

## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### \*\*\* Inset Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October \*\*\*

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School will reopen at the usual time on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Dear Parents,

**Parents Evening** It was lovely to see lots of Year 3 parents in school for the parents evening sessions this week. I hope you found the conversations with Mrs Broster and Mr Jennings useful. Timing these sessions earlier is really important so that the teachers can let you know how the children have settled in and how they performed in the baseline tests they completed over the past few weeks.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents Evening sessions are taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October. The sign-up system is now live so please book your slots. Please speak to the office if you have any issues signing up for a session.

**Parent Forum** When I first joined the school, I said that I wanted to run termly Parent Forums where parents could come into school to hear an update from me on how the school is running and have an opportunity to ask any questions.

The first of these sessions will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am. I will also be joined by our Governing Body Chair, David Thacker. David was appointed Chair of Governors back in June and I know is keen to introduce himself and meet with parents. All parents are invited to come along.

**Inset Day** Next Friday (6<sup>th</sup> October) is a staff inset day. School will be closed to all children.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

### Dates for the Diary

4 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4/5/6 Parents Open Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4/5/6 Parents Open Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Forum
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 Duke's Barn Residential
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for Secondary School Applications

### 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	98.5%
3J	99.2%
4H	98.3%
4G	97.7%
5AR	91.9%
5M	98.4%
6L	94.4%
6M	87.5%
<b>All</b>	<b>95.6%</b>



Congratulations to 3B who have the best attendance this week!

### \*\*\* Secondary School Applications \*\*\*

Year 6 parents **must** complete their secondary school applications by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. More information on the school website under Admissions / Secondary Transfer.

## School Council & Prefects

Over the past two weeks, we have interviewed and appointed six prefects and the children have chosen school councillors in Year 3, 4 and 5.

### Prefects:

**Arts Prefect:** Megan Terrington

**Community Prefect:** Ellie Jones

**Environment Prefect:** Nathan Scott

**Inclusion Prefect:** Sophia Reed

**Learning Prefect:** Piper Gilfillan

**Sports Prefect:** Thomas Hallam-Waite

### School Council

**3J** Ruby Sharphouse & Henry Skinner

**3B** Lauren Jones & Autumn Miller

**4G** Ella Talbot & Elizabeth Cook

**4H** Christian Ignatoff & Yanyu Chan

**5M** Jessica Sanders & Max Wightman

**5AR** Hattie Greenhalgh & Harley Williams



## Year 6 – Transition to Secondary School

**A reminder that Year 6 parents must have completed the secondary application form by 31st October 2023.** Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/applying-for-a-school-place-september>

There is also information on the Robert Miles website under Admissions / Secondary Transfer.

If parents have any questions about the transition to secondary school, please speak to Mr Evelyn or the school office.

## House Points

Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best. Each Friday in Honours Assembly, we announce the latest scores. At the end of each term, the house with the most points earns a non-uniform day.

This week's overall totals:

Jupiter	214
Mercury	165
Neptune	173
Saturn	178



## Honours Assembly

Congratulations to these children whose success was celebrated at Honours Assembly this week and some of their work was shared with all the children in the school.

3J	Kya Wong & Camille Bee
3B	Skye Tonelli & Natalia Kowalik
4G	Edward Hitchcox & Alex Green
4H	Christian Ignatoff & Mylo Chapman
5M	Sasha Hanson & Leo Tonelli
5AR	Florence Lee & Hattie Greenhalgh
6M	Ewan Marson & Thea Bradshaw
6L	Juliet Morgan & Emelia Gunn

A diagram showing a cone with a white elliptical base and a gray conical body. Two intersecting planes, represented by gray shaded regions, cut through the cone. The intersection of these two planes forms a vertical line passing through the center of the cone's base.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

How did good and culture change in the Stone Age?

Food

Hunting  
 food from large mammals (meat)  
 gathering plants, fish and bird eggs  
 use of fire to cook  
 collecting - berries, nuts  
 making tools

Houses

women moved to allow  
 animals, fireplaces, stoves  
 central, open plan  
 family life

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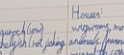
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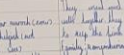
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We are happy to publicise local events and activities for children in the newsletter particularly ahead of holiday periods. (Please note the school is not endorsing these events as they are run separately.) Any enquiries should be made through the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



**Championing Teamwork,  
Fair Play & Fun, Creating  
Team Players for Life"**

# October Half Term Fun!

For all primary aged children

**Mon 23rd, Tues 24th, Weds 25th Oct 2023**

Registration from 8.30am & Pick up by 4pm










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We share E-Safety information from National Online Safety with parents in the Robert Miles newsletter. This is to help you in ensuring that your child can use technology safely. Please read the following information.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**16+**  
In UK and Europe; rest of the world 13+

**EVOLVING SCAMS**

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

**FAKE NEWS**

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

**ONLINE**

**'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT**

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

**CHAT LOCK**

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

**VISIBLE LOCATION**

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

**THINKING BEFORE SHARING**

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

**CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY**

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**...HEY OSCAR...**

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## Weekly Menu

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>

### 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

- Hot Dog – Pork, Chicken and Vegetarian
- Chips and Carrot Sticks
- Freshly baked jacket potato with tuna and mayonnaise, grated cheese or baked beans
- Iced Chocolate sponge cake

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### Monday 2nd October 2023

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is The Little Vampire. £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 3rd October 2023

- Handball group one 8.15-8.55am. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may need.
- Girls cricket club 3.30-4.30pm Please ensure your child has their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may need.
- Young Voices rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

- School Photos. A separate e-mail will be sent out regarding this but if you would like your child to have their photograph with siblings who do not attend our school, then the photographer will be doing this from 8am - 8.50am. Siblings who both attend this school will be photographed together in school time.

**Thursday 5th October 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. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may need.
- Girls football trials – a letter will be sent out.

**Friday 6th October 2023**

- Inset Day – school closed to all children