

*"We aim high and reach for the stars"*



# ROBIN HOOD ACADEMY

End of January 2019 Newsletter

## STAFF CHANGES

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Mrs Shahrivari is leaving the Robin Hood family for new challenges as a Deputy Head teacher in Wales. We wish her all the best for her new school and hope that we can continue the professional links we always welcome with other schools once she is settled in. She has been at the school for many years and her work with maths mastery has been exemplary.

## NEW FACE IN SCHOOL

We welcome Mrs Sohal to the Robin Hood team. Mrs Sohal will be working with the year 6 team and comes with a wealth of year 6 experience and has already settled well in to the team. Mrs Sohal will be with us until the end of May.

## LEGO AND BOARD GAMES

As part of our lunchtime changes, we are now offering wellbeing rooms for KS2. We would welcome any donations of lego and board games to build up our resources in this area. Please drop any donations into the school office. These sessions are already very popular!

## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I wanted to start by thanking our families for the support shown over the last week. Robin Hood Academy is a very special school and at challenging times, the sense of family shines through stronger than ever.

The new term has already started with the usual buzz of activity! Key Stage 1 and Reception have started the new Read Write Inc sessions and the phonics groups are working really well. Thank you to the hard work of the team creating the amazing learning spaces which you will have seen around the school. We have had a second team of teachers visiting Abbey School this week, looking at ideas for Early Years and have returned full of enthusiasm. Thank you to our families who attended the update sessions. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

The 'Reach for the Stars' fun sessions for Key Stage 2 have launched this term and the children have really enjoyed starting Mondays with energy filled sports games. Each teacher chooses the focus for their class and the children are all trying

hard to show they are 'Reaching for the Stars' to earn their place!

Last Thursday, you may have noticed the coach waiting patiently for the teaching staff to take them to The University of Birmingham School, where we had the amazing opportunity to watch a Maths Mastery lesson delivered by a specialist teacher from Shanghai. You may have also seen that Cedars Academy quite rightly made it onto the news for the opportunities provided from the England-China Mathematics exchange. The project has focused on how the teaching approaches from Shanghai can be used to help our pupils develop a deeper understanding of maths. Faye Glendinning, the Maths Lead for the MAT will be continuing to develop this area and we are excited to work with her on this to further develop out Maths Mastery practice.

So, a great start to the New Year for the school, with lots to look forward to over the next few weeks until half term.

Mrs Downs

## Safer Internet Day

At Robin Hood Academy, we turn this into a full week as we know this is such a key aspect of keeping children safe. There are lots of activities planned for this week but I wanted to tell you about something extra special! Mrs Panesar has met with Team Protect and they are planning an **E-Safety Champion Award**. To win, children will need to show how they promote and understand e-safety. There will be an award for EYFS, KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6. The deadline for entries will be **Wednesday 13th February**, with the winner being announced on **Friday 15th February**. Good luck everyone; we can't wait to see the entries! More competitions coming soon; **Wellbeing Awareness Award**, **Class No Outsiders Award** and an **Anti-bullying Champion** - watch this space!

WMNow are working extremely hard in the local Hall Green Community. You are welcome to sign up to the alerts as individuals; [www.wmnow.co.uk](http://www.wmnow.co.uk) or follow them on twitter @HallGreenWMP. The school also has a re-tweet of this information on our website and can be found by clicking on the parent tab page.

This service understands that communities play a crucial part in working together in order to prevent and detect crime. Communication is vital to this. If you have a crime to report, however, please contact West Midlands Police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency.

## NO PHONE ZONE

Thank you to all of our families who have stopped using mobiles on our site following our campaign. Just a further reminder that the school is a NO PHONE ZONE. This is from the entrances to the school from Pitmaston Road onwards. We request that phone calls are made off site and phones are placed in pockets or bags once on the school site. This is part of our safeguarding of pupils and therefore, if you are using a device on school grounds, you will be approached by staff, or even pupils, to remind you of the rules. Team Protect have ordered new signs for the front gate.

