



Robert Le Kyng Primary School

Newsletter Date – 10th December 2020



Merry Christmas

End of term update

Dear Parents,

We have just over a week to go before the end of term, so I thought I would write to give you a few updates. Firstly, the sad news... we have some staffing changes taking place at the end of term.

- **Mrs Loveday** will be moving to a new school in the new year. She has worked at Robert Le Kyng for just over two years now and has been an integral part of our Foundation Stage team. I am sure that Class 2 will all miss her and we wish her every success in her new post. We have appointed two new teachers to work in class 2, one full time and one part time. This has been funded partly by the Covid catch up fund from the government and the teachers will work with children from across the EYFS. Mr Ryan will be working full time and Mrs Jones will be working part time. Both of the teachers are experienced working in the EYFS. Mr Ryan will be in for three days next week for a handover, but Mrs Jones is only moving to Swindon after we break up, so you will meet her in the new year.
- **Mrs Walker-Morecroft** is also moving on. She has moved to a new house in Devon and will be taking up the post of Senco in a school nearer to her new home. She has been at the school since 2008, at first as a classroom teacher and more recently as the Senco. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Walker-Morecroft all the best as she takes up her new post. She has made a significant difference to the provision for children with SEND in the school and I would like to take this chance to thank her for all that she has done in this role. Mrs Walker-Morecroft gave us plenty of notice that she would be moving, so we have been busy with succession planning. Mrs Fisher will take over the role of Senco and Mrs Barnard will take over Mrs Walker-Morecroft's role with Looked After Children.
- Last, but not least **Mrs Boden** will also be leaving. I would like to thank her for all she has done and to wish her luck with her new ventures.

Just to confirm, the last day of term will be Friday 18th December—usual times. The DfE did send an email out this week suggesting that we might wish to move a TD Day to the 18th, but as this might cause working parents a problem with childcare we have decided to stay open as planned. We open again on Monday 4th January. Please read the Covid information overleaf carefully as it gives you information on what to do if your child shows symptoms after the end of term.

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy and peaceful break. I hope you all stay safe and we will see you all in the New Year!

Susan Smith

Headteacher



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Covid update

Schools have been asked to continue to support the **Track and Trace** programme once we have broken up for the Christmas holidays. This is to ensure that any people that need to isolate during this time get the information they need in a timely fashion. While we would not want to have to tell a child to isolate at this time, it could be necessary.

If your child develops symptoms **within 48hrs of finishing school next Friday and subsequently has a positive test** (or has a non-symptomatic positive test within 48hrs) please contact the school in the normal way via the *officerlk@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk* email address. This inbox will be monitored daily until 24th December. If you do need to contact us at this time please:

- Mark the subject line "Covid—URGENT"
- Give your child's name and class
- The date the symptoms started, date of the test and result.

This account will only be monitored for Covid related correspondence.

Obviously, if you suspect that your child, or a member of your family has Covid-19, the whole household should isolate until the test results are known as usual.

If we have notification that there has been a positive case in your child's bubble, we will inform you of this through Parentmail, so please do keep checking this throughout the break.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have now had confirmation on how the Free School Meal Voucher system will work over the Christmas break. If your child qualifies for benefit based free school meals, you should receive a separate email from the school shortly. Please note that this should not be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals which are offered to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

However, there is a little flexibility in the criteria. We do have a little discretion in who we can offer a voucher to, so if you do not already qualify, but will be suffering from financial hardship this Christmas, please do ring the school to speak to Mrs Smith.