

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

It has been great to see the children back in school for the start of the new school year – we can't believe how much some of them have grown over the holidays!

School has been a calm and happy place over these first two days with the staff and the children working hard on remembering our school rules and learning new routines. We have also been reminding the children of our Make a Difference values which are the foundations of our school culture. This will continue to be a focus throughout the year to enable the culture of high expectations for behaviour and academic achievement for all children.

All of the children look fabulous and part of the RMPA team in their school uniform – some children in Year 5 have told me that they are so proud to now be wearing their school ties. We hope that this high standard of presentation continues throughout the year. Your child's teacher will let you know what days they have PE – please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit on these days. Information about PE kit expectations are on the school website.

Some lovely news; Mrs Taylor had a baby boy at the start of the summer holidays. His name is Luca William. We can't wait for Mrs Taylor to pop in to school with Luca soon so we can all meet him.

### **New windows**

If you have been to school over the first couple of days, you will probably have noticed that we have had new windows fitted in some parts of the main building over the holidays. These have transformed the classrooms and the dining room and will help us to keep the building warm in the winter and cool in the summer. We are hoping to continue to replace windows in other parts of school next year.

### **Safeguarding**

During our assemblies over the next couple of weeks, we will be reminding the children about how to keep themselves safe. This will include talking to them about how the adults in school are here to help them if they are worried about anything. All adults in school receive regular training around safeguarding children against harm and abuse. You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding section of our website. You could also follow this link <https://bit.ly/3AEg3ei>

Designated Safeguarding Officers in school are; Mrs Essex, Miss Parr and Mrs Clark. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us or your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss anything at all.

### **Assemblies**

We are pleased to let you know that we will be inviting parents to join us in school for our Make a Difference celebration assemblies once again! These will not be starting immediately as the hall is going to be out of action for a couple of weeks as we have new lights fitted. Once

we are ready for these assemblies to commence, we will let you know and we will be excited for you to join us if you wish.

### **Family photos**

Last year, we asked you to send in a family photo for your child to share with their class. We found that this really supported many children in school and helped us to make further links between home and school. These photos were displayed in the classrooms or on the classroom doors. The children enjoyed looking at them throughout the year. We would like to do this activity again. You can either send in the same picture or a new one. You can send print-outs of these photos or via Seesaw and we can print them in school.

### **Recommended Reads photos**

Some children have already shared photos of them reading a book on the Recommended Read list for their year group. If you have taken a photo of your child reading one of the listed books, please make sure that you send it in to school so that we can give your child a well-deserved golden token.

These book lists will be sent out again via Seesaw next week but they are on the website so that you can encourage their children to read the books throughout the year. Photos of your child reading one of these will be welcome anytime.

### **Bikes and scooters in school**

We know that some children like to ride a scooter or bike to school. To keep children, adults, bikes and scooters safe, we ask the following;

- Children should be encouraged to wear a helmet
- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site
- Electric scooters are not allowed anywhere on the school site
- Bikes and scooters should only be stored next to the Little Herons building

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	INSET Day – school closed for children
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return to school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day – school closed for children
	Half term holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank holiday
Week beg 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week for Year 6 children
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed for children
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for summer holiday

We are looking forward to another happy and successful year at Robert Mellors. As always, if you would like to speak to anyone in school, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Warmest regards

Mrs Essex