There are devices used across the school by teaching staff for a variety of reasons such as collating assessments and as part of teaching groups. These are overseen by the school and are linked to the e-safety monitoring systems we have in place.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will take place on Friday 8th March 2019. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a book character! We are looking forward to seeing some creative outfits!



## Dates for the Diary!

- Thursday 14th February - Parent Forum Meeting (please see a rep if you have something to raise)**
- Friday 15th February - school closes for half term**
- Monday 25th February - school closed for staff training**
- Tuesday 26th February - school re-opens for all pupils**
- Wednesday 10th April - Parents Evening**

## SATS PARENT MEETING

There are two meetings for y6 parents on Monday 4th February, 9am and then again at 5pm. Please do pop along to find out more information and top tips for supporting your child at home.

## WELLBEING FOR PARENTS

The next Wellbeing Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 8th February. As this is also Children's Mental Health Week, there will be some take home packs with ideas to support children at home.

We look forward to welcoming you to some relaxation!



## Parking Update

We continue to work hard in our efforts to make Pitmaston Road safer for our pupils. Thank you to everyone who parks safely and drop their children in a safe part of the road. We are aware that our residents are patient around drop off and pick up times and understand that sometimes they struggle to leave their drives during this period. Thank you to Alison Ridge who has made contact with a Councillor from Birmingham City Council and will be meeting to discuss this on February 8th 2019. Please do email any concerns or photos you have to support this work at:

[roadsafety@robinhoodschool.co.uk](mailto:roadsafety@robinhoodschool.co.uk)



## SNOW CLOSURES

The decision to close the school is never an easy one to make and pupil safety remains our key priority. In the event of the school being closed due to extreme weather or any other serious issue such as boiler failure, you will be informed by text message by 7:30 am. Closures will also be announced on Free Radio and BBC WM. A closure tweet will also be sent, which will appear on the school website in addition to Twitter.

## BE PREPARED!

Just a reminder from the office please that we have had an increase in parents needing to bring forgotten items up to school in the day. Whilst we know this sometimes happens, and we will always do our best to accommodate, we do ask that this is kept to a minimum. It can leave the office short staffed and they are increasingly making multiple trips to pass on musical instruments, lunches and water bottles, amongst other things.

### YEAR 6 BREAKFAST CLUB

Miss Adams has sent out letters for some sessions to take place before school to some of the pupils in year 6. There are various additional sessions to support children throughout the week.



If your child received a breakfast club letter, please do return your slips ASAP so that we can organise the staff and most importantly, the breakfasts!

These clubs have proved popular in the past.

Thank you to our staff who volunteer their free time to support the school with this. Without their dedication, this would not be possible to run.



#### RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day will be on Friday 15th March 2019. Children are welcome to wear red and pay £1 donation to Comic Relief.



### Chinese New Year



We look forward to welcoming Chinese Dancers to the school on

Friday 15th February. These dancers were recently featured on the BBC Greatest Dancer - we are very excited to have them come to our

school!

Mrs Haughey is also launching a school competition so watch this space for more details. This year, the competition will have an art theme if you wanted to start looking for ideas!

The Chinese Choir are also off to the Chinese Quarter to perform as part of the Chinese New Year Celebrations in Birmingham. They will be performing on Sunday 10th February. Please do pop along and support them if you are in town.



We wanted to share with you the hard work of the following children, who have worked exceedingly hard and can now answer their timetables questions in under 1 second! What an achievement!

#### Year 3

Devyn, Aydin, Abdul, Jia Yi, Max, Aleena, Yousef

#### Year 4

Aswin, Faran, Issah, Jia Le

#### Year 5

Sathya, Liam, Alanis, Abdul, Awsa, Abdul, Aleeza, Jia Xin, Dawood, Muhammead Mustafa, Umar, Adeel, Musa, Sami, Tahlil, Reyhaan, Haris, Muhammad, Neel, Jia Wen

#### Year 6

Khola, Zainalabideen, Mohammad isa, Suleman, Ismaeel, Zakariya, Ali, Amaar, Afia

**Keep practising everyone - your name could soon be on here!**