

Red Oaks Primary School  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020  
Newsletter



### Change of School Timings

Now that the dropping off and collection of children is a smooth running system, we would like to bring the times forward by just five minutes for the second group of children. This means that any children currently starting school at **8.50am** will now start at **8.45am** and finish at **3.15pm**. As always, please arrive no more than a few minutes before your start time so that we can ensure congestion is kept to a minimum. These new times will be from next week, **MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**. Many thanks.



### Masks

We request that all adults wear masks when dropping off and collecting children from school premises. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Car Park

We politely request that parents park **ONLY** on the side designated. Please **DO NOT** park on the staff side or in the Disabled Bays unless you have a disabled badge as we have staff, parents and children with a genuine need. This is also where our Access buses drop off some children.



### Library Books

Please can you have a good look at home for any school library books that may have been with you since lock down. It is vital that we get all of these books back so our children have a good selection of reading materials to choose from.

### Values

The value this term is honesty. Children are still having assemblies in school that are presented virtually on the whiteboards whilst in their bubbles. We do share any comments left on the values board and would like to invite you all to visit the website and leave your thoughts.

<https://www.redoaks.org.uk/values01.php>



### 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.

### 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.





### 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](https://www.redoaks.org.uk/covid_Sept.php)

### 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](mailto:head@redoaks.org.uk)

Mr Lee - [deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk)

General queries - Admin team - [admin@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:admin@redoaks.org.uk)

Mr Lee - [fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk) - Foundation Stage - Nursery & Reception

Mrs Maxfield - [Yr123@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:Yr123@redoaks.org.uk) - Years 1, 2 & 3

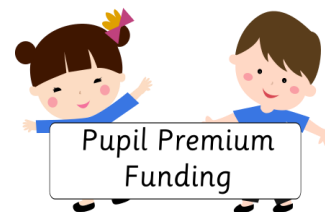
Miss Gerrard - [Yr456@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:Yr456@redoaks.org.uk) - Years 4, 5 & 6



### 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](mailto:deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk).

### Bag 2 School - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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. We will be sending out collection bags with the children on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 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,

Extra bags can be obtained from outside the main office if required although they will accept your collection in other bag types.

**Please do NOT bring any donations in until morning of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October as we have nowhere to store the bags. Many thanks.**

## Upcoming 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



Do you recognise any of these PE bags or coats? We would like them to find their homes - if you do recognise any of the items please let the office know so that they can be returned. Please remember to clearly name all your child's clothing and items that they bring to school so if lost they can be returned quickly. Many thanks



# School Tours



We **ARE** open for school tours **BUT** they will have to operate a little differently to usual:

- Only 5 visitors per group for each tour
- Unfortunately, no children can attend
- Face coverings to be worn at all times
- Details will be taken for 'Track and Trace' purposes
- Please email [tylerm@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:tylerm@redoaks.org.uk) to book
- Please arrive promptly for your tour and let us know if you are unable to attend

## WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



*\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

***In the event of inclement weather please protect your Bag2School investment by covering with a plastic sheet or storing bags undercover as wet items cannot be accepted.***

**OUR COLLECTION WILL BE ON:**

**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Please do not bring in any donations before that date as we do not have any room for storage.