



A message from Mr Bishop

Welcome back to school. I hope you have managed some relaxation over the past 7 weeks and are refreshed for the year ahead. We are incredibly excited about the new academic year and what lies ahead. We are looking forward to an extensive range of out of school clubs and activities, trips, and residential to name but a few highlights. The curriculum offer continues to inspire and enrich the pupils' knowledge.

Please take time to explore the website with its various updates; our Facebook page with daily posts; as well as Twitter to hear how the whole school community is learning. I look forward to welcoming you all to one of our parent orientation meetings next week to hear some highlights for the year ahead. #teamRB is a powerful community, with a strong voice. You are a vital partner in the schools journey, please don't hesitate to catch me on the playground before or after school, or send the office an email if you have any thoughts, comments or questions you would like to share.

Jon Bishop

Senior Leadership Team

updates

During the first 2 days of this academic year, all the staff at Robert Bakewell spent time learning together and equipping ourselves to be the best we can be. Highlights of the training were:

Being the Best you can Be

Will Hussey
(Art of Brilliance)

Making Learning Irresistible

Dame Alison Peacock
(Chartered College of Teaching)

Restorative Justice approaches

Sue Bosely
(Leicestershire LA)

Safeguarding updates

Jon Bishop

Check out our Twitter feed to see these highlights.



Key Dates

5th September
Y6 Meeting for Parents

6th September
Y4/5 Meeting for Parents

7th September
Y2/3 Meeting for Parents

8th September
R/Y1 Meeting for Parents

4th and 5th October
Y6 Parents Evening

11th and 12th October
R-Y5 Parents Evening

10th - 14th October
Y6 Residential

17th - 21st October
School Closed for Half Term

3rd November
Open Evening for 2023
Reception Intake

16th December
School Closes for Christmas

3rd January
School re-opens

20th - 24th February
School Closed for Half Term

3rd - 14th April
School Closed Easter Holidays

1st May
Bank Holiday

29th May - 2nd June
School Closed Half Term

12th July
School Closes for Summer

School Day

It has been great to see the children excitedly running through our gates in the morning. A gentle reminder of our school day:

The gates open at 8.30am, all children should make their way to the main playground. The bell will ring at 8.45am indicating for children to line up with their classes where they will be collected by their teaching team.

Any parent/carer on the playground after 8.50am will need to leave by the main gate as the side gates will be locked promptly.

Late Arrivals

The start of the day is really important for your child's learning and sets them up for the rest of the days learning. Learning starts as soon as they arrive. Any child arriving after the gates have closed, will unfortunately have to be marked as late on the register. This has an impact on their overall attendance and persistent lateness will result in missing important learning.

Attendance

Our school's attendance target for children is 96% attendance below this has an impact on your child's learning. Where attendance is at risk of going below this level we will let you know by letter. We are here to support you and your children so please speak to your child's class teacher if there are any concerns.

During Friday's assembly there is an opportunity for your child's class to win prizes if their class has the best overall attendance for that week! This could be extra time on the farm or even spending time caring for our resident guinea pigs!

If your child is not attending school due to illness, please contact the office before 9.30am. This can be by phone, voicemail message or email to advise the reason for their absence.

Term Time Holiday Requests

Absence during term time has an impact on children's learning, there are 175 days, during which you can take your children on holiday for days out. Absence requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances by our Governing Team.

We would like to remind parents that a fine is enforceable for removing your child from school without a valid reason.



Head Pupils

We are pleased to announce that the new head pupils for this academic year are Uzziel and Ella. We would like to congratulate them again.

Supporting them with their roles are deputy head boy Dante and deputy head girl Olivia.

Thank you to all children who took the time to apply to be a head pupil, Mr Bishop and the Senior Leadership Team were inundated and enjoyed reading all of the applications.

We would like to say thank you to both Ella and Uzziel for attending a session at Loughborough University with fellow LPAP school head pupils, for a question and answer session about Robert Bakewell. Both Uzziel and Ella were outstanding and didn't appear to show any nerves...Well done!

A message from Ella (Head Girl)

We have some fantastic new head pupils for this academic year. First, we have Uzziel as a head boy, he enjoys all things science, next we have our deputy head girl Olivia Bullen who enjoys dancing, Dante as deputy head boy who loves playing cricket and finally introducing me, Ella, I really enjoy learning and dancing!

We are really proud to be the head pupils and we hope to be superb role models to our fellow pupils. We are looking forward to facing any challenges that may come our way!

#teamRB

Afterschool Clubs

This half term will have the following bookable clubs for your children to attend:

Forest School Sessions - Wednesday for Y2&3

Drama for Y4/5 and Y6 - this will run from September - Christmas

Young Voices for Y3/4/5 and 6 - Every Thursday until Christmas.

Further details of the clubs available can be found on the ParentPay website.

Clubs will start on Monday 5th September immediately after school and pupils should be collected promptly at 4.15pm from the main gate.

Data Collection Forms

If you have not already done so please return the Data Collection forms to the office.

Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 all receive Universal free school meals until they move into Year 3, then parents would need to start adding money to their child's account for school lunches. If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible for free school meals through the local authority, you should apply for these once your child starts in Reception or when your circumstances change. If you meet their criteria, we will then be able to assist you with support in other elements of school life i.e. uniform and trips assistance. To apply please call 0116 305 5417 or apply on-line at <https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/>

School Uniform

Children are required to wear full black shoes; black or grey knee length skirt; black or grey trousers/shorts; white polo shirt or white shirt along with red school sweatshirt or cardigan/plain red sweatshirt or cardigan.

A change of clothes for physical activities is essential. Items required are:

Gym shoes

Shorts (not shiny material) - black or white

White vest/t- shirt or leotards

KS2 learners will also need outdoor kits all year round (KS1/R summer term only)

For swimming your child will need a swimming costume and large towel. We provide all swimming aids.

Rosebuddies are our uniform suppliers, you can find them on Loughborough Market on a Thursday and Saturday. They also have a website. A link to the website can be used below shorturl.at/mtFHY



Reminder

We are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with food containing nuts

Open Evening

We will be holding our Open Evening for children who are due to start school in Autumn 2023 on the 3rd November. This will give parents the chance to meet with Mr Bishop and our Early Years lead as well as to see the fantastic learning which happens at Robert Bakewell.

Spread the word and let other parents know.



Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Hamer to our teaching staff. Miss Hamer will be based in Rowan class. Some of your children may have been taught by her, whilst she completed her teaching qualification.

Lunch Menu

Please see noticeboard and website shorturl.at/mnDN2 for details of our new lunch menu. A copy attached to this Newsletter.

If your child has a school meal, please can you make sure their account is in credit prior to them ordering this at school. The current cost of a school dinner is £2.40. If you fail to pay in advance, we will ask you to send your child to school with a packed lunch. Failure to bring a packed lunch will mean that your child will not be able to book a lunch and so they will be provided with a limited choice that is left at the end of the sitting.

A monthly report will be sent to Governors for action.

Marathon Kids

This will continue this year, all Reception children should by now have received details of what this entails. If you would like your child to participate please make sure you have completed the declaration and handed it in to the office.

Anyone who has not yet signed up and would like their child to participate please see the office at your earliest convenience.

McMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our annual Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September 9am - 10.30am, in the main hall.

We will be asking for donations of cake/raffle prizes, further details will be sent nearer the time.

Y6 Open Evenings

Charnwood College are holding their Open Evening on the 14th September 2022 from 6-8pm.

Delisle's open evening is on the 15th September from 6.30pm

Rawlins open evening is on the 29th September with times to be announced via their website.

Iveshead open evening is on the 15th September 5pm-8pm

Further details will be sent once received.



Star of the Week

During our Celebration Assembly, which takes place on a Friday, your child may be awarded Star of the Week if their teacher feels they have been embodying our character muscles during the week!

We celebrate all types of achievements, not just academic and have a range of awards they may be presented with, such as the Welfare Award, Head Pupils Award and Lunchtime Supervisors Award.

