



### **Morning Routine**

We have had a lot of positive feedback to the changes that we made back in November to the start of the day. The majority of parents we have spoken to prefer the new routine, although we know a few are missing that early morning conversation on the playground with other parents. We would like to remind all parents/carers dropping off of the timings. The gate opens for Robins at 8:30am and all children should be on site by 8:45am when the gate closes. Schools have to provide 32.5 hours of school a week, which in our case is from 8:45am to 3:15pm each day. Therefore children arriving after the school start time are marked as late in the register. Not only can it be disruptive for the class when children come in late, but it can also cause some dysregulation for those arriving late, so please can you make sure you are arriving on site by 8:45am.

### **Uniform**

We would like to remind all parents/carers about the expected school uniform as staff have been noticing many children - especially on PE days - who are not wearing the expected items. We would like to remind you that the correct uniform should be:

- Purple sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses
- White polo shirts, white shirts or blouses
- Purple and white striped or checked summer dresses
- Black school shoes

Children are allowed to wear stud earrings and watches (not smart ones) but no other jewellery. As mentioned earlier in the academic year, they are not allowed to wear any make-up in school.

For P.E. days, our pupils should wear a plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy blue shorts/joggers and a school jumper/cardigan. They should not be wearing branded items. We would appreciate it if you could support us in ensuring that the children are coming to school in the correct uniform.

### **English Governor Visit**

Mrs Ball was pleased to welcome our English subject Governor to school on Thursday this week. As you know, we share a Governing Body across two schools - with Hemington Primary School - and Sophie Flook, who is on the committee, came and had a learning walk to see all the great things we are doing, especially in reading. We would like to thank her for her time, while also being proud of how well our children are getting on with their learning in English.

### **School Council**

Our new school council for 2025 were elected by their class this week and the representatives were celebrated and given their badges in assembly today. Our members are: Swallows - Jaxson and Sophia; Goldfinches - Ava and Theo; Starlings - Emily and Freddy; Kingfishers- Emrys and Ezra. Miss Isaac will hold their first meeting in the upcoming weeks.

### **Mr Turull**



### Diary Dates

#### January

Thursday 30th Kingfisher Class Super Heroes Session with IG Sports

#### February

Friday 7th Wear Red for Heart Month - £1 donation to Heart Heroes

Tuesday 11th Starling Class Trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre

**Friday 14th**

**End of Term 3**

**Monday 24th**

**Start of Term 4**

Thursday 27th Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports

#### March

Thursday 6th World Book Day

Thursday 13th Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports

Wednesday 19th Starling Class Golf Festival at Selwood School

#### April

Thursday 3rd Starling Classes final swimming lesson

Friday 4th **End of Term 4**

Tuesday 22nd **Start of Term 5**

### FOLS 100 Club

We are excited to announce our 100 club winners!

1st Place (£30) - Number 93 - Nicole Sage

2nd Place (£20) - Number 13 - Emma

Gardner-Holmes

3rd Place (£10) - Number 9 - Belinda Davis

If you would like to be included in the next 100 club draw, please contact the school office or a member of FOLS.

### Notices

- **Snack Time** - A reminder that children in Year 3 no longer receive a free breaktime snack. If they would like a snack, please ensure they bring a piece of fruit from home.
- **Starling Class** - Trip to Somerset Science Earth Centre has now been uploaded to Parent Pay. Please provide consent and payment online. Any lunch meals for this date will have been cancelled. School packed lunches can be ordered or provided from home.

### Top Doodlers

#### Doodle Maths

**Kingfishers** - Honey/Evie & Daisy

**Starlings** - Xanthe & Emily

**Goldfinches** - Caitlin

**Swallows** - Evie & Liucijia

Winning Class - Goldfinches

#### Doodle Tables

**Starlings** - Adele

**Goldfinches** - Viv

**Swallows** - Liucijia



### News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have continued our winter theme and have been practicing our fine motor skills and learning new winter songs



This week the Kingfishers worked really hard to recall all number bonds and become amazing mathematics! We learned to group animals into families and by their type of diet. Our book of the week was Giraffes can't dance and the children shared with each other things they find difficult.



In Starlings, we enjoyed setting up an experiment, in science, to compare how things move on different surfaces. We needed three people in our team- one to let go of the vehicle and say go, one to say stop when it reached the bottom of the ramp and the other to time how long it took to travel on the surface. We all took turns to do these jobs then recorded our results on a chart in our books.



Goldfinch class looked at deforestation in science this week. We have investigated reasons for and against deforestation, we also know that replanting trees is not a quick fix for the problem. We all planted a tree seed and herb seeds. We will see if by February half term we can see any growth with these seeds.



This week, Swallows have been learning all about binary in Computing. We learnt that it is used to send messages between computers. After learning that 0 means off and 1 means on, we tried calculating numbers and writing them in binary code using an 8-bit binary system. Why not test them on their new found skills?

