



Robert Le Kyng Primary School

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Signalong

Since September, the staff and children have been learning to use Signalong in school. This is a symbol based sign system used to support children who struggle with language acquisition to talk. Swindon Speech and Language Service have recommended the use of it to support children who are accessing their service. The signs are used in addition to spoken language and are not there to replace the words.

The children have been developing their own name signs and how to say good morning and afternoon. We try to introduce a few new signs each week. We have found that some children are using the signs to communicate with those who find talking difficult and it is developing everyone's ability to communicate in different ways.

You can find further information at the Signalong website. Signalong.org.uk

Good morning

Thumbs up followed by touching one shoulder then the other.



Good afternoon

Thumbs up followed by touching chin with 2 fingers then moving hand down and out





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Letters Sent Home



25.01.19 Playing field maintenance
29.01.19 Netball match (specific pupils)
30.01.19 Girls Futsal festival (specific pupils)
30.01.19 Wyvern Theatre Dance festival (specific pupils)
31.01.19 After School Club applications for Term 4 KS1/KS2
01.02.19 Football Tournament (specific pupils)
04.02.19 Breakfast Club booking form for Term 4 (specific pupils)
04.02.19 Bikeability confirmation (specific pupils)
05.02.19 Safer Internet Day
06.02.19 Legge House residential trip (Year 4)
06.02.19 Football match (specific pupils)
06.02.19 Forest Schools (Year 2)
06.02.19 Bristol Zoo (Year 2)
07.02.19 Show and Tell for Children's Mental Health Week (11-15 February 2019)

Parent Support Advisor

Sophie Brown, our PSA, has 1 session available for her next visit on Tuesday 26th February 2019.

If you would like to discuss worries or concerns about your child, Sophie is able to offer advice and support.

This can be related to behaviour, feelings/emotions, parenting, social issues, general well-being and she can also help you to access local services which also support families.

To book an appointment slot please call in to the school office

Safety Procedures

" We are planning to practise our lockdown procedure this term. We have no information regarding any heightened risk. We regularly do fire evacuation tests and will be testing our lockdown procedure too. "

Upcoming events in 2019

Tuesday 12th February	- Parents' Evening 15:30—17:30
Wednesday 13th February	- Parents' Evening 15:30—19:00
Friday 15th February	- School closed at 15:15—end of Term 3
Monday 25th February	- Teacher development day (TD Day 4)
Tuesday 26th February	- School opens at 8.45 for Term 4



Supporting our Children and Families

At Robert Le Kyng, we strive to support our children to develop into happy, confident learners. Life for all of us, at times, can be tricky and sometimes people can need support to understand how they are feeling, to develop strategies to help them deal with situations or just to have someone to ask questions. Over recent years, there has been an increased recognition of social and emotional aspects of learning on academic attainment in schools. We have a range of support that we offer and use within the school which are detailed below.



ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) - We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Ward and Mrs McCloughlin – two of our TAs – who have recently completed their ELSA training. ELSA is a nationally recognised intervention which is designed to support the social skills and emotional needs of children. Our pupils will be able to have small group or one to one interventions where they will be able to develop their emotional understanding and language. Sessions cover many aspects including friendship, anger and loss.

Mr Drinkwater's Groups - Mr Drinkwater is one of our TA team who provides similar support to the ELSA team. He runs small group sessions looking at aspects that cover a range of themes. These have included building confidence, following instructions and learning how to win and lose when playing games.

Both of these support systems can be accessed by talking to class teachers. Mrs Mackinnon coordinates the running of these sessions.

SENCO support – in her role as SENCO Mrs Walker-Morecroft supports individual children with their emotional needs.

TaMHS TaMHS (Targeted mental health support in schools) - The TaMHS service aims to support the emotional wellbeing of children by ensuring that their mental health needs are addressed and appropriately dealt with, at the earliest possible opportunity. This is a service that parents / carers can also request from their GP if they feel that their child is suffering from a range of conditions including undue anxiety, bereavement stress, depression or self-harming. As a school we buy into this service so that a member of the TaMHS team comes to work with identified children. This service is accessed via a referral form for parents / carers to complete so that a member of the TaHMS team can make an assessment in order to decide the appropriate action to take. Mrs Smith coordinates this service.



Sophie Brown (Parent Support Advisor) Sophie Brown is a Parent Support Adviser who works with families, parents and carers across all of the Commonweal cluster Schools. Sophie supports families in facing and tackling some of the challenges that children present both at home and in school. This can include eating, bedtimes and behaviour concerns. Sophie is a listening ear who can support access to other services and offer advice. Sophie runs regular drop in sessions in school that can be booked via the school office or she can meet with parents at other times, including home visits.



Young Carers Young carers are children who look after someone in their family. This may be a parent, brother, sister or other family member who has an illness, physical or learning disability, a mental health problem or misuse of drugs or alcohol. Mrs Mackinnon organises our Caring Club in school and can signpost people to Swindon Young Carers.

If you feel your child or your family could benefit from any of these services please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or the staff members identified above. Thanks for your support.

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