



Don't forget Friday is Rainbow Colours in aid of Avaya's fight against Neuroblastoma (donations on ParentPay)

Comic Relief

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause. We were very impressed with some of the creative hairstyles this year - the children were able to show these off during our virtual assembly tour last Friday! The total raised from this event was £388.50.

Acorns and Early Bird

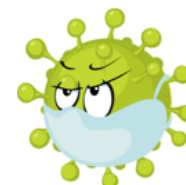
We are reopening our wrap around care after the Easter holidays. The office have made contact with any regular users of the after school facility but if you have any questions about bookings, timings or costs, please give the office a ring or pop in.

School Bags

School bags seem to be growing in size - some children look as though they may be going on holiday for a few weeks!! A polite reminder that only essentials are needed to be brought in daily. This requires a small and preferably flat book bag. PE kits are to be brought in draw string bags that should be left at school all week please. Our locker and cloakroom space is very limited and large bags are causing an issue. Only children who cycle or scoot to school should require a rucksack please; this has always been the case. Thank you for your support with this.

Pick Up and Collection

For those of you who collect from the main playground (Years 2/3/4), please can parents wait outside the gates until pick up if you have the later finish time of 3.10pm. Please also observe the one way system and do not wait immediately outside of the exit gate as this can cause congestion when others are leaving the playground. We politely request that only one adult per family collect children from school and that **everyone wears a mask or face covering please.**



Healthy Lunch Boxes

Reminder please that **no** products containing **NUTS** should be brought into school - this includes Nutella in bars or sandwiches. We have also been seeing lots of small packets of Haribo and Love Hearts sweets in lunch boxes - **DO NOT** send any sweets into school. A small cake bar or piece of fruit is allowed.

Mrs Storey's MacMillan Mighty Marathon!

Correctly guess how many eggs are in the Jar and win the whole jar plus 2 Easter eggs!



Minimum £1 cash or a donation per guess to my Macmillan Justgiving page. Bring your pennies or scan the QR code and donate directly. I will be outside the school hall on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March between 3-3.20pm. Thank you Mrs Storey.



Classroom Secrets Kids

We hope that you have been enjoying using Classroom Secrets Kids?

We have had some really positive responses so far from those who have used it. At school we are running intervention groups and will be offering tutoring to help support those children close the gaps on any areas of learning that they need. However, as you can appreciate this is a big job and Classroom Secrets Kids is a brilliant way to help continue this learning at home and support your child close any gaps that they may have. The programme is developed to assess your child's knowledge using a weekly quiz, it then will adjust the learning offered to them based on the answers to the questions they have given. The learning assigned to them

can take many forms, these can include tutorial videos, challenges and online games. The children should then be able to progress through the work and show improvement through a short quiz at the end. This is something that the children have been introduced to at school and should be able to access independently at home. Your child's teacher will look at what assignments have been completed and adjust what is set accordingly. If you have any questions about Classroom Secrets Kids, please speak to your class teacher.

Online Safety - Fortnite

There has been a recent update to Fortnite. We have previously published a guide to Fortnite.

An updated guide from Common Sense Media has recently been updated, a link can be found here: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite>



There is a short video guide to the game and then explanations on the key features and the potential issues that may arise. Please can we remind you that the **PEGI age rating for Fortnite is 12**. The official PEGI website states that it is rated 12 "*for frequent mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.*" A full explanation from the PEGI website can be found here:

<https://pegi.info/search-pegi?q=fortnite> If you have any questions please contact Mr Lee.

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



Up Coming Dates

26/3 **Wear Rainbow colours in aid of Avaya's fight against Neuroblastoma - donations on ParentPay.**

1/4 **School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30/1.40pm (as per start times)**

19/4 School reopens

22/4 **Parents Evening - school closes at 1.00/1.10pm (as per start times)**

29/4 School Class Photos



Save the date - 30 June 2021 - Year 6 leavers Party

More information to follow

Message from Early Years & Childcare, Children's Services - Inclusion and Achievement at Swindon Borough Council

Hungry Little Minds Campaign Spring Trail

As part of the Hungry Little Minds campaign to encourage messaging to families with young children about chat, play and reading, Swindon Stories have launched a spring trail in partnership with Lydiard Park. Further details and an online form can be found here -

<https://www.facebook.com/SwindonStories/photos/a.106231371035454/268813804777209/>

St Andrew North Swindon
Good Friday
Cookery, craft and Bible story
for children
10am Friday 2nd April 2021
from your own home



Join us via zoom

using this link <http://bit.ly/StANS> from a computer
or in the zoom app enter 813 6651 6924

Find the list of things you need to gather in advance
at

<http://bit.ly/StAGF21>

Questions? Contact Sally on 07588594410

