



Lydbrook Primary School

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ROBINS NURSERY

Newsletter – 9th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of 2022-23 and what a week it has been! I do hope that the summer holidays went well - we certainly had the weather for it!

We are obviously all in shock with the news yesterday of the death of the Queen and we will be basing some of our learning over the next couple of weeks to help the children understand what will be happening. I have not heard anything as yet about a national Bank Holiday but will keep you informed as soon as I know.

We also have a new Prime Minister!

The children have settled back really well into routines and it is lovely to see our new Reception pupils taking their first steps into school life.

On Monday and Tuesday, the staff received training on the important learning areas of formative assessment and creating the best learning culture in every learning area and to develop our understanding of Quality First Teaching. The sessions were led by Jodie Hughes and Laura Symonds.

Start of school

Please can I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that the school is open for pupils from 8.45 a.m. It is so pleasing to see children so excited and keen to come to school but some children have been arriving before 8.30 a.m. The staff of the school are not responsible for the safety and care for children arriving before the designated time unless they are registered for our breakfast club.

Curriculum Themes

The teaching staff linked with your child's class will be sharing with you (via their class page on the school website) the exciting areas of learning to be covered this term. These will be placed on the website before the end of next week.

On the parent plans there will be information about PE and the days this will take place on. We are continuing with the policy of children coming into school with their PE kits on already. This is not the case for the children in Owls as Mrs. Symonds would like the children to practice changing as part of their development of life skills and to increase their independence.

For PE, all items of jewellery need to be removed. For ear-rings, we request that these are taken out on the day of PE and so the child needs to be independent with this. If there are any problems then we will allow the child to cover their ear-rings with a plaster but this needs to be provided from home.

Reading is such a key learning area which can benefit all areas of school life and has a massive impact on children's life chances. As a school, we try very hard to create a culture for reading and teach reading skills at every opportunity. We would like every child to practise their reading at home as many times as they can. Please help your child with their reading – it will make such a difference!

New staff

We welcome 3 new members of staff this year. Mrs. Esther Stevens was appointed to support the children mainly in Jays' class. To support the leadership release of Laura Symonds and Jodie Hughes on a Monday, their classes will be taken by Mrs. Rachel Griffiths (Owls) and Mrs. Kate McIntyre (Hawks).

PGL residential

The Y6 pupils will be travelling over to the Isle of Wight on Monday 12th of September for the school week to experience a residential and activities to develop their co-operation, communication and independence. It always proves to be an amazing experience for them and helps to bond the class together at the start of their final year. As well as the staff from Hawks class, I will also be joining them. If you have any concerns or questions whilst I am away, please contact the office and either speak with

Mrs. Ruck, Mrs. Dickens or Mrs. Laura Symonds who will be available in my absence. They will keep me informed during the week and, if required, I will follow up any issues on my return.

Parental engagement

As a community school, we very much look forward to working closely with our parents. The COVID pandemic prevented many of the opportunities for us to work together from taking place. I would like to offer you an opportunity to come and meet within school to discuss how we can build and develop this key relationship between school and home this academic year and your thoughts and ideas would be so important.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 29th September at 6.00 p.m. in the school hall and I do hope you will be able to come along and discuss what being a parent of a child at Lydbrook School means to you and what opportunities there could be for you to get involved. I look forward to seeing you!

Communication is a really important aspect of the parent/school relationship. We try very hard to keep families informed of what is going on but please also talk to us either at the gate, at the classroom door, by visiting or contacting the office (01594860344) or email the office (admin@lydbrook.gloucs.sch.uk) or your child's class teacher details of which will be on the curriculum plans coming out shortly. All newsletters and information are posted on the school website and on the Facebook page. Paper copies are available on request.

Breakfast and After-school care club/parent & toddler/baby

We are operating this service to help parents and their work commitments. The clubs are fully staffed and run from 7.45 – 8.45 and from 3.00 – 4.00 each day. Please contact the office for further details. Our staff in Robins Nursery are also starting a parent and toddler/baby group on a Monday morning starting from Monday 19th September. The session will run from 9.30 to 11.30 each week but if parents are dropping off older children then they will be able to join Donna & Heather from 9.00 a.m. A donation of £2 will be requested to support refreshments.

Class Dojo system

As you may be aware, we have for the last 2 year's used Class Dojo to support our reward system. For the next few weeks we will not be issuing Dojos and will be talking to the children through pupil voice about how effective they are and whether we will be continuing with them. I know some parents have let me know that they look forward to receiving the text after school on a Friday! I will keep you informed of the decisions made but if you have any thoughts or opinions related to Class Dojo please contact me. Thank you.

I look forward very much to working with you all over the coming year!

Best wishes
S.T. Lusted