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Robert Miles
Infant School

A note of thanks



This year has encountered many changes and challenges for children, staff and parents. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support throughout. As we enter a new academic year, we are all looking forward to a year of stability and calm where we can focus on what matters most- the education and opportunities offered to the children of Robert Miles Infants School. We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th September.

So long, farewell...

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter we say goodbye to some familiar faces.

Mrs Lowings will be leaving us after almost 20 years. She has been a huge part of the life of RMI and we will miss her greatly.

Mrs Passmore begins her new job as Phase leader at Rosslyn Park. She will be sadly missed as she has been here for 12 years.

Miss Madden has her first teaching post as a newly qualified teacher. She has been a real asset to Robert Miles and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Robinson, who stepped in to help cover Oak and Beech will be stopping supply work and has secured a full time permanent post. She has been a committed part of the team for 6 months and we thank her for her support.

Mr Bown, our temporary Yr2 teacher will be leaving us. He has been a great team player and offered Oak class real stability over the last term. He will be taking up a post at Nottingham Academy.

Miss Heggarty had been off poorly for a long period and has decided to leave us. As a dinner lady and a teaching assistant she has created great bonds with the children and we wish her luck for the future.

Gordon, who has done our bible club and supported in assemblies this year is leaving Bingham to start a new job. We wish him all the best.

Jodie Manchester, a midday supervisor, will no longer be with us in September as her contract finishes. We wish her all the best.

There have also been some changes in our Governing body this year. Our Vice chair, Ravi Gally, Simon Parker and Adrian Marshall have decided to focus on other commitments. We thank them for all the support they have given the school during their time on the board and wish them all the best for the future.

Classes for next year

Maple- Mrs Jacques/Mrs Ryan
Willow- Mrs Marshall
Cedar- Mrs Booth
Beech- Mrs Hindmarsh
Oak- Miss Justice
Sycamore- Miss Woodhouse.

Lunchtimes The menus for the **Autumn term** are displayed on our website. We would like to say a big thank you to our kitchen team for their hard work this year. The children have especially enjoyed the themed lunches. Also a big thank you to our team of Midday supervisors. They are a fabulous team who work hard to keep the children safe and happy at lunchtimes and are always ready to go that extra mile.



Reception

Wow! What a fantastic year the Reception children have had. We have all been so proud of how far they have come when we think back to those first few weeks. Some of our highlights have been:

The Caterpillars

We were so lucky to be able to watch the caterpillars grow and develop as part of our topic on Minibeasts. Watching the children's faces as we released the butterflies into our sensory garden was magical!



Sherwood Pines

The children's first ever trip out was a great success and their behaviour was fantastic; they were a credit to our school! They experienced pond-dipping as well as hunting the Gruffalo. However, for many of them, their favourite part was either eating their lunch or travelling on the double decker bus. At least they're easy to please!



Potion Making

As part of our topic on Julia Donaldson, we read Room on the Broom and decided to make our own potions. First we decided on what we wanted our spell to do and then wrote a list of ingredients. Next we worked with a partner to come up with a spell to say – the children had some very imaginative ideas! Finally, they collected things from our outside area and mixed them in a cup. Some magic stars and glitter were added and before you could say 'Abracadabra' the children were turning teachers into frogs, lizards and all sorts!



Maple and Willow, you truly have been a pleasure to teach and we will miss you very much! Good luck in your new classes!

The Foundation team

Year 1

We went on two fantastic trips this half-term – Tennis and Ice skating! Our children were a brilliant representation of our school, demonstrating good behaviour and excellent manners. They particularly showed resilience and perseverance at ice skating and we are really proud of all of them.



In our DT lessons this half-term we designed, made and evaluated a toy boat. We chose from a range of materials and tools to make our boats. We then tested on the pond and discussed ways that they could be made stronger.



We have had fun in literacy writing stories and setting descriptions using 'Percy the Park Keeper' as our stimulus.



We spent a week doing a daily weather watch and recording the weather each day on a map of the UK. We also learnt about the four seasons and made descriptive storm poems.

We had an exciting lesson learning about our 5 senses. We used our 5 senses to explore the world around us by feeling and guessing objects, tasting and guessing the flavour of crisps, smelling and guessing what was hidden in a pot, listening to different sounds and spotting things in the classroom from close up pictures.

Special thank you... A huge thank you to all the reading and spelling practise along with homework projects you have done with your children over this year. Year 1 have worked really hard and have particularly impressed us with their most recent phonics quiz outcomes.

