

Red Oaks Primary School
9th September 2020
Newsletter



Welcome Back

It is so lovely to see all the children back at school - we have missed them all. We hope that under these unusual circumstances, you have been able to enjoy the summer as best you can. Although we look forward to some sense of normality returning, we are of course encouraging children to wash their hands often and for now, most will only have contact with others in their class or year group. It will take a while for us all to settle back into routine but we are here to support those who are finding it tricky.



After School Clubs and Early Birds

At the moment we are unable to open these safely as this will mean children mixing 'bubbles'. However, we know that many of you rely on these and we are keen to get them up and running as soon as possible. We will constantly be reviewing the situation and will keep you posted.

Welcome Meetings

Each year class teachers hold a meeting with parents to give important information for the year group and meet key staff. Due to the circumstances, we cannot hold meetings in person but the teachers have recorded a meeting for you to view virtually. These can be found here:

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| Nursery: https://youtu.be/zFfRYhtWuaw | Reception: https://youtu.be/D6IhICUrKiU | Year 1: https://youtu.be/TGEjIB1mqW8 |
| Year 2 Interpreted: https://youtu.be/BgtV3k7VN4Q | Year 2: https://youtu.be/frDKueTeDhI | Year 3: https://youtu.be/60Q1wneIdYU |
| Year 4: https://youtu.be/4A6oBf0t4Lg | Year 5: https://youtu.be/wMTmHiuzEjI | Year 6: https://youtu.be/GAhZ077qI2s |

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

Homework

Your child's class teacher will explain the homework regime for the particular year group during the welcome meeting video. We understand that parents hold differing views regarding homework but if you would like your child to do more homework, there are many links, ideas and resources on our website as well as log in details for a variety of educational apps and websites that the school buys in to. Log in codes will be stuck in to your child's home/school contact book.

Dates

Please find the attached list of key dates for the year. Please note that these are subject to change or cancellation. We aim to give as much notice as possible when dates change and try not to make changes unless absolutely necessary as we know many of you may need to arrange time off work. Sometimes, situations beyond our control mean that events are moved. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and website for any changes.

Change of Details

If you have moved house, changed phone number or email or have any other change in circumstance you feel we should know about, please contact the office ASAP. It is vital that we hold the correct details for you so that you receive all correspondence and we can also get hold of you should we need to.

Emails from School

Please check your junk mail periodically as apparently our emails sometimes go into this folder and parents miss important messages. We do try to text and put messages on Facebook and Dojo also but more lengthy communications and newsletters will be sent via email. Thank you.

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

Care Plan Medication and Inhalers

Please ensure your child has any relevant medication in school with them. These medications need to be handed to the class teacher and it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the medication is in date. Unfortunately, we are unable to administer medicines in school unless your child has a care plan drawn up by the school nurse. If you think your child needs a care plan and doesn't yet have one, please contact Mrs Tyler in the office. Please refer to our full medical policy on the website for further information.

Values Education

The value this term is HONESTY. As always, we invite children, staff and parents to interact with the values page and submit ideas and thoughts. Please visit

https://www.redoaks.org.uk/celebrating_children_Wall_Of_Talent.php

We will continue to run assemblies virtually in classrooms and we will also continue to celebrate the achievements of children outside of school. Please visit our 'Wall of Talent' to post achievements that you would like us to share in assembly.

PE Kits

PE is a compulsory curriculum subject and children should keep their PE kit in school all week. This should be in a drawstring bag that takes up minimal space as cloakrooms and lockers are very small. **Children are only permitted to bring rucksacks if they cycle or scoot to school.** If your child cannot take part in PE, a note signed by a parent/carer should be given to the class teacher. Children **MUST** wear a plain house coloured t-shirt so that teams can be easily identified and **football shirts will not be accepted as PE kit.** Trainers or daps must also be brought as suitable footwear and earrings must be taped up or removed. Children with long hair must have this tied up please.

