

Red Oaks Primary School
9th December 2020
Newsletter



Class Christmas Parties

Class teachers will be in touch to let you know which day they are planning on having their class Christmas party these will be held in the last week of term. Please can all children come to school dressed in their party clothes but please ensure they wear sensible footwear (for safety) and also bring a coat. This year it would **not** be appropriate to ask for food donations for obvious reasons. Instead, we are asking for a voluntary 50p donation in an envelope that can be handed to the class teacher.

Teachers will buy a few treats for the children that are pre-packaged so that each child will have individual snacks. Children will still have lunch as usual on party day.

Panto Time - "Oh Yes It Is!"

A big thank you to FORO who have paid for all the children to have a pantomime streamed to their classrooms. They will also be providing an individually wrapped snack. This will be enjoyed by everyone during the last week of term.

School Drop Off & Pick Up

A polite reminder please that it should only be **one adult** at a time on the school premises when picking up and dropping off. This is to limit the number of adults we have on site at any time. May we remind you to also be mindful of keeping your distance from others and keeping your children with you so that they are not running between others. Many thanks for your help with this.

PE Kits

We have quite a number of children who regularly come to school without PE kit. Please can all parents ensure that kit is in school every day. This should stay in school during the week to avoid taking this backwards and forwards. PE is a legal requirement and an important part of the curriculum. All children will be expected to participate unless we receive a note from a parent that excuses the child on medical grounds.

Last Day of Term Timings

The last day of term is now **Thursday 17th December**, please note that finishing times will be as usual.

Classes that start at 8.30am will finish at 3.00pm

Classes that start at 8.45am will finish at 3.15pm

Nursery - timings as usual - morning finishes at 11.30pm/afternoon finishes at 3.10pm



Car Park

REMINDER - a number of parents in cars have been noted travelling at some speed when approaching the roundabout/school gates, this presents a danger to both children and parents waiting to cross into school. Once in the car park a **5mph limit** is in force - **this is for the safety of everyone using the carpark.**

Also, it is a legal requirement that **ALL** children must be in a **suitable car seat** and have their **seatbelts fastened** before the car moves off. Several times recently children have been seen standing up in the footwell of cars whilst the car is in motion leaving the school grounds.

Bikes and scooters are **NOT** to be ridden anywhere in the school grounds. Please dismount at the gate and wheel your bike/scooter to the bike racks. **This applies to all children from Nursery to Y6 as well as adults!**

Christmas Virtual Concert Assembly

Quick reminder that your videos need to be in via Dojo by **Friday 11th December**.

Advent Calendar Messages

Don't forget to check on the website for the virtual advent calendar. Each day, you can click on the corresponding number and there will be a new short video from a member or staff or group of children who will bring some Christmas cheer. These will be shown in class but please also click on these with your children at home. <https://www.redoaks.org/home.php>



Christmas Jumper Day - Monday 14th December

Don't forget we will be holding our Christmas jumper day where we invite all children and staff to come to school in their craziest, loudest, most FUN Christmas jumper to raise money for Save the Children. This money goes towards helping those children who need it the most! **Please note that normal uniform is still to be worn on the bottom half.**

Christmas Jumper Day is in aid of 'Save the Children' and voluntary donations can be made through Parent Pay under Christmas Jumper Day - no cash please. Thank you. 😊



In light of Christmas Dinner being on the Monday, Wednesday 16th December's menu will be changed to an All-Day Breakfast with the vegetarian option being Quorn sausage breakfast, please remember to book this by tomorrow.

Accessing Learning Materials

I know that some of you are having difficulty accessing the learning materials on PowerPoint. If you wish to still use Microsoft Office then you can create an Office account for free at <https://www.office.com/>

This will give you access to all of the Office suite of programs through your web browser. There is a really good alternative to Office that is free - it is called WPS and can be downloaded here: <https://www.wps.com/>

These programs are almost identical to those in the Microsoft Office suite.

Bubble Closures

We are trying desperately hard to cover all our classes at the moment. We have been hugely affected by the knock-on effects of the Coronavirus. We have many staff with children in schools across Swindon who have been asked to isolate. This means they have had to be off school for childcare reasons. If we are unable to keep a bubble open, we will aim to give as much notice as possible but we may not always know until the morning of closure due to the nature of the pandemic. Please bear with us and know that we are always doing our best.

Blended Learning

In the event of a partial or full closure Red Oaks Primary School will continue to provide blended learning for all those affected. Please refer to the scenarios and protocols document for the details. (Attachment to newsletter). Pre-recorded lessons will be sent out daily via class Dojo.

Bags2School - Friday 11th December 2020 (collection at 9.00am)

They are a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. Bags are weighed and the school will receive a payment by the total weight collected. Bag 2 School will accept any good quality adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.

