

Red Oaks Primary School
7th October 2020
Newsletter



Thank You

Thank you for bringing your Bags2School. We managed to collect a whopping 500kg more than last time at 813kg in total raising £243.90 for FORO. That's amazing!!

Car Park

We all know that the campus car park is a busy place at the beginning and end of the day. This is particularly busy on wet and cold days. Unfortunately, the fundamental problem with the car park will never be resolved as this is to do with the fact that there are a large number of cars all using a small entrance and exit point at the same time. We have tried to encourage local pupils to walk or bike to school but we do understand that it is not possible for everyone. On days where there are long queues, we ask that you do not take your frustrations out on our staff as it is not their fault. The car park is managed by Pinnacle and any complaints should be directed to them please.



Creative Curriculum

Curriculum

During this term, the children have undergone some assessments so that teachers can identify gaps in learning so that we can prioritise any necessary catch up. There is a very detailed section on our website that explains the curriculum for each year group. There are also lots of useful links, websites and additional activities/ideas for each subject that you may wish to use with your child. Your child should also have a number of stickers on the inside of their home/school contact book. These are log in details for the online learning programmes that the school pays subscriptions for. We will of course do

all we can in school to ensure all children catch up on lost learning but anything you can continue to do at home to supplement this would be really helpful. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening is being held on 14th October. If you are having problems booking an appointment on line, please contact the office. Please also make sure you complete the comments section by leaving the email you would like us to send the TEAMS invite to as we cannot set this up without these details.



World Mental Health Day

This Saturday 10th October marks [World Mental Health Day](#), with a focus this year on 'mental health for all'. This year, more than ever, it is important that we acknowledge this day by reflecting on the implications of mental health for all and understanding that there should be no stigma attached to mental health. On Monday 12th October classes will undertake some mindfulness activities and talk about the importance of talking about our feelings. Please visit our mental health section on the [Red Oaks Website](#).

Primary school admissions for September 2021

Most children start school at the start of the school year following their fourth birthday. They can't start school before this. Unless you decide to educate your child at home, your child must start school by the school term following their fifth birthday.

You can apply for a primary or infant school place starting September 2021 for a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.

For more information and to apply for a place please visit:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

The deadline for applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**.



No Nuts

We politely request that **NO NUTS** at all in any variety or form (bars, packets or spread) 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. Please do not include packets of sweets in your child's lunch box, e.g. Haribo. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 5 & 6 Residentials

Please see the links below which will direct you to a signed and voiced parent's presentation about PGL for Y5 and Plas Pencelli for Y6 (voiced only).

https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Year5_News.php and

https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Year6_News.php

Masks

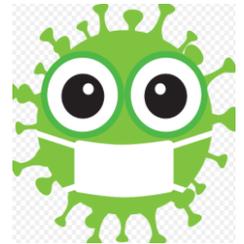
We remind you that all adults **MUST** wear masks when dropping off and collecting children from school premises. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Please ensure that you follow the one-way system and clearly marked entry and exit signs when collecting your children to ensure social distancing.

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 linked to COVID 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.



Message from Mr Lee

Are your children having trouble accessing IT at home? We are conducting a short survey of all of our parents. Please click on the link below and complete the survey **ONLY IF** you can answer **YES** to one, or more, of these statements:

- We have no digital devices e.g. laptop, tablets, desktop computers.
- Our only internet access is through a smart phone.
- We don't have broadband connection at home.

The link to the survey is here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HVyXAbWGtKSN_jgqVK1qhvkpDS4xoKdCvLEOuQ_URAdUOfqxR1VSSjhaVkdUUIhNSFVXTExORONFRi4u

If this applies to you please complete the survey by Monday 12th October

Monday 19th October - Harvest Festival is changing...AGAIN

For the second year running we are going to be supporting 'The Big Breakfast Plus' but our support is going to look a little different this year.

