys Richard Rajjen Jennings earlier in the week. Baby and Mum are both well and I am sure you will join me in sending them our very best wishes for the future. During this period, Mrs King and other colleagues are leading the class so the children will have a smooth start to the new term.

I aim to be on the gate at the start and end of every day so do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

- 14th September Year 4 swimming begins
- 27th September Year 3 Parents Open Evening (from 2.30pm)
- 28th September Y6 Parents Duke's Barn Information Evening (6pm)
- 4th October School Photographer
- 9th October Year 4/5/6 Parents Open Evening
- 11th October Year 4/5/6 Parents Open Evening
- w/c 16th Oct Year 6 Duke's Barn Residential
- 24th October Halloween Disco
- w/c 30th Oct Half Term

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.45am – children should not arrive earlier. Some children have been arriving as early as 8.20am which is when teachers are preparing for the day.

School Attendance

Excellent attendance is vital to success at school. We track attendance closely and celebrate excellent attendance. Our target is for each child to have an attendance figure of at least 95%.

3B	100%
3J	96%
4H	100%
4G	92.5%
5AR	93.75%
5M	96.9%
6L	100%
6M	96.1%
All	96.89%

Congratulations to 4H, 6L and 3B on a brilliant 100%



New Website



We have a new website! Please have a look around the new website – the aim is to provide all the information parents and the wider public need about the school in an easy to navigate setup. Lots of the content and photos from the old site are on there along with plenty of new information especially about our curriculum design and ambitions.

Feedback from parents is encouraged – if there is information that you would like to see on there, please do let us know.

Curriculum Overviews

<h3>Welcome to Year 4</h3> <h4>Autumn Term 2023</h4>	
<p>A very warm welcome to all parents and carers of children in Year 4. We are sure your child is going to have a wonderful year with us. Please find below lots of useful information about the new term. If you have any questions or if there is anything you are unsure about please don't hesitate to contact us via email. We are looking forward to working closely with you and your child and we value your continued support.</p>	
Class Teachers	4G Miss Garbett 4H Miss Horsfield
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Donovan, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Sykes-Ellis, Mrs Thacker
Important Dates	Swimming every Thursday starting 14th September until February half term.
Homework	Reading: 10-15 minutes every day Spellings: weekly practice and test in school. A piece of either maths, English or topic-related work will be handed out every Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday, starting 15th September. Regular times tables practice on Times Tables Rockstars with weekly tests in school.
Home School Diary	Your child has a brand new Home School Diary with lots of important information in. Please help your child look to after this and remember to bring it into school every day.
PE	Swimming every Thursday afternoon—please ensure your child has their kit. 4H Tuesdays with Mr Maylard-Mason 4G Fridays with Mr Maylard-Mason Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day just in case there is a timetable change.

As always, Curriculum Overviews for this term have been published and sent to parents. These are also on the school website under Curriculum / Termly Overviews.

The overviews contain lots of information about what your child will be learning this term along with homework expectations and timings for PE.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or require further information. A reminder that swimming starts for Year 4 next week.

Young Voices



Young Voices is back again and will be taking place at Birmingham's Resort World Arena on Friday 26th January 2024. Children in Year 5 and 6 are welcome to apply to take part and join the 5,000 strong children's choir. This is a brilliant, unique opportunity and we would like to, once again, have a huge Robert Miles presence on the night.

A letter went home to Year 5 and 6 parents with all the information you need. We will be starting rehearsals later this month, so if you would your child to take part, **please return the slip and the ticket order form by Monday 11th September.** Rehearsals will be taking place after school on Tuesday evenings from 3.40pm to 4.30pm.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

57 of our children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge organised by Bingham Library. Well done to all the children who took part!

School Meals – Dietary Requirements

This term, we have a new catering company supporting us and other Equals Trust schools. Their new systems require parent notification when a child has a special dietary requirement.

All parents have received a link to a form where you can submit information about your child's dietary requirements. If you have not already done so, please complete the form here if your child has specific dietary requirements:

<https://orders.lunchhound.co.uk/medicaldiets/request>



Local News and Information

We are happy to publicise local events and activities for children in the newsletter particularly ahead of holiday periods. (Please note the school is not endorsing these events as they are run separately.) Any enquiries should be made through the website address shown on the leaflet below.



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Weekly Menu

Monday

- Rainbow pizza, herby diced potatoes, sweetcorn and peas.
- Loaded potato and vegetable wedges with mixed beans. (V)
- Freshly baked jacket potato with tuna and mayonnaise, grated cheese or baked beans.
- Flapjack Finger

Tuesday

- Chicken and sweetcorn meatballs, tomato sauce, pasta, green beans and cauliflower.
- Vegetable sausage pasta bake, green beans and cauliflower. (V)
- Freshly baked jacket potato with tuna and mayonnaise, grated cheese or baked beans.
- Chocolate & banana muffin

Wednesday

- Roast Chicken, roast potatoes, gravy, carrots and savoy cabbage.
- Vegetable sausage, roast potatoes, carrots, savoy cabbage and gravy. (V)
- Freshly baked jacket potato with tuna and mayonnaise, grated cheese or baked beans.
- Jelly & Mandarins

Thursday

- Chicken tikka curry, mixed rice and mixed vegetables salad.

- Margherita macaroni.
- Freshly baked jacket potato with tuna and mayonnaise, grated cheese or baked beans.
- Fruity jam bun & custard

Friday

- Fish, chips, baked beans or peas.
- Cheese and onion pastry roll and potato wedges, baked beans or peas. (V)
- Freshly baked jacket potato with tuna and mayonnaise, grated cheese or baked beans.
- Chocolate ice cream.

Upcoming Dates w/c 11th September

Monday 11th September 2023

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Megamind. £2 charge for this club. Please pay for this using the School Money app. Soft drink and biscuit provided. No sweets or chocolate please.

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Thursday 14th September 2023

- Year 4 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit and any inhalers required.
- Tag rugby for years 5 and 6. 3.30-4.30pm.

Friday 15th September 2023

- School BBQ has been cancelled