They **DO NOT** accept any work or school uniform (with or without logos) duvets, blankets, pillows or cushions, mats or rugs nor any soiled, ripped or wet clothing.

Please do NOT bring any donations in until the morning of Friday 11th December as we have nowhere to store the bags. Many thanks.

Contacts

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 queries - Nursery & Reception

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

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



Face Coverings

Please ensure that you wear a mask or face covering when dropping off or collecting from school. We aim to make all children and adults feel safe as they come into school. Can you ensure that you also keep children with you whilst waiting to enter the building so that they are not mixing with children from other bubbles. Many thanks.



Upcoming Dates

12/12 Go Sketch Workshop

14/12 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper

17/12 School breaks up for Xmas Hols @
3.00pm and 3.15pm depending on start times.

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4/01 School reopens

11/01 Y4 Egyptian Dress day

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR
YOUR FREE ART SESSION

The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes. At the top left, a white banner with a yellow border says "Free". To its right is a penguin holding a red and white striped candy cane. Further right, a white speech bubble contains the text "Live on zoom" with a blue Zoom logo. The central white box contains the text "Family Christmas Cartoon Workshop", "Sat 12th Dec", and "10am-11am". To the right of this box is a cartoon panda wearing a red and white scarf. Below the central box is a red cup filled with various colored pencils. At the bottom left is a cartoon fox wearing a green and white striped scarf. At the bottom right, a white banner with a yellow border lists the requirements: "All you need: Pen, pencil, paper, colouring pencils or pens". At the bottom, there are logos for "GO SKETCH CLUB" and "RED OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL" with the motto "Aspire Achieve Grow".

<https://www.gosketchclub.com/live-webinar/red-oaks-kawaii-cartoon-workshop/register>

Red Oaks Primary School Blended Learning Scenarios

In the event of a partial or full closure Red Oaks Primary School will continue to provide blended learning for all those affected. This two-page guide explains the different tiers of lockdown for the school and then explains the protocols that staff, parents and children must follow.

Scenarios

There are 3 main scenarios that we have placed into 3 Tiers. There are as follows:

Tier 1 – A child is self-isolating at home

- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

Tier 2- A class bubble or year group is closed or asked to self-isolate

(if the teacher is well please see below. If the teacher is unwell, please see Tier 1. In some situations, the other year group teacher will produce the online lessons, unless they are unwell too.)

- Daily pre-recorded online lessons in English and Maths (4 days) and 1 pre-recorded online lesson in another subject e.g. Science, History, Geography (this will vary dependent on the week). These lessons will be posted on the schools private YouTube page and links sent out via Class Dojo
- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning in addition to online lessons e.g. Art, P.E and Music ideas
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

Tier 3 – Partial or full school closure (school stays open for key worker and vulnerable children **)

- Daily pre-recorded online lessons in English and Maths (4 days) and 1 pre-recorded online lesson in another subject e.g. Science, History, Geography (this will vary dependent on the week). These lessons will be posted on the schools private YouTube page and links sent out via Class Dojo
- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

** Key worker and vulnerable children in school will access the online learning sessions in school where possible.

Red Oaks Primary School Blended Learning Protocols

In line with government guidance and our safeguarding policy this blended learning protocol sheet will provide staff, parents and children with a list of do's and don'ts. Our aim is to provide clarity of expectation during periods of blended learning as well as keeping all children safe.

Teachers

- Will provide online curriculum content that is relevant and allows children to progress
- Lessons will be adopted where necessary to address any misconceptions in learning that may have arisen during the week
- Will display the same standards of dress and conduct that they would in the real world
- Will acknowledge children's learning via Class Dojo and comment where necessary to take learning forward.
- Will not communicate to parents or children later than 4pm.
- Will contact anyone who is not regularly participating in the online learning via telephone call to check in. Teachers will be able to identify these children via Class Dojo.
- Senior Leaders will quality assure online learning lessons
- Senior leaders will oversee the uploading of the online lessons and make sure this is done in a timely manner
- Senior leaders will support staff and parents with any concerns or safeguarding incidents that may arise.

Parents

- Will communicate through Class Dojo or via year group emails. If the communication is sent later than 4pm then the teacher will respond the next working day.
- Will post their child's work online via Class Dojo- this will then be acknowledged by the class teacher.
- Try to establish a routine for you child. This may look different in each household. Because lessons are recorded, this gives more flexibility with learning time.

Children

- Be ready to learn when you start the online lesson. Make sure you have everything you need- pens, pencils paper etc
- Make sure you are comfortable and in a good position to learn.
- Try and access the lessons at the same time everyday – a routine is very important, just like being in school. Your routine may not be the same as your friends.
- Try to take regular exercise and eat a balanced diet
- Try to always have a good night's sleep
- Try you best!