Please ensure that **ALL uniform is clearly marked with your child's name,** including their shoes, as this will enable the quick return of any mislaid items. Many thanks.

No Nuts

We politely request that no nuts are brought into school in lunch boxes as we do have children with severe allergies that can be life threatening. This includes peanut butter which we do not allow in sandwiches. Thank you for your help.



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.**



Snack

Fruit snacks are provided for children in Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 at break time. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring a snack but we ask that this is a piece of fruit or vegetable please. Please do not send in cereal bars or snacks such as fruit winders or anything in a wrapper. We are trying to encourage our children to be healthy.

Car Park

We ask politely that **ONLY** vehicles with disabled badges park in the disabled bays as we have children and parents with genuine need.



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.

DoJo

Class DoJo is a brilliant way to keep up to date with your child's learning in school. We also update the 'Whole School Story' regularly with all of the events and activities that are happening in school.

If you have not already done so please complete your permission form and hand into your class teacher or a member of the school office.

Curriculum

To see what your child will be learning this term and for a welcome letter from your child's teacher, please visit the website. https://www.redoaks.org.uk/enquiry/34_autumn20/01.php

Headlice

There have been some outbreaks of headlice in school and so we would like to ask **all** parents/carers to **regularly** check their child/children's hair and treat them appropriately, if necessary. Pupils with long hair are advised to keep it tied back in either a ponytail or plaits. There is further detailed advice on the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>. Many thanks.



School Library Books

Please can you and your children have a look at home and bring in any school library books. We have had some old ones from Feb/March been brought back in but we're still missing nearly 500 books!!

Virtual Open Evening - Nova Hreod Academy

They are holding a Virtual Opening Evening for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday, 15th September 2020. Please can any interested parents/carers register by using the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/359656861666569/>

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.

COVID-19

Thank you for bearing with us at this difficult time. We are continually receiving new guidance and will pass information on to you that is necessary. We are required to send children home if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. If these are key symptoms **only**, you will be required to have your child tested. If your child has other symptoms, please monitor for 48 hours. If symptoms persist or new symptoms develop, please arrange a test. Please **do not** send your child back to school even if the test is negative if they still have **key symptoms**.

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| Key Symptoms | New or continuous cough OR Fever 37.8+ OR Loss of or change in smell/taste |
| Other symptoms | Shortness of breath Fatigue (tiredness) Loss of appetite Muscles ache Sore throat Headache Nasal congestion Diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting |

If you are unsure, please call the school and we will do our best to help.

Finally...

A big thank you to parents and children who have helped us make the start to term run smoothly. Drop offs and pick ups are now much easier thanks to everyone following the rules.

- One adult to drop off and pick up to reduce the number of people on site
- All adults to wear a mask
- Adults to drop and collect at designated points
- Please only arrive just before your start or collection time

THANK YOU 😊

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.



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| 2020-21 | |
| SEPT | |
| Mon 31st | BANK HOLS |
| Tues 1st | TTD |
| Wed 2nd | TTD |
| Thurs 3rd | School back 😊 |
| Fri 4th | All Year Group Welcome Meeting Videos out |
| Thurs 24 th | 6.00-8.30 (Previous Y6) FORO Leavers Party - CANCELLED |
| OCT | |
| Thurs 1 st | |
| Wed 7 th | 5.15-7.30 FORO Popcorn Night - CANCELLED |
| Wed 14 th | 3.10-6.30 Parents Evening |
| Thurs 15 th | Individual Photos 3.10-6.30 Parents Evening |
| Tues 20 th | School breaks up ☺ |
| Wed 21 st | TTD |
| NOV | |
| Mon 2 nd | School back 😊 |
| Thurs 5 th | 4.30-7.30 FORO Firework Night - CANCELLED |
| Mon 23 rd | Flu Vaccinations Week..... |
| DEC | |
| Tues 1 st | |
| Wed 2 nd | 4.30-7.30 FORO Disco |
| Mon 7 th | |
| Tues 8 th | 10.00 FS Performance to Parents – Hall 2.00 FS Performance to Parents – Hal |
| Fri 11 th | 3.00-5.00 FORO Xmas Fayre |
| Sat 12 th | 10.00-12.00 Xmas Family Learning |
| Wed 16 th | 10.00 KS1 (Y1&2) Performance to Parents – Hall 2.00 KS1 (Y1&2) Performance to Parents – Hall |
| Fri 18 th | 1.30 School breaks up! Happy Christmas ☺ |
| JAN | |
| Mon 4 th | School Back 😊 |
| Fri 15 th | 2.30 Relative Reading |
| Mon 18 th | |
| Tues 19 th | 2.00 Y5 Performance to Parents – Hall 6.00 Y5 Performance to Parents - Hall |
| Wed 20 th | |
| Thurs 21 st | O2 Young Voices |
| FEB | |
| Mon 1 st | |
| Thurs 4 th | 5.15-7.30 FORO Popcorn Night |
| Tues 9 th | 2.00 Y4 Performance to Parents – Hall 6.00 Y4 Performance to Parents - Hall |
| Fri 12 th | 3.00 School breaks up 😊 |
| Mon 22 nd | School back 😊 |
| Tues 23 rd | 8.30 Parent Book Look |
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| Mon 1 st | |

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| Thurs 11 th | 4.30-7.30 FORO Disco |
| Sat 20 th | 10.00-12.00 Family Learning |
| Wed 24 th | Y5 & Y6 PGL Residential |
| Thurs 25 th | Y5 & Y6 PGL Residential |
| Fri 26 th | Y5 & Y6 PGL Residential |
| APR | |
| Thurs 1 st | 1.30pm School breaks up. Happy Easter 😊 |
| Mon 19 th | School back 😊 |
| Wed 21 st | 3.10-6.30 Parents Evening |
| Thurs 22 nd | Class Photos 3.10-6.30 Parents Evening |
| Wed 28 th | 2.00 Y3 Performance to Parents – Hall 6.00 Y3 Performance to Parents – Hall |
| Fri 30 th | TTD |
| MAY | |
| Mon 3 rd | BANK HOLS |
| Wed 5 th | 5.15-7.30 FORO Popcorn Night |
| Fri 7 th | 2.30 Relative Reading |
| Mon 10 th | KS2 SATS Week..... |
| Mon 17 th | KS1 SATS Week..... |
| Fri 28 th | School breaks up 😊 |
| JUN | |
| Mon 7 th | Back to school 😊 Phonics Screening Week..... Y4 Multiplication Check..... |
| Wed 9 th | 8.30 Book Look |
| Thurs 10 th | Sports Day & Picnic 6.00-8.00 New Parents Induction Evening - Hall |
| Tues 15 th | Y6 Junior Good Citizen - afternoon |
| Fri 18 th | 3.00-5.30 FORO Summer Fayre |
| Mon 21 st | Y6 Pencilli Residential Week..... |
| Wed 30 th | 4.30-7.30 FORO Disco |
| JUL | |
| Thurs 1 st | RESERVE Day Sports Day & Picnic |
| Mon 5 th | TTD |
| Thurs 15 th | Class move – all day |
| Mon 19 th | Reports Out |
| Tues 20 th | 3.00-4.00 Parents Opening Evening to discuss Reports |
| Wed 21 st | 6.00-8.30 FORO Y6 Leavers Party |
| Thurs 22 nd | 1.45 Leavers Y6 Performance - Hall |
| Fri 23 rd | 1.30 School Breaks up for Summer! 😊 |

Red Oaks Rules Out The Bully



PHYSICAL



EMOTIONAL



VERBAL



CYBER

Is someone bullying me?

Think about what has happened to you.

Was it done on purpose?

