



Roby Park Primary School Newsletter

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This week's news...

Ready Steady Read Sponsored Event



To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between **4th – 8th March**.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, **Emma Evans** and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a sponsorship form. We would like all sponsor money to be back with the school by **15th March**. Any cheques need to be made payable to **Emma Evans**.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for week commencing 26.2.24							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.6%	92%	95.3%	95.7%	90%	92.7%	85.9%	94.5%

Punctuality for week commencing: 26.2.24							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2 lates = 20 mins	7 lates = 85 mins	6 lates = 88 mins	2 lates = 71 mins	8 lates = 123 mins	8 lates = 89 mins	6 lates = 112 mins	3 lates = 17 mins

Whole school attendance has dipped slightly to 93.2%. Holidays will occur warnings and £120 fine per parent per child. **There were 605 minutes of missed learning this week due to poor punctuality which needs to improve.** Parents/carers need to make sure their children don't fall behind because they are late. Gates open at 8.40am and learning starts at 8.45am. **27 children from 19 families were late this week.** Please ensure your children do not miss out by being early. 10 unauthorised lates in the space of 10 weeks will result in a fixed penalty notice. Please be on time. If your child has repeatedly been late, expect contact from school and potentially a home visit from the Local Authority Attendance Team. **If your child is missing school, they are missing out on learning, enrichment experiences and time with their friends which have a negative impact upon their wellbeing.**

OPAL Project



We are involved in an exciting project, called the OPAL project, which is helping us to develop and prioritise play at school.

We are looking at our playtimes and thinking about how we can improve them by introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme.

Can you help? We really want to know what you think of playtimes now. We have money to invest in the project and we want to ensure we invest in the right resources where our families and children will best benefit.

Thank you to those parents who have shared their thoughts already. We want to hear from everybody so please take 2 minutes to share your thoughts by completing the survey below: <https://forms.gle/4rcDstR37KW5Fw61A>

Thank you so much for your input.

No Mobile Phones on Site

Use of mobile phones are not permitted **anywhere** on our premises, for any reason. Please make sure mobiles are put away before entering and leaving our gates otherwise a member of staff will have to ask you to leave the premises.



Wellbeing at Roby Park

Over the next few weeks, we will share examples of how we continue to support wellbeing and mental health for all at Roby Park.

We use Zumos for children to confidentially share how they are feeling as they start the school day. Staff are then able to check in with children through the day to support them where needed. Podcasts are played through Zumos each day with different focus that teach the children 'How to be Happy'. We use the information shared on Zumos to help target additional support for pupils as and when needed. This may include Yoga sessions, counselling, play therapy or time with a trusted member of staff to talk. Remember Zumos is also available to use at home and includes podcasts, calming techniques, games and more.



All that we do at Roby Park for mental health and wellbeing is to meet the needs of our children in the best way possible. This was recognised when we gained the Wellbeing Award for Schools award in Oct 2020. We look forward to our reassessment in March when we showcase all that we do.

Next week... meet our Wellbeing Champions and learn about the training they have received.

Parent & Carer Feedback



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time to visit us last week for your child/ren's Spring Progress Meetings. Our staff reported it was a really positive and enjoyable experience to spend time with families, sharing all of the great successes your children are having.

We are thrilled with the positive feedback from parents and carers, received so far.

If you were unable to join us for your appointment, we would really appreciate your feedback. Links to surveys have been sent via Class Charts. Thank you so much.

Uniform Expectations

A polite reminder that your child should be prepared for school and in the correct uniform every day. All uniform expectations, and school policy, can be found on the website.

Dates for your diary

Date	Spring Term 2 Events
19.2.24	Start of Term
19.2.24 - 1.3.24	Fairtrade Fortnight
19.2.24	Scholastic Book Fair @ Roby Park
23.2.24	Y3 Class Assembly
28.2.24	Y5 & Y3 Forest School Sessions
28.2.24	Spring Progress Meetings @ 3.30-7.30pm
29.2.24	Wellbeing Coffee Morning @ 9.00am
29.2.24	Spring Progress Meetings @ 3.30-7.30pm
1.3.24	Y2 Class Assembly @ 9.00am
1.3.24	Day of Unplugging
4.3.24	World Wildlife Day
6.3.24	Mothers' Day Celebrations
6.3.24	Y6 & Y4 Forest School Sessions
7.3.24	World Book Day
8.3.24	INSET Day
11.3.24 - 15.3.24	World Science Week
12.3.24	SEND Coffee Morning @ 9.00am
13.3.24	Whole School Sublime Science Workshops
13.3.24	YR & YN Forest School Sessions
15.3.24	Comic Relief
15.3.24	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9.00am
20.3.24	Y2 & Y1 Forest School Sessions
21.3.24	World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
22.3.24	World Water Day
22.3.24	YR Class Assembly @ 9.00am
25.3.24 - 29.3.24	Growing Up Week
26.3.24	Y3-6 Tax Education Programme Visit
27.3.24	Easter Egg Hunts
27.3.24	Easter Discos
28.3.24	Wellbeing Coffee Morning @ 9.00am
28.3.24	End of Term @ 1.00pm

These dates are subject to change so please keep an eye on Class Charts for weekly updates.



***If your contact details change at any time, please inform the office.
It is important we can contact you in case of emergencies. We must have TWO emergency contacts per pupil.***

