



# Robert Le Kyng Primary School

Newsletter Date – 12th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I thought for a change, I would open the newsletter with a bit of good news! Congratulations to Mr Fannin and his wife who have a new addition to the family. They have had a baby boy, named William and he is doing very well.



As we reach half term, I can only say thank you again to all of you who are supporting your child's home learning. The teachers have been very impressed with what the children are doing at home and we hope that this situation won't have to go on much longer. As I understand it, there will be further information on 22<sup>nd</sup> February about possible reopening in March. As it stands, we certainly have two more weeks of remote learning and Key Worker School after half term. We will not be sending out work for next week as it is half term, but we will start again on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, using the same pattern as this term – **don't forget that we have cancelled the two TD Days for next term.**

We have had a further delivery of laptops that can be used for home learning. If you are finding it hard to access the electronic elements of home learning, please do contact Mrs Fisher ([m.fisher@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:m.fisher@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk)).

Mrs Smith  
Headteacher



When logging into the Zoom assembly, please ensure that your **child's name** and not a parent's name shows on the screen so that we know who we are allowing to join in. Please be mindful that family conversations can be overheard when your child is on a zoom call.



Can we please remind you that if your child is attending Key Worker School, they need to be at school between 8.45 and 9.00am. There are fewer people around the school right now so a 15 minute window each morning still enables us to follow strict social distancing measures and ensures we maximize our valuable learning time.





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## Book Fair and World Book Day vouchers

Sadly, we have had to cancel the Scholastic Book Fair which would have been coming early in March. We know how disappointing this is for the children, especially as they enjoy using the World Book Day tokens to put towards the cost of a book. After speaking with the Book Fair team at Scholastic, we have arranged to set up an online Book Fair, around the time the Fair would normally be visiting. Although it won't be quite the same, you will be able to view and order books via the Scholastic website.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. Normally, the children would be receiving paper versions of the World Book Day vouchers from school. This year the children will get their voucher electronically. We will send out further information about how to access the voucher after half term. Although the voucher can't be used to purchase books online, you will be able to use them at many of the local supermarkets, either towards the cost of a children's book or in exchange for one of the specially written World Day books.

Watch out for more details about the Book Fair and the World Book Day vouchers after half term.

## We are winners!

Last term the school entered a competition organised by Scholastic to win a set of books worth over £200 featuring stories and non-fiction about and written by members of the BAME community. To be chosen as one of the winners, we had to say how these books would be used in school with the children. We are delighted to say that ours was chosen as one of the winning entries and our pack of books arrived last week. We are looking forward to sharing them with the children.



**COVID UPDATE** If your child is attending keyworker school and develops symptoms **within 48hrs of finishing school today and subsequently has a positive test** (or has a non-symptomatic positive test within 48hrs) please contact the school in the normal way via

[officerlk@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:officerlk@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk) email address. This inbox will be monitored during the school break. 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.



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## Robert Le Kyng Supporters

Dear Parents,

As we have not recently been able to hold any events, fundraise or meet face to face, we felt now would be a good time to remind you about who we are and what we do for the school.

### **Fundraising using Smile.Amazon.**

**As many of us are buying things online, we thought it would be a good idea to remind you of how you can help us fundraise when shopping on the Amazon website.**

You can register to donate to the RLK Supporters' fund while purchasing by following these instructions. The order may be different depending on the device you register on.

- Access the Amazon website through **smile.amazon.co.uk**
- Click on 'Get started'
- Sign in to your Amazon account in the usual way (if not automatically signed in), e.g. email address and password
- Type in 'Robert Le Kyng School Supporters' to search charity and click 'select'
- It will ask you to tick a box to say you understand that purchases will need to be made via smile.amazon.co.uk for donations to be sent to the charity.

Each time you shop with smile.amazon.co.uk they will automatically make a donation to the RLK Supporters' charity.

### **How our fundraising has helped**

As a result of our fundraising over the last few years, we have been able to support the school in financing several projects. The majority of the Supporters' funds have recently gone towards the construction and furnishing of the outdoor classroom (called The Kyng's Arms) behind the Central Pre-School building. This space will be used by children at the school for many years to come! Some of the funds were also used to pay for the Key Stage 1 and 2 performances given by visiting theatre groups during the last school year. We also helped fund the Leavers' Hoodies which Year 6 children could have instead of their usual Year 6 Leavers' celebration party.

### **RLK SUPPORTERS NEED YOU!**

Although we are not holding face to face meetings at the moment, the Supporters are still busy finding ways to support the school. We are always looking for new members. If you would like to find out more about what we do and how you can help, please email us at the address below:

**supporters@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk**