

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you enjoyed the festivities and from what the children have said so far, they certainly did. It was good to see so many of you in our end of term events. It certainly felt like Christmas with each class in Reception, Year 1 and 2 performing their own Christmas play. We also took part in an online carol service with Dudley Performing Arts, Year 1 found out about Christmas traditions from around the world and Santa made his visit in school to lots of very happy children. All of our children also managed to go on the planned theatre trips to see The Snow Queen, The Christmas Story, Nativity or The Bear.

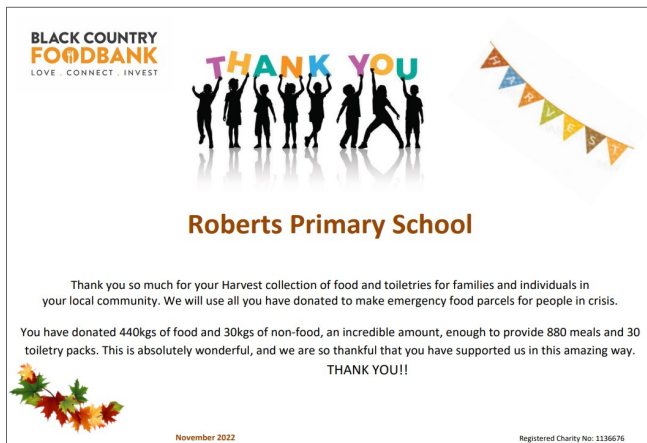
We have lots planned for this year, with each year group going on a visit linked to what the children are learning. More details will follow. It is good to see so many of you on the playground in the morning before school. If you do wish to talk to school, please make an appointment to see myself or my deputy.

Food Bank - Harvest Collection 2022

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest this year - the food donated will continue to help local families and individuals in crisis.

Roberts Primary School collected and donated 440kgs of food and 30kgs of non-food, which is an amazing achievement!

Thanks also to Blue 2 who taught us all about Harvest in their fantastic assembly.



Safeguarding at Roberts

Roberts Primary School is committed to the safeguarding of all of the children in our school. If we have any concerns with regard to your child's safeguarding we have a duty of care to raise these with the relevant agencies if and when they arise. If you have any concerns, please speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads, Mrs Hunt, Mr Hughes, Mrs Ratledge or Miss Burns.

If you wish for your child to be collected by somebody other than yourself, please let the office know by 1pm or as soon as possible. As the winter nights are upon us, please make sure you are aware of your child's location at all times.

Attendance

Well done to Blue 1 and Yellow 3 who won our trophy for the best attendance over a week twice last term.

We know that there might be lots of valid reasons for your child being away from school.

Government guidance is that if your child's attendance is below 90%, it is classed as persistent absence. Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. Our current overall attendance at Roberts is 92%. But dropped to 87% during December!

Letters are coming out to parents who fall below these standards. If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please contact school.

Being late is a big reason for lots of children having low attendance. School starts at 8.45 am (Red classes), 9.00am (Blue classes) and 9.15am (Yellow classes). Doors open 5 minutes before and close 5 minutes after these times. If your child arrives after these times, they will need to go to the main school office and be signed in as late.

Please encourage your children to come to school as much as possible and make sure that they are on time.

Christmas Sing-a-Long

Our last day of term began with our now traditional Christmas Sing-a-Long. The choir started our day off with some lovely songs.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the event with each year group singing a Christmas song.

We then had the staff song, "Frosty the Snowman", acted out wonderfully by our Headteacher chasing the Deputy Headteacher!

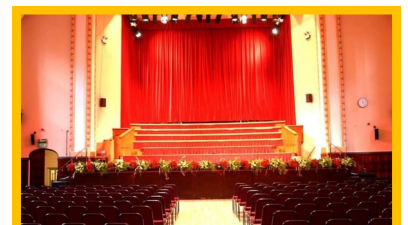
Our finale was the whole school singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".



Mayor's Christmas Concert

On Monday 12th December, members of the choir from Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to take part in a massed ensemble choir performing at the Mayor's Christmas Concert with 3 other schools from the Dudley Borough. We enjoyed singing along to some Christmas classics such as "Most Wonderful Time of the Year", "Merry Christmas Everyone" and "Winter Wonderland".

A huge well done to all our pupils who took part - you sounded great!



Termly Dates

24.01.23	Year 1 Indian Dance Workshops
25.01.23	Year 2 African Dance Workshops
26.01.23	Year 5 Pioneer Centre (3rd Installment Due (£70))
27.01.23	Red 4 Assembly
30.01.23	Paul Willmott Assembly
30.01.23	Year 5: Georgina Varney /Native Americans
03.02.23	Blue 6 Assembly
06.02.23	Year 3 and 4 Maths Championships
07.02.23	Year 4 Guitar Workshops
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day 2023: 'Want to talk about it?'
10.02.23	Yellow 3 Assembly
10.02.23	Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Competition
13.02.23	Disco Tickets on Sale
15.02.23	Year 5 and 6 Maths Championships
17.02.23	Yellow 5 Assembly

Half Term: Monday 20th to Friday 24th February 2023

01.03.23	Secondary Year 7 Intake Decision Emails to Parents
02.03.23	World Book Day
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	• KS1 (6-7pm)
	• KS2 (7.15-8.15pm)
03.03.23	Gold Book Praise Assembly
08.03.23	Year 3 Kinver Visit
10.03.23	Year 5 - Native American Dancing
13.03.23	Paul Willmott Assembly

Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Christmas Card Competition

Marco Longhi MP

Congratulations to all children who took part in the annual design a Christmas card competition for our local Member of Parliament, Marco Longhi.

Special congratulations however go to Naomi who came 1st overall out of the whole of Dudley!

Naomi met the MP, Marco Longhi, at school and was presented with some fantastic prizes as well as seeing a photograph of her card being presented to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak!



INSET Days and Holidays

Please check the list below for the rest of our INSET days for this academic year:

- Monday 24th July 2023
- Tuesday 25th July 2023

Please remember that we close on Friday 17th February at normal time and **children are due back in on Monday 27th February 2023.**

Holidays for the rest of the year are:

Easter: Children finish at normal time on Friday 31st March and the Easter holiday is until Friday 14th April.

May Half Term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June .

Our last day for the Summer term is Friday 21st July 2023.

Houses of Parliament

Our School Council visited the Houses of Parliament in London. It was a very early start, with the children meeting at school at 6 o'clock in the morning! We then had a very long drive to London.

As soon as we arrived in London, we had a tour guide show us around the Houses of Parliament. We got to go into the House of Commons and the House of Lords and saw where the Queen's coffin was earlier this year. We were lucky enough to meet one of our local Members of Parliament, Mike Wood.

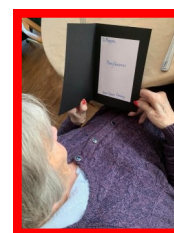
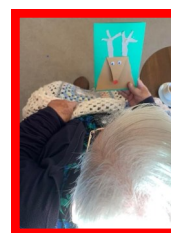


Broadway Halls Care Home

We had a lovely message from Broadway Halls saying:

Broadway Halls wants to say a BIG thank you to Roberts Primary School in Lower Gornal for making every resident a hand made card for Christmas. It brought so much joy and happiness to residents.

Well done and thank you to all children who made Christmas cards.



For the latest up to date information, please check our website

www.robertsprimary.org.uk