



# Robert Ferguson Primary School

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome back after the summer break. It was lovely to see all the children return ready for an exciting year ahead.*

*In assembly this week, we talked about the incredible things we can achieve by all working together. I'm particularly looking forward to seeing the children getting involved in developing our re-landscaped garden.*

*Once again, I will be on the look out for children who read, read, read... Thank you for all you do as parents to encourage a love of books and reading, as well as practising times tables, spellings, and other essential learning - it makes a massive difference to how well children do at school.*

*Did you see the video we made about reading earlier this year? We will be making a similar one to explain about homework. If you would be happy to be filmed supporting your child with homework, please let me know.*

*There is even more information from your child's class teacher going on our website this year - take a look!*

*Yours sincerely,*

G Frost

## Relaxing in the School Garden

We are delighted with how the garden is shaping up ready for planting and growing projects. Already, it is providing a place to sit, relax and catch up with friends after the summer break.



This term, the children will be planting spring bulbs, hedging plants and fruit trees.



We are also planning to make our garden a multi-sensory experience with the addition of musical sculptures and scented plants in the near future.

### **New Staff**

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff this term - in Years 5 & 6: Mrs O'Farrell (teacher) and Mrs Cunnah (STA).

### **School Meals**

Please remember we require dinner money to be handed in, in a clearly marked envelope, to your child's class teacher, ideally on the first day of the school week. Please pay by cheque to Robert Ferguson Primary School, or if paying in cash, please provide the exact amount if at all possible. If you are owed change, this will be returned to you.

### **Dress Code**

Please do not send children to school wearing jewellery (with the exception of small ear-studs). Our dress code includes hair-styles which should be standard cuts (i.e. tram-line cuts, mohawks or dyed hair are not acceptable). If you have any queries about dress-code, please see a member of staff.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please ensure that lunch bags and boxes are clearly labelled to avoid any confusion for children with identical ones. May I remind you that fizzy drinks are not allowed as part of a packed lunch.

### **How to Contact You**

Please ensure we are up-to-date with how you can be contacted (e.g. mobile numbers).

### **PE Kit Reminder**

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. We recommend that these remain in school and are taken home periodically to be cleaned and returned to school. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Harvest Festival Service**

Reception to Year 6 will celebrate Harvest on **Friday 2nd October** – 10.00am at St James Church. You are welcome to join us, although please be aware that seating will be limited due to the number of children. Donations of tinned and dried food will be gratefully received by the Church.

### **Individual and Sibling Group Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 7th October**. Brothers and sisters will have their pictures taken together and then each child will have an individual photograph. Due to school numbers (405 pupils), **this service is not open to non-pupils**. Every child will be given a proof of his/her photograph to take home. Please ensure that all orders for photographs are returned to school by no later than Wednesday 21st October. Late orders cannot be accepted.

### **Job Vacancy**

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY ORGANISER –  
6.25 hours per week  
PCD1A £15,207 PER ANNUM PRO RATA  
From October 2015  
Closing date: Tue 22nd Sept 12:00 noon  
Enquire at the school office for more info.