



Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

Happy New Year everyone! It has been fabulous to watch the children settle back into school routines after the Christmas break. They are all engaged in new themes and topics and are working hard.

Our focus across school for this half term is on wow behaviour so you will see stickers and hear more about wow behaviour in all aspects of school life. Children can be awarded wow for going above and beyond with their learning, behaviour, attitude and support for others. If your child comes home with a wow sticker we hope that they will proudly tell you why they have been given it. In school we also ask the children to share their wow moments with staff and explain to them why that makes us proud.

COVID UPDATES

As you will probably be aware there are significant staff shortages throughout the country which is causing service interruptions as more people are having to self-isolate because of Covid. In the education sector, the government has pledged to try and keep schools open and headteachers are being encouraged to find ways to keep as many children in school as possible. This is for educational as well as welfare purposes. This is something that at Robert Wilkinson we will endeavour to do.

This week we have had some staff absence but have been in the fortunate position that this has not affected the children as other staff from within school have delivered the teaching and learning instead. We would like to share with you the strategies that we **may** have to use if absence of staff continues to grow. I can assure you that these would be temporary measure but we **may** have to consider the following for a short period of time:

- Merging classes or year groups
- Cancellation of certain activities ie visits, parent events or swimming

Our staff are ensuring they follow the guidance of regular testing and report any positive results as soon as possible so we aim to keep you informed of any changes as quickly as you can and apologise in advance if there is limited notice as the situation can change rapidly.

We would like to thank you for your support in these challenging times, it is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



I am delighted to say that our reopening of the kitchen has been a real success and the children are thoroughly enjoying our new menus. Having the children back in the dining room, whilst it felt like a logistical challenge, has been a real delight and children love the opportunity to sit with friends and share a chat over lunch. The themed menus have been a real success and yesterday's brunch looked and smelt delicious, there was as you can imagine very little waste! If you want to look further at our menus they are available on the school website in the PARENTS section under the drop down menu of SCHOOL MEALS. There is also a breakdown of allergen information on this page too.

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
<p>All the themed meals have an option of a jacket potato as an alternative, and the puddings have an alternative choice of fruit or yoghurt.</p> <p>Parents can order up until 12 noon the day before.</p>		3rd February	<p>Chinese</p> <p>Sweet & sour chicken with mixed vegetables</p> <p>Vegetable stir fry</p> <p>Ice-cream & banana square</p>
20th January	<p>American</p> <p>Burgers with corn on the cob.</p> <p>Mac & cheese, corn on the cob</p> <p>Ice – cream Brownie</p>	10th February	<p>Indian</p> <p>Chicken korma, carrots & peas</p> <p>Bombay potatoes, carrots & peas</p> <p>Fruit salad & cream</p>
27th January	<p>Mexican</p> <p>Chilli & rice with sweetcorn</p> <p>Tacos & quorn mince & sweetcorn</p> <p>Rice pudding</p>	17th February	<p>Italian Day</p> <p>Italian Pasta & Meatballs with salad</p> <p>Cheese & tomato pizza with salad</p> <p>Gelato for pudding</p>

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Our pool repairs are finished and we are now ensuring that the water is up to standard and that all health and safety checks are complete. We are hopeful that we will be able to commence swimming for year 3,4,and 6 week commencing 24th January. This is of course dependent on us having enough volunteers to support the sessions. We need at least five volunteers to run the sessions on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning or afternoon. Please consider helping us, it would be fabulous to get our lessons up and running again. Contact the school office if you would like further information, support and an induction will be given to all those interested.

CHRISTINGLE

A big thank you to all those who made a donation to the Church of England Children's Society in December we are pleased to say that our school raised £165.93.

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATES

One of our aims this year is to develop our website so we will be keeping you up to date with additions and changes. Here is our first update

MAIN MENU	DROP DOWN SECTION	INFORMATION
PARENTS	SCHOOL MEALS	Menus, price, ordering meal link, allergy information
TEACHING AND LEARNING	OUR WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM	Curriculum maps for each year group so you can see what the focus is for your child's class.
TEACHING AND LEARNING	CURRICULUM ↓ PHONIC	Our approach to teaching Phonics. Progression of phonics- what we teach and in which order. Little Wandle support for parents- link to the website.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We hope that you and your family stay well.

Best wishes

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