

# ROBERT OWEN MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## November 2020

**Monday 16th-Friday  
20th**

**Book Week**

**Thursday 19th**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**At 7.30pm via ZOOM.**

**Friday 27th**

**Interim Report Cards  
issued**

## December 2020

**Monday 7th**

**Flu Spray catch up**

**Thursday 17th**

**Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 18th**

**'Christmas Parties' in  
individual classrooms.  
Children are encouraged  
to dress down or dress  
up for Christmas.**

**Monday 21st**

**House Day**

**Tuesday 22nd**

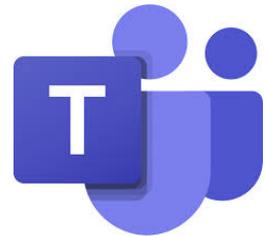
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**School closes at 2.30pm**



## Internet access

As you know we are trying to ensure children are familiar with Microsoft Teams and we are encouraging them to complete their HW on this platform. This is an important step forward and is part of our contingency plan in case of lockdown restrictions again.



The children have all signed an Internet Use form and they must take responsibility for what they are posting. Please ensure your child is adhering to the internet safety rules.

Please note this platform is for the children and not for adults to post questions etc for the teacher. If you have a question for the class teacher, please email her directly.

If your child does not have internet access please let Mrs Thomson know.

If you need support getting your child onto TEAMS please email Miss McAllister: gw07mcallisterruth@glow.

## Water

The children are not allowed to freely use the water dispenser in the way they previously did.





## Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place virtually on ZOOM on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. All parents will be made most welcome.

## Twitter

If you have a Twitter account you can follow us by searching for @ROMPSTWEET.

## School App

Please sign up to our school app. To download it search 'PSA primaryschoolapp' in the Apple or Google Play app stores. Once you have opened the app, just search for Robert Owen Memorial Primary School and enter username 'ROMPS'. Please phone the office for the pin. number.

They now need to be supervised to ensure the dispenser is cleaned before and after use. As you can imagine in a school this size with lots of children filling up water bottles, it is having a big impact on the office staff who have to stop what they are doing to facilitate the use of the water dispenser.

Please encourage children to bring a full water bottle to school. An extra water bottle may also be something to think about if your child is likely to finish their water before the end of the day.

## Interim Report Cards

You will receive an Interim Report for your child on Friday 27th November 2020. If after receiving this report you would like a telephone consultation with the teacher please phone the school office to make an appointment.

## Junior Road Safety Officers



Our JRSO's are Kaede and Ryan from Room 14



## St Andrew's Hospice Ambassadors

Our Ambassadors are Tilly and Jess from Room 12.

## Rag Bag Collection 2020

Through Rag Bag you are able to help recycle textiles and clothing that may have ended up going to landfill. It is estimated that approximately 1.75 million tonnes of clothing waste is produced in the UK every year.

If we can divert some of this tonnage away from landfill we will directly help the environment and help provide good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world.

As part of being an ECO friendly school, here at ROMPS our aim is to help tackle unnecessary waste and help the environment. We will be collecting the items below and

our collection date will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Bags will be provided to your child in the coming weeks for collection. Please hand in bags to office to pass onto Miss Caldwell (Room 3).

### We can accept the following items:

- Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts

## Parent Council Contribution

The Parent Council have very kindly purchased a pantomime for the children to watch virtually since the Panto usually held in the Memorial Hall has been cancelled. The Panto is called "Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men". It comes with many resources which the teachers can use with the children before and after the watching of the panto. Thanks to the Parent Council for this generous contribution to our Christmas celebrations. I am sure the children will all love it.



## Book Week Scotland

We will be celebrating Book Week Scotland from Monday 16<sup>th</sup>-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading that takes place across Scotland. During Book Week, the aim is for all pupils to further develop their love and enjoyment of books and reading.

Throughout the week, our pupils will be given the opportunity to engage with and listen to different texts through reading activities, such as our 'Drop Everything and Read' event. P1 pupils will also be issued with their Bookbug bags and P2/P3 pupils with their Read, Write, Count bags.

You can also celebrate Book Week Scotland at home by participating in some of the Book Week Scotland activities on the Scottish Book Trust website.

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-week-scotland>

Remember to share any of the Book Week activities that you participate in with us at @ROMPStweet

Happy Reading!



## Assemblies

The staff at Robert Owen Memorial Primary School have been working together to prepare for our first Virtual Assembly, which will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Our weekly Virtual Assemblies will be facilitated through Microsoft Teams and will take place every Friday afternoon. Our assemblies will be used to share learning and important information from across the school, such as; an update on the House points from the House Captains

and the Makaton Sign of the Week, delivered by our P7 Masters of Makaton. Our first virtual assembly will include an update from the 2020-2021 Eco Committee and our St Andrew's Hospice Ambassadors.

### Cost of the School Day

This agenda is probably more important now than it has ever been before. Economic circumstances of families may have changed drastically through lockdown, or are about to change because of furlough, redundancy, business closures and/or bankruptcy. Many more families may be experiencing poverty for the very first time. As a staff we are very aware of this and this session are imposing a zero charge for all activities offered to our children.



The Community Wellbeing helpline is there to help people to access food and other **essential supplies** from across South Lanarkshire. The **helpline is available 8.45am to 4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.15pm on Friday** for South Lanarkshire residents who have been advised to stay at home for medical reasons and have no one else to help them.



**Helpline Number: 0303 123 1009**

Please also see their advert: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR8ayBu-2jU>.





**Money Matters offer free, confidential and impartial advice - they can help check benefit entitlements, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent clients at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues they look at financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice.**

**Contact number: 0303 123 1008**

Their **Telephone Advice Line** offers a similar service specifically aimed at **pregnant women and families with young children:**

**Contact number: 01698 453154**

Money Matters are still working in partnership with Education and will take on **Head Teacher referrals**. Please contact Mrs Thomson if you would like her to make a referral for you .