The Year 1 team.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a very exciting and busy few weeks in school. We had a visit from Mrs Clements who talked to us about 'Positive Pants' and we created our own vision boards.



We have been on a tour around the Junior school and got to meet some of the teachers. We have been to visit the 'Learning Lounge' at Toothill where we got to do lots of different fun activities relating to our Seaside topic.

The children also got to take part in a Drumba lesson, which was very tiring but loads of fun!

On Saturday 9th June lots of year 2s took part in Bingham Town fair, where they danced to four separate songs- what a lot of moves to learn. We had a letter from the Town council to say thank you.

Year 2 went to Perlethorpe where they got to camp overnight and toast marshmallows by the camp fire! They took part in orienteering and a bat walk at night.



On top of all this the Year 2s have prepared and performed their play 'Pirates vs Mermaids', involving acting, songs and dancing. I think they will definitely be ready for a rest.

We know they are all more than ready for their move to the Juniors and wish them all the best for next year.

The Year 2 team

Sports

Sports day

Thank you to all that helped on sports day. It was a great success. The children competed in small teams. There were 3 successful countries who won medals for first, second and third place. The children celebrated their success in assembly and were congratulated by the children who had not won this time. There is always next year. Well done to all!

Toothill sports event

12 of our year 2 children represented our school along with Robert Miles Juniors in a Toothill sports family athletics competition against 6 other schools. It was a great team performance with children gaining points in a number of the events. After the scores were in, we finished a close second, 4 points behind Carnarvon School. We are really proud of them all.

Greenhouse opening

At the beginning of July we had the official opening of our greenhouse, built by Bingham Rotary. It was attended by Soal glass and Sainsbury's as well as the Rotary. Mrs Lowings got in touch with Mr Walters at Toothill and explained that we needed a potting bench so Mr Walters got a group of children together (many of whom were ex pupils) and made us a potting bench from old pallets. It looks brilliant and we are very grateful.



Picnic on the playground

Thank you to everyone who attended this year- it was a beautiful evening and raised £300 for the school. Thank you to the parent helpers and staff who helped, set up and cleared away. You may have noticed that it followed a different format this year and some families expressed disappointment that there was no BBQ. To be able to run these events successfully it involves a lot of people donating their time, not just to the evening itself but to the organisation that goes on beforehand. You may have noticed that on previous letters we have encouraged new members to join and really hope that next academic year we will have some new faces to help us to put on events that not only raise money but that are good fun for families.

Fundraising

This year the Friends have purchased new furniture for Reception, a new outdoor PA system, new book trolleys and books for KS1, some new wet play games and some Art work around school that the children helped design.



Dates

These are the key dates we have penciled in for the year. As the year goes on we will try our best to keep them the same but sometimes things crop up and we may have to juggle- but we will keep you informed.

05.09.18	Back to school
24.10.18	Parents evening
25.10.18	Parents evening
29.10.18	Half term
05.11.18	INSET
13.12.18	Reception Xmas play
18.12.18	KS1 Xmas play
19.12.18	Reception Xmas party-am Year 1 Xmas party-pm
20.12.18	Year 2 Xmas party-pm
21.12.18	Christmas Carol concert. Break up
07.01.19	Back to school
13.02.19	Parents evening
14.02.19	Parents evening
15.02.19	INSET
18.02.19	Half term
08.04.19	Easter holidays
23.04.19	Back to school
27.05.19	Half term
26.06.19	Sports day
12.07.19	Year 2 play.
15.07.19	Transition to new classes
19.07.19	Leaver's assembly.
19.07.19	Break up.

Attendance. On our school website there is a copy of our attendance policy. It is vital that pupils attend school, on time, every day in order to gain the greatest benefit from their education. 95% is the national average attendance rate for a child at primary school. We ask that children come to school if they have minor coughs, colds, tummy aches and headaches- as often when they are busy with their friends they are able to enjoy their day. Please only keep you child at home if your child has a more severe for absence e.g. diarrhea, sickness, childhood ailments (measles, chicken pox) or extremely high temperatures. Be assured that If your child is too poorly to remain at school we will contact you.

If your child's attendance falls below 95% school will begin to monitor this. You may be sent a letter or you may be invited to a School Attendance Meeting at the school. It states in our policy that we cannot authorise family holidays in school time. All requests for a leave of absence must be made in advance either in writing or by completion of the school form; Absence requests are only authorised in **exceptional** circumstances. We really appreciate your support with this. If pupils take unauthorised leave of absence in term time parents can be served a penalty notice (fine of £60 per pupil per adult). **REMEMBER EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS TOWARDS YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS.**