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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's great to see all the children back in school and settling into their new classes. They all seem to have grown over the summer holidays and are certainly rising to the expectations of their new teachers.



We have welcomed a few new teaching assistants that have joined us - Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Foli, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Harris, Mrs Ghosh and Miss Titcombe. We have also welcomed Mrs George who has started her teacher training here and who will be here for most of the year. Please do say hello to them if you have the chance!

As you already know, there will no longer be a chance to park in the car park of the Westbourne Centre, so please do make sure that you tell whoever is bringing your child to school that there is nowhere to park on Westcott Street. Ideally, please walk to school, but if you can't, please find somewhere a bit further away to park and walk the last few minutes. We absolutely understand that this is not easy in this area, but if we all do what we can to reduce this, it means that all of our children will be safer.

I look forward to another great year ahead!

Susan Smith
Headteacher

WELCOME MEETING DATES

We will be holding welcome meetings for parents of each year group during term 1. Two separate meetings will be held on the same day to enable as many parents as possible to come along. The first meeting will be in the hall at 9am and the other will be at 5.30pm. Both meetings will cover the same information so you do not need to attend both.

Reception	-	Wednesday 25th September
Year 1	-	Tuesday 24th September
Year 2	-	Thursday 26th September
Year 3	-	Wednesday 18th September
Year 4	-	Monday 16th September
Year 5	-	Wednesday 2nd October
Year 6	-	Monday 30th September



Parent Support Advisor

At the start of a new school year I always like to introduce myself to all those families joining us. At Robert Le Kyng we recognise that every child and family situation is unique and that every stage of childhood can present its own challenges, which is when as a parent or carer you may want a little extra support or guidance.

As a Parent Support Advisor I can:

- Provide a listening ear to parents/carers in a confidential, non-judgmental way
- Meet parents/carers in school and at home to provide ongoing support
- Work as a link between home and school to foster a positive relationship
- Discuss concerns and help develop strategies to help you, your child and your family around behaviour management, sleep routines, positive parenting, eating habits and toilet training.
- Suggest services and other agencies available who could help and support you in a range of situations
- Refer to food banks and other organisations that provide practical support for those families experiencing financial hardship
- Aid and encourage good attendance
- Assist parents/carers with completing forms for financial assistance

Advertise learning opportunities for parents/carers – always check the attachments on the school newsletter!

I would encourage all parents/carers to get in touch to let the school know about anything important that is happening at home. We want our children to be settled and ready to learn and I will support you with any home situation that may affect your child's ability to do this.

I also organise termly school uniform 'swap shops' where parents can access free, good quality used uniform, but more information on those will follow in future newsletters.

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



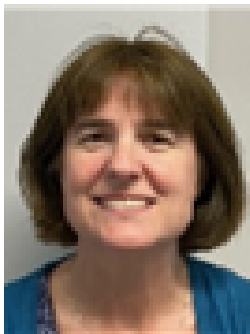
SAFEGUARDING



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE



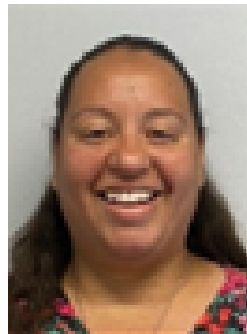
Safeguarding Leads at Robert Le Kyng Primary School



Mrs Smith

Headteacher

**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs Fisher

Deputy Headteacher

**Deputy designated
Safeguarding Leads**



Mrs Ward

Parent Support Advisor

The designated Governor for Safeguarding is Cate Sargent.

Keeping everyone safe is a top priority for everyone at Robert Le Kyng.

Our teachers and teaching assistants are always happy to discuss any worries or concerns.

However, if you have a specific concern regarding safeguarding, please ask to speak to one of our safeguarding team named above.

For full details of safeguarding procedures, please visit our website.



SUPPORTERS NEWS

Welcome back from the RLK Supporters! For those parents who are new to the school, the Robert le Kyng Supporters is the name for the school Parent and Teachers Association (PTA). As a group we help fundraise for the school and organise events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs. Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 25th September at 7 pm in Class 4 (Mrs Abson's and Mrs Beale's class near the Office). If you would like to become one of the RLK Supporters, why not leave a note at the school office, speak to Mrs Beale or contact the Supporters at:

Supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

Come along and find out what we do!



Asda 'Cashpot' fundraising scheme

Many of you may already be aware that Asda have launched a fundraising scheme where the company will donate money to registered schools when you shop at one of their store, or online. A separate letter explaining how you can register and take part will be sent out shortly.



SAVE THE DATE – the Robert le Kyng Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 14th December 2pm to 4pm.

Reading for pleasure

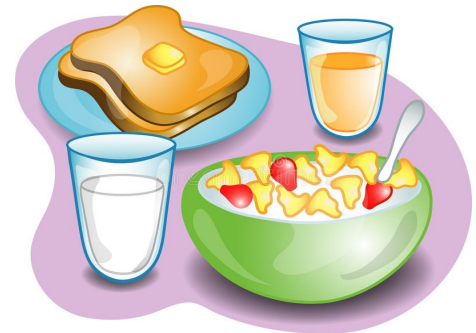
As you know, we are always looking for ways to encourage children to read for pleasure. It can sometimes be tricky for children to find what to read next. This term we are starting by encouraging children to share their favourite reads and say why they would recommend a book to their friends. Examples of what your child might like to read next can be found in the 'Branching Out' posters in your child's classroom window. These might be useful for you, as parents, if your child is not sure what they might like to read once they have finished their current book. We are also keen to hear what books your children have enjoyed reading during the holidays and how they got on with the Summer Reading Challenge if they took part.



Our breakfast club is open from 7.45 am every school day. Please contact the office if you'd like to book a space for your child.

A number of different activities are available each day and of course breakfast.

Booking and paying in advance for the next term attracts a 20% discount on the price.



Did you know that we have a Facebook page?



Just search for 'Robert le Kyng Primary School' on Facebook, look for the RLK school logo and select 'Like' to follow our page.

We use this page for general updates, photos and sharing of useful education based Facebook links.



Please note that the main platform for school communication is Parentmail, telephone calls and the school office email address. (The Facebook page does not allow messages between parents and school)



2024 -2025 TD DAYS

2nd September

3rd September

4th November

14th February

24th February—School closed Blue
Kite Trust
Collaboration Day

27th June