

Red Oaks Primary School
17th November 2021
Newsletter



BBC Children in Need is back this Friday 19th November!

With the help of schools like ours, Children in Need can help to tackle the lasting impact of the pandemic and support thousands of children in local communities across the UK. This year's strapline for schools couldn't be any better with 'Do good and feel good!'. **The children have the option to either dress up/down, in pyjamas or Pudsey ears and then donate a £1 through parent pay.**



We are hoping to take part in a simultaneous online fitness class on the day with Schools Ambassador, Joe Wicks!

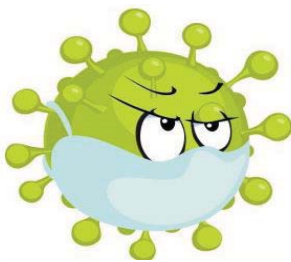
We would also encourage all our families to post either the family, children or both doing good or feeling good on the school Dojo site! Let's flood it with wonderful things that are keeping our children healthy and happy!

Bags2School - Monday 22nd November (collection at 9.00am)

Once again, Bags2School a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used, will be visiting us. Bags are weighed and the school will receive a payment based on the total weight collected. So why not take the opportunity to have a good clear out of wardrobes and drawers! In light of Covid we will NOT be sending out collection bags with the children but ask that you use clean plastic bin bags - Bags2School 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 morning of Monday 22nd November as we have nowhere to store the bags. On the 22nd please place bags under the large umbrella outside main reception. Many thanks.



Covid 19 Test Results

If your child tests **positive** on a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) let the school know. You **MUST** book them in straight away for a **PCR test to confirm** if they have Covid.

When your child has had their **PCR** test result, please contact the school office to inform us **immediately** so that we can update our records, either by telephone (01793 493920) or send an email with the subject line "**Positive PCR and child's name**" to Mrs Ponting on pontingj@redoaks.org.uk.

Online Safety - New YouTube Feature

YouTube have recently made a new feature publicly available - it is called YouTube Shorts and it is accessible through the YouTube app. Below is some guidance from the Our Safe Schools Website (<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>).



YouTube Shorts

YouTube Shorts is a new feature within the YouTube app that allows users to create short videos (lasting no longer than 60 seconds) on their phones. The content of these videos can be anything. Current trends include exercise tips, dance challenges, and funny pet videos. YouTube has no current plans to make Shorts a standalone app.

What parents need to know

Due to the recommended privacy settings there are several risks:

- If a child or young person uploads a public video to YouTube, the audio can be used in a Shorts video by anyone. This means strangers may attempt to engage in interaction with them as their YouTube profile will be referenced in shorts that use it
- Young people may be drawn in by YouTube's eagerness for creators to become famous using Shorts. This can inspire a vulnerable young person to engage in fame-seeking tactics while using the feature, such as wearing revealing clothing, engaging with fans (strangers), or sharing personal information in an attempt to connect with 'fans'
- The Shorts feature is purposefully designed to be addictive. It may encourage excessive screen time in your child or young person
- There is an increased risk of inappropriate or harmful content being posted to Shorts, as the shorter length and volume of videos may make it more difficult for moderators to check. TikTok has had this same issue, with inappropriate content often being looked over or "hinted" at by creators to obscure moderating algorithms
- Users are not able to control the types of videos that appear within the feed, meaning your child might be exposed to inappropriate content

If you need any further information please visit the Our Safe School website or contact Mr Lee.

Christmas Performances

There will be some performances this year but due to social distancing, numbers will be strictly limited to only 2 tickets per family (max 70 people per performance). These can be used for either one performance or split across the performances. Please do not lose these tickets as they will not be replaced and admission will only be allowed on production of your ticket. Siblings (not yet at school) under the age of 4 can attend but must sit on parent laps.

Letters to each year group below will be going out shortly with a return slip for tickets - please complete and return as tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come/first served basis.

Reception - Tuesday 7th Dec - 10.00am & 2.00pm

Year 1 - Friday 10th Dec - 10.00am & 2.00pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 15th Dec - 10.00am & 2.00pm

Nursery - 16th Dec - 11.10am for morning pupils and 2.45pm for afternoon and full-time pupils

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be on 13th December - this can be booked as normal through ParentPay. If there are any items on this menu (attached) that your child cannot have then please email Mrs Tyler on tylerm@redoaks.org.uk to let her know.



This will also be 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 - no cash please. Thank you. 😊



Christmas Cards

This year, we are adapting to make spreading the Christmas cheer COVID friendly. If your child/children would like to send their friends, **in their own class**, a Christmas card this year please bring these in from the Wednesday 1st December onwards. The teachers will each have a post box in their class where they will be kept and quarantined for 48 hours before sending these out. Please make sure they only **write cards to children in their own bubbles** as we are unable to safely cross these this year.

Christmas Toy Appