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# **ROBIN HOOD ACADEMY**



# **Dear Parents/Carers**

Welcome back after a long two week Easter holiday. As you know, during the holidays I was fortunate enough to work with schools in Austin and in Cupertino with Apple

#### **Hot Weather**

Please ensure that your child has water and brings in suncream or a sunhat in the warmer weather. At Robin Hood we have very little shade, so we need to take precautions to ensure your child does not get too hot or dehydrated.

#### SATs YR2

Year 2 SATs take place in the month of May. These are low key tests that inform teacher assessments, so please do not worry about them. If you have any questions you can speak to Mrs Hughes the Year 2 Lead/ Phase Leader.

#### SATs YR6

Year 6 SATs take place from 14th May to 17th May. All year 6 pupils are invited to a pre SATs breakfast on these days to reduce those nerves and ensure they are supported throughout by peers and teachers, in what will undoubtedly be a stressful week for them. Again, please speak to Mrs Healy the year 6 lead/Phase Leader if you have any questions or are overly concerned about your child.

Education. The aim of the leadership study was to learn how to be 'world class,' I will be sharing the concepts with you all and I know it will lead to some exciting innovation at our school.



Thank you for your support the other day with the fire alarm.

There appeared to be a fault in the system and once we were given the all clear, children began their school day sensibly - even though two fire engines were parked outside school!

# Article 13 You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

#### **Traffic Control**

A meeting took place on Friday 20th April with the school, Parents' Forum, the Police and the Fire Service. The aim was to try and come up with ideas that will ensure our children are safe on the roads near our school.

We have had at least **5 near misses** this year to date; earlier this year **1 secondary child** was hit by a car further along the Pitmaston Road and there have been an increasing number of abusive situations occurring amongst our parents or with local residents **which must stop.** Most of this abusive behaviour takes place in front of children from our school. Therefore, I am politely reminding everyone to be mindful and respectful

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#### **Tootoot**



This was launched last week and will be an online platform where pupils can voice any worries, concerns or issues.

#### **Parent Forum**

The next Parent Forum meeting will be **Thursday 10th May at 2pm.** If you have anything that you want to be discussed either: pop it on a *post it note* by the year 4 classrooms, contact your Parent Forum Representatives or email school on enquiry@robinhoodschool.co.uk

#### **Local Elections**

School is no longer a Polling Station so will be **open on 3rd May to all staff and pupils.** 

# **Diversity Day KS1**

This takes place on Wednesday 2nd May and is a day when we celebrate diversity/accessibility. Children will take part in sporting events led by people with disabilities.

# Water Aid Day

We are asking you to donate £1 per family to raise money for Water Aid on Friday 25th May. We have lots of exciting but wet activities planned, weather permitting.

to others- this is a core value of our school which should not be flouted by anyone. Please treat others as you would like to be treated. In addition, the only way that we can succeed in making the

Article 29
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

traffic more manageable is for **everyone** to take responsibility, not only for their children who are dropped off at school, but everyone else's in order to prevent a serious accident occurring.

The Robin Hood Toby Carvery have kindly agreed to our parents parking in their car park to try and elevate the congestion on Pitmaston Road.

Although I can appreciate this is not the greatest

idea when raining, it could alleviate much of the traffic and is only a 5 minute walk from school.

# **Migrant Stork**



As you may or may not be aware, each spring the common stork migrates from the East African Savannah towards Southern, Central and Eastern Europe. Many people across mainland Europe welcome these multi-continental migrants each year - being bearers of good luck, life, health and vitality. Once nested, pairs of storks will return for the same nest each year, for the rest of their life.

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Robin Hood are hosting our migrant stork sculpture until June. We need to give this stork a home in our school. The stork itself is symbolic for migration: an important issues in today's political climate. I hope it proves topical and welcomes your support.

# **Dates for your Diary**

May Day-school closed: 7/5/18

Half term: 28/5/18-1/6/18

School re-opens: 3/6/18.

Parent Forum: 10/5/18







#### **School Council**

Some members of the School Council were able to go to Cedars
Academy to observe their lunchtimes. It was great to meet different
children and have them show us around their school. I really
enjoyed playing on their playground because it was extremely sporty!
I can't wait to bring some of it to our school!

Around the playground there were benches to sit around, different zones with fun sports (cricket, netball, football, tennis), tables with games and music playing so we could dance!

It was a great trip and think we can magpie some of their ideas to make our lunchlime even better!

Keira and Sarah Year 5 School Council

#### Attendance

#### Article 3

All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

We cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance. This is the key to successful learning. Please note, as a **Fast Track School**, penalty notices can be issued to both parents of pupils who have any unauthorised absences. Fines are £60 per parent for unauthorised absences.

So far 13 penalty notices that have been issued, with 1 pending.

Holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Mrs Downs is our attendance lead and she will be contacting you if your child is not in school. Please see the <u>parents page</u> which outlines the importance of attending school every day.

If your child is in a SATs year they must attend school to ensure they complete the statutory tests. Again, if you have any issues regarding attendance please speak to Mrs Downs or myself.

#### 100 % Attendance Celebrated

A disco will celebrate 100% attendance at the end of this term.

100% attendance for the year will be celebrated with a Fun Day- more details to follow shortly...