

Red Oaks Primary School
16th September 2020
Newsletter

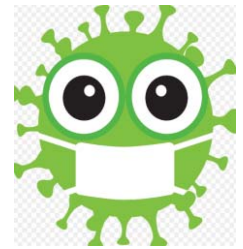


Great Start

Another great week and the children have had a very positive start and appear to be settled at school. Thank you for your understanding whilst we try and 'juggle' staffing to cover classes and those with 1:1 support. Please be assured that we are doing our best to provide consistency and 'normality' for the children.

Symptoms

If your child has a new or continuous cough, a high fever or loss of sense of taste/smell, please arrange a test as soon as possible. The rest of the family will need to isolate for 14 days. If your child has a test and the result is negative, they may return to school as long as they are free of key symptoms and have not had a fever for 24 hours. If your child has other symptoms including a sore throat, nasal congestion, sickness and diarrhoea, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of appetite or headache, please keep them at home to monitor for 48 hours. Other siblings will also need to be monitored at home please. If symptoms persist or others develop, please consult your doctor.



Lunch boxes

Please can all parents ensure that products containing nuts including Nutella and similar spreads are not used in packed lunches? We do have some children with serious allergies so we do have a 'no nuts' policy. For Safety reasons, please can you also ensure that if grapes are sent in, these are cut in half (longways) as this minimises any choking hazard. Many thanks.

School Lunches

Sodexo have requested that **ALL** meals are ordered for the week by **THURSDAY** evening on ParentPay. This includes children receiving Universal Free School Meals (Rec-Year 2) and Free School Meals. **If meals are not ordered in advance, you will receive a text to bring your child in a packed lunch.**

PE

Children will need to keep PE kits in school all week so it is best that these are **NOT** taken backwards and forwards each day. If your child is not well enough to do PE, please send in a signed note or leave a message with the office. **Please ensure that ALL uniform is clearly marked with your child's name, including their shoes/trainers, as this will enable the quick return of any mislaid items.** Many thanks.

Bikes and Scooters

Unless you are a child who is using the main playground entrance, you will unfortunately not be able to leave your bike in the racks inside the gate due to the current entrance/exit format. Please leave bikes at your own risk in the bike racks between Red Oaks and Abbey Park and lock these up. Please do not put scooters in the fence by the main gate. This is a public car park and gates are not locked during the day. We would hate for any scooters to go missing. Instead, please park scooters in the pod near the nursery gate or near the Reception entrance.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. Under the circumstances, children are not permitted to use water fountains. We do have some disposable cups in classrooms if children forget but it is easier if they bring their own bottle.

Home Learning

If your child is off school due to isolation but is otherwise feeling well, please visit the website for work that can be done at home. https://www.redoaks.org.uk/covid_Sept.php

Nursery and Reception Parents - Interactive Learning Diary (ILD)

Throughout your child's time in Nursery and Reception we will use the Interactive Learning Diary to record observations and assess your child's development against the Early Years Framework. At the end of the terms 2, 4 and 6 we open the Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) so parents can view their child's observations and add any learning that is being undertaken at home.

In order to access the portal you will need to register on the ILD website. Your child will receive a letter on Friday - this will be their own personal registration letter. Please follow the instructions to register. Once registered you will receive a confirmation email to say that access has been granted.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Lee on fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk

Contacting School

School office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm please be aware that calls are not answered outside of these hours. Our phone number is 01793 493920. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the following contacts:

Mrs Surch - head@redoaks.org.uk

Mr Lee - deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk

General queries - Admin team - admin@redoaks.org.uk

Mr Lee - fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk - Foundation Stage - Nursery & Reception

Mrs Maxfield - Yr123@redoaks.org.uk - Years 1, 2 & 3

Miss Gerrard - Yr456@redoaks.org.uk - Years 4, 5 & 6

Pupil Premium

All children who currently qualify for free school meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to pupil premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7,400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

If your child is entitled to Universal Free School meals (Years Reception to 2) then your child will not qualify for Pupil Premium unless you are also in receipt of any of the above benefits.

An application for Pupil Premium funding will need to be made for each child in your household. The money that the school receives is assigned to individual children but is used to narrow the gap for disadvantaged children in general and benefit all the wider school population.

If you think that your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, please collect an application form from the school office. If you have any questions or would like some help with the application form please contact Mr Lee via the school office or via email deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk.

Reading

Reading is a fundamental key to accessing the curriculum and we encourage children to read as much as they can. Even the older children enjoy having a story at bedtime and that special time with a parent. There is a direct correlation between the academic achievements of children with how much they read. Early Excellence research shows that:



- By 22 months - a child's language development can predict outcomes at age 26
- By 2 years - 75% of a child's brain growth has already occurred.
- By ages 3-6 - a child's narrative skills are a powerful predictor of literacy skill at 8-12 years.
- By 4 years - the difference in the number of words children from disadvantaged backgrounds hear is 19 million.
- By age 5 - a child's vocabulary will predict their educational success and outcomes at age 30.

Poster Competition aims to "Green the School Run"

Along with the current challenges that we are facing in relation to Covid-19 and social distancing, the ever present concerns surrounding the 'School Run' and climate change, continue to rumble on. The Transport Planning Society and walking charity Living Streets, have therefore decided to team up to run a poster competition with the aim of encouraging children to learn about environmentally friendly ways to travel and how to plan a greener school run.

The competition is open to children aged 4 to 11, with a closing date of October 5th 2020. The winning poster will be showcased at this year's Transport Planning Day event on 16 November, as well as being published in an e-book. The winner will also receive a prize and a separate gift for their school.

If this might be something that your child/children would be interested in participating in, then please follow the below link for further information and for details on how to enter - all entries go direct and not through school, thank you :

<https://tps.org.uk/poster-competition>

Upcoming Dates

Due to COVID-19 there will be no PJ&Popcorn or Firework night this term - please cross this off your calendar. As already mentioned other events will be either confirmed or cancelled nearer their dates.

- 14/10 Parents Evening
- 15/10 Individual Photos
Parents Evening
- 20/10 School breaks up 3.00pm
- 21/10 TD Day

- 2/11 School reopens
- 23/11 Flu Vaccinations week



All 4 – 12
year olds
welcome



**SWINDON
MULTI SPORTS
HOLIDAY CLUB**

Fully
Qualified
Coaches

Based at our exciting new facilities
BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
26th October – 30th October

Join in on our half term fun!

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, Pool, Football, basketball plus an exciting range of arts and crafts.

For an application form and price list please email – swindonmultisports@hotmail.com

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All Government Covid Guidelines will be followed

