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REMINDER - Our final TD day this year is Friday 28th June 2024



This year's sports days will be taking place on the following days. Morning sessions are from 10.30 - 12.00 and afternoon sessions are from 1.30 - 3pm

Please ensure your child has their PE kit, sun cream applied before coming to school, has a sunhat and brings a bottle of water with them.

Tuesday 9th July (AM)
Yrs 5/6

Tuesday 9th July (PM)
Yrs 1/2

Wednesday 10th July (AM)
Yrs 3/4

Wednesday 10th July (PM)
Reception

Please ensure all class photo orders are placed by midnight tonight as any late orders will incur a delivery charge.

Thank you



The Blue Kite
Academy Trust

Stakeholder Feedback Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

On July 2nd we will be visited by Trustees of Blue Kite Trust to find out a bit more about Robert Le Kyng School and talk to people to find out about what we do well and the challenges we face. These feedback sessions allow trustees to meet you and find out more about our school. They will also be talking to children, staff and governors through the afternoon. This information can then be used strategically to inform decisions made at Trust level.

If you would like to be part of a Parent Panel to meet the Trustees, please join us in the school hall on Tuesday 2nd July at 2.00pm for a cup of tea and a chat.

Mrs Smith



Parent Support Advisor

As we get further into summer (allegedly!) the lighter evenings often mean that our older children are out and about on their bikes and with their friends. Our Year 6's are also starting to think about the walk to their new secondary school in September and with this in mind we have arranged for a Truck and Child safety demonstration to come into school next week, to highlight the dangers large vehicles can pose to pedestrians and cyclists. We are fortunate that DHL are bringing a very large lorry into the car park and every class will get a short workshop around road safety. They will be with us on Monday and Wednesday, and we will make sure that our Year 6's have their session on Monday as some have their secondary school inductions on Wednesday. This does also mean that if you are late into school for any reason on either of those days, you will not be able to access the school car park.



The Haven Pantry

Our affordable food club, the Haven Pantry, is changing times from June 4th, 2024 and is available at The Haven, Queens Drive, Swindon SN3 every Tuesday from 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

Our pantry enables you and your household access to nutritious food for a fraction of what these items would cost at a supermarket (2/3 cheaper than the supermarket or more!). You can pick up fresh fruit, vegetables, salad, bread, cake, chilled and a frozen item (depending on availability) for free. All you need to do is pay the six-month membership fee and then exchange cash for points if you would like to, for all the other subsidised items.

How it will work

Membership

Each household will pay £1 per person, per household for a six-month registration period. (e.g., 4 members in a household will cost £4 for 6 months) and complete a very short registration form. Proof of income or benefit will be required. Max £22,000 income per household, but chat to us if you are struggling and don't fit these criteria or have no access to any funds (Organisations across Swindon can also refer).

Weekly point system

Once you become a member, this allows you to exchange cash for points when you visit (£1 equals 4 points) in addition to the free items. Members enter the shopping area and choose items to the value of the points purchased. The items are then taken to the till and any unused points will be carried over to the next visit. By offering a points credit system, it allows member to purchase points in bulk when paid (maximum £20) and then return to shop throughout the month when required.

The funds raised will allow us to reinvest in a consistent supply of foods we normally struggle to provide such as coffee, sugar, toiletries, cheese etc. All items will be subject to availability.

Registration forms are available on the day.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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This week I have also been made aware of a new affordable food club that has been set up in Swindon.

The Haven on Queens Drive (opposite Burger King) is home to the Haven Pantry and is available to families on benefits or a low income (less than £22,000 per year) although I understand there is some flexibility on this. Membership is £1 per family member for 6 months, and once you have joined you can use their points system to buy nutritious food at a fraction of the supermarket cost.

It is open on Tuesdays from 2.30-4pm - I have attached their information leaflet, should you be interested!

As always, I am here to offer support and advice to all parents of children here at RLK. Parents/carers do not need to be referred but instead can contact me directly via the school office, or by emailing

psa@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk

Drop in sessions happen every Tuesday. Please email me or ring the office if you would like to book a slot to discuss any issues, big or small, regarding parenting.

In addition to Tuesday morning drop in sessions, I also open the school library on Mondays until 4pm where I am also available to discuss any issues.

Tara Ward - Parent Support Advisor



Safeguarding

Modern Slavery

This week our safeguarding focus is on modern slavery and trafficking.

Slavery is defined as 'when an individual is exploited by others for personal or commercial gain and as a result they lose their freedom'. This includes activities such as forced labour (any work someone is forced to do against their will, or under threat of punishment), criminal exploitation (being forced to take part in criminal activity, including county lines), sexual exploitation, human trafficking and child slavery.

Modern slavery is present in every part of the UK and in many forms - it is estimated that over 100,000 people in the UK are victims of modern slavery.

In 2021, of all the potential victims reported to the police, 43% were children and 31% were British nationals. Anyone can be a target for modern slavery but some people can be more at risk because of money, social or health issues or because of their age or immigration status. Victims might look helpless and afraid, but they can also seem to accept their situation, be completely unaware of it or even defend the people that are exploiting them. You might even see people trapped in slavery without knowing it. It might be someone working in a private home on your street; the man working in the car wash; or the cleaner who empties your office bin every night.

It can be difficult to spot the signs, but if you are concerned about someone, or would like more information please see www.modernslaveryhelpline.org or call 101 to report your concerns.

We have been asked to share information about Whooping Cough with you as there has been an increase in cases both locally and nationally. Please see the attachment sent with this newsletter for further information.

You will find our 2024-2025 calendar sent as an attachment with this newsletter. Our TD Days are clearly shown on the calendar too.



Do either of these watches belong to you?

If so, please come along to the office to reclaim them.



Reading for Pleasure

The popular website, www.booksfortopics.com has recently updated their recommended read lists for the different year groups. Copies of the updated lists for your child's year group can be found in the classroom window. Alternatively lists for each year group can be found at www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads

THANK YOU

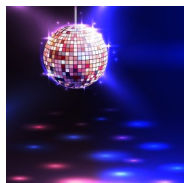


— A big thank you to all who helped make our Summer Fair such a success last Saturday. Thank you to anyone who donated prizes or came along to set up or run stalls. We couldn't hold these events without you! Well done to the Year 6 children who organised and ran their own stalls and raised an amazing £580 towards our grand total of just over £1800. This is the most we have raised at one of our Summer or Christmas events, so thank you once again! Some of the money raised will be used to buy some additional outdoor resources for the playground. We would also like to thank companies who donated prizes for the event, including Imagine Photography, Blunsdon House Hotel, Clue HQ, Cineworld, Ten Pin Bowling, Entertainer toy shop and New Delhi Restaurant.



After last year's successful disco in aid of The Gambia Project, we have decided to organise another fundraising disco on Thursday 4th July. The money raised this year will be going to

the local **Prospect Hospice in Wroughton**. A letter will come out soon, with details of disco times for different year groups and how you can order and pay for your child's ticket.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR READING BREAKFAST

A reminder that our annual reading breakfast will be held on the morning of Friday 12th July. Watch out for more details soon.



We are always looking for new members to join the Supporters. If you would like to find out more about what we do and how you can help on a regular basis, please see Mrs Beale or email us at the address above.