'The Big Breakfast Plus' usually provide a hot, freshly cooked breakfast for homeless people in Swindon, 7 days a week. This means they usually make over 7,000 breakfasts every year! However, due to Covid-19 they have been unable to do so and have been supporting homeless people in other ways. Lockdown was difficult for us all, but can we imagine what it would be like to be homeless and that one morning breakfast you would count on to get you through the day, has also gone.



What do we need this year?

We need monetary donations so we can support them, in supporting the homeless people of Swindon. This can be done via ParentPay. Your kind donations we are sure would be very much appreciated.

The Day - Monday 19th October (Non-School uniform)

On the day, a representative will be joining us virtually during our assembly to talk to us about how they coped during the outbreak and how they have continued to support the homeless throughout. This day will also be a non-school uniform day.

Years 4, 5 & 6

Bradon Forest School held their Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 24 September. If any families missed it they can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eyo-GtB8Gs0>

They also have a virtual tour video: <https://youtu.be/w8pQOSx5Aco>

This is a link for their Meet the Team videos: <https://tinyurl.com/BFSmeettheteam>

Their school brochure is also on the website:

https://www.bradonforest.org.uk/docs/Admissions/BFS_2020_Brochure.pdf

If families have any questions after viewing these videos and looking at our website they are welcome to email or phone the school - Bradon Forest School 01793 770570.

Upcoming Dates

14/10 Parents Evening - school finishes at 12.55pm / 1.10pm dependant on start time

15/10 Individual Photos

19/10 Non-School uniform in aid of Big Breakfast Plus

20/10 School breaks up 3.00 & 3.15pm depending on start time

21/10 TD Day

2/11 School reopens

23/11 Flu Vaccinations



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Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2020



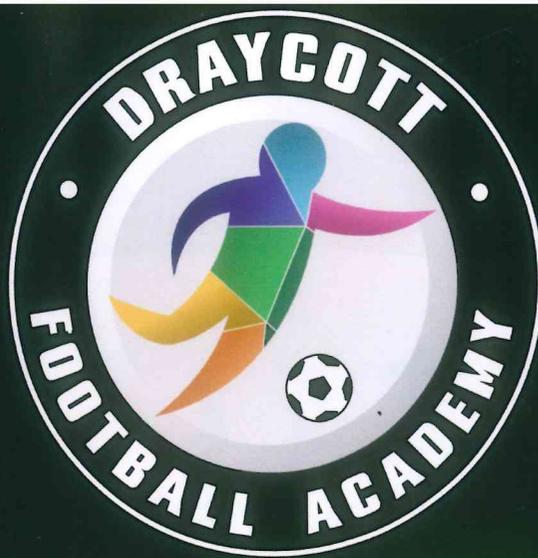
Millions of people enjoy celebrating Christmas. Perhaps some of us will appreciate the season more in this strangest of years, but for many vulnerable children and families Christmas will be another reminder of their isolation and poverty. FSCI's Christmas box appeal brings joy to thousands of marginalised families and individuals in Serbia and Bulgaria every year. And after a fantastic year last year, we have decided to show our support now more than ever, but in a different way. As we cannot collect items this year, we are asking for a small monetary donation so that the volunteers of the FSCI can buy the items, package them, wrap them and deliver them safely in time for Christmas.

On **Friday 6th November** we would like to encourage children to wear the colours of the Bulgarian or Serbian flag in exchange for a monetary donation to ParentPay. By donating to the appeal in this way we are helping to ensure that they have enough boxes for girls, boys and adults too.

Thank you for your on-going support
from
Charity Ambassadors x



October Football Camp!



COVID-19 safety measures in place.



Dates: Thursday 22nd - Friday 30th October 2020

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Oakhurst Primary School

Price: £15.00 per day

Email to book: info@draycottfootballacademy.com



October Camp!

DRAYCOTT
SPORTS CAMP

Location: Oakhurst Primary School

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Ages: 3 - 11 years

Price: From £15.00 a day



COVID-19 safety measures in place.

Thursday 22nd - Friday 30th October

Breakfast Club from 8:00am • After Hours Until 5:00pm
Email to book: info@draycottsportscamp.com



October Camp will run subject to Government guidelines at the time



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