



Robert Mellors Primary & Nursery School Newsletter October 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

I can't believe that we are already about to have our half term break, time has flown by so fast. Perhaps it's because we have been so busy.

Can I please bring to your attention details about **CHANGES TO WHEN OUR SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR INSET DAYS DETAILED ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Here are a few of the things we have been up to this term.

'BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE' LAUNCH

It was very exciting to have Brendan Reilly, a former high jump Olympian, to launch our project. The aim of the project is to encourage our children to want to do well for themselves and do the very best they can in all they do, all of the time. If you wish to find out more please visit: <http://www.21stcenturylegacy.com/the-programme/videos>

You have no doubt heard all about Mr Reilly's visit from your child and the very inspiring assembly he gave. He then went round all the classes in school answering the very interesting questions that children wanted to ask him. Mr Reilly also managed to squeeze in a little bit of high jumping when he visited the children in Foundation Stage.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our parents launch assembly, it was wonderful to have such a good turnout. Please don't worry if you were unable to attend as I am hoping to repeat the event one evening after school.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us this term with different events and projects in school. Your support enormously helps us to do things we may not be able to do otherwise.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

The school has a supply of poppies that can be purchased at the school office.

Foundation Stage High Jump Challenge



Great jump
Blake



Brendan Reilly inspired the children in Foundation Stage to want to be future high jump Olympians!



Mr Reilly showed the children how high he could jump.



'Shine a Light' Award



We were delighted to win the National 'Shine a Light' award for the work we do to promote speech and language development in school. It was also very exciting to be given the award by the comedian David Baddiel and to have the work of all the staff in school publicly recognised. Well done to everyone.

Car Parking

A number of parents have mentioned their concerns about inconsiderate parking outside school. Please can I request that you do not park on the double yellow lines, even for a few minutes. Parents have also reported that they find it difficult to cross the road safely when cars are parked on the corners of the roads adjacent to school. I am sure we all have the safety of children in mind and don't want an accident so we would appreciate car drivers considering a more appropriate place to stop. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Can I please remind you that **no one** should be cutting through the school car park to get into or out of school. Please use the designated side gate. Thank you.

Useful dates for your diary

Please note on your calendar that we have swapped 2 Inset day dates. School is no longer closed Monday February 22nd, instead we are closed on the last Monday of term, July 25th.

Please also note changes to the end of term Christmas Performance dates.

Autumn term 2015

October 26th to October 30th	HALF TERM
Tuesday November 17 th	Parents Evening 3.20 to 5.30pm
Thursday November 19 th	Parents Evening 5.00 to 7.30pm
Friday November 13 th	Children in Need Day
Friday December 11 th	KS2 Carol Concert am and pm
Tuesday December 15 th	pm FS/KS1 Christmas Nativity
Wednesday December 16 th	am FS/KS1 Christmas Nativity
Thursday December 17 th	Christmas lunch
Friday December 18th	Last day of term 2:15pm finish

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday January 5th	School back
February 15th to 19th	HALF TERM
Thursday March 3 rd	World Book Day
Tuesday March 15 th	Parents Evening 3.20 to 5.30pm
Thursday March 17 th	Parents Evening 5.00 to 7.30pm
Sunday March 20 th	International Day of Happiness
Friday April 1st	End of term

Summer Term 2016

Monday April 18th	School back
Monday May 2nd	Bank holiday
w/c May 9 th	Year 6 SAT's week
May 30th to June 3rd	HALF TERM
Monday June 6th	INSET
Monday July 11 th	Open Evening
July 13 th to 16 th	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday July 20 th	Year 6 Performance
Friday July 22 nd	Year 6 Graduation assembly
Friday July 22 nd	End of Term
Monday July 25th	INSET day – school closed

School Web Site

www.robertmellors.notts.sch.uk

Don't forget to check the school web site for useful information and dates.

Harvest

It was wonderful to have so many families join us for our harvest celebration. The hall was packed! I'd also like to thank everyone on behalf of Arnold Food Bank for their very generous donations.



Parents/visitors code of conduct

Please can I remind everyone that we have a Parents Code of Conduct that was written by parents for families in our school. A copy of this can be found on our school website. In it parents are requested, before or after school, not to get involved in dealing directly with issues with children other than your own, if their parents/carers are present. You are also responsible for the behaviour of your child at these times and we would appreciate your support in ensuring they are behaving appropriately so we have a happy start to the school day. Thank You.

Bikes

We regret we are unable to have children's bikes left on our school playground. If we allow this for one child then we need to be able to offer this facility to all families and we do not have space to store them out of the way. I know you may have seen bikes left recently and we have requested that those families do not leave bikes there again.

Children in Need

As usual we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday November 13th and each class will be getting involved in different fundraising activities. More information will be coming out to you nearer the time. We are also hoping to purchase some Pudsey wrist bands for you to buy. These should be available after half term.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Best Wishes

Susan Laplanche Head Teacher

