



Robert Miles
Infant School



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2020

Welcome

It is lovely to see all our Yr1 and Yr2 children back and to welcome all our new Reception children to Robert Miles. The children have settled in well and seem to remember lots of routines and expectations.

This year we are continuing with our focus on positive attitudes to learning and this half term's focus is 'Willingness to learn'. Unfortunately, we cannot ask parents to join our celebration assemblies as we cannot invite you in and we cannot meet in a large group. However, we will have a whole school assembly on a Friday via Teams online where we can give out our 'Willingness to learn' and 'Work hard, be kind' certificates. Winners will be posted on our website.

This year we have created four house teams, each named after a book character: Elmer, Gruffalo, BFG and Paddington. All the children have been divided into the four houses and can earn dojo points for their house. Each week there will be a house winner and a trophy awarded. There will be an overall winner at the end of the year and we will also use the house teams for sports days, fundraising etc...

Snacks, milk and fruit

Our deliveries of fruit have now started so children no longer need to bring a snack- they will be given their fruit at break time. Milk is also being delivered. If you wish your child to have milk you need to visit the Cool Milk website.

Crossing patrol

Due to the Juniors having a confirmed case of COVID-19 Nottinghamshire County Council have made the decision to take Mr Crouch off his crossing patrol duties for the time being as he is in his 80's. Unfortunately, they do not have a replacement at the moment, so please take care when crossing the road.

School photographs

The photographer is coming to school on **Wednesday 16th September**. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer family photographs with siblings who do not go to this school this year. Where there are siblings in school, they will have an individual photo and a photo of them together.

Tapestry

I hope you all have access to Tapestry now. The purpose of Tapestry is for the teachers to keep you up to date with what has been happening in class. During this time when we cannot have as much face-to-face contact, it is also a helpful means of communicating. I have noticed that staff are spending a lot of their evenings and weekends answering queries on Tapestry and emails. It is important that the staff have a work-life balance so I have asked them not to answer queries at the weekend or after 6pm at night, so answers may not be instant. If your questions need an urgent reply, or are to do with lunches, pick up arrangements etc... please email the school office.

Earrings A reminder that on PE days earrings need to be either removed or the child sent with tape/plasters to cover earrings. The children must do this themselves. Teachers are not able to do this.

Paper newsletters This will be the only mass printed newsletter this year. They will now be sent by email only. **If you cannot access emails please let us know as soon as possible.**

COVID updates.

As you may be aware, there was a confirmed case of Covid at the Juniors. When this happens the school has to alert Public Health England, who then guide school through the next steps. When there is a confirmed case everyone in that Year Group bubble will have to self-isolate for 14 days. The Government guidance states, "Household members of these contacts who are sent home **do not** need to self-isolate themselves unless the child who is self isolating develops symptoms."

This means that if no one in the house has symptoms siblings can still go to school. If you wish to read the guidance it can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We have had lots of phone calls from parents this week whose children have colds, sore throats, headache or are feeling a bit under the weather. Unless they specifically have COVID symptoms they can still come to school if they seem well enough.

Remember COVID symptoms are:

- New continuous cough (This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing fits in 24 hours)
- Fever / High Temperature (38°C or higher)
- Loss or change in their sense of smell or taste

If your child has these symptoms you will need to book a test by going to

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or ringing 119.

Please use the **attached flow chart** to guide you.

Our site

At the start of this week we altered Maple class' pick up time to ease congestion. Thank you parents this helped considerably. We have marked some lines in the Reception garden. If you are dropping off/collecting from Maple, please keep to the **right**. If you are exiting the premises please keep to the **left**.

We recognise that this is an area where we cannot easily keep 2m distance so we are now asking parents to wear masks on site.

If any year groups should have to self-isolate teachers will put work on Tapestry/school website as we did during the previous school closure.

If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account please do so, or if you are having problems let us know as if we do have to close a year bubble we would like to know that you are all up and running with it.

If you are unable to access the internet at home during a school closure please can you let us know as soon as possible.

If your child is self-isolating (not a year group bubble) teachers will put some activities online. Please bear in mind that all the teachers are teaching throughout the day, as are the teaching assistants so they will add these activities when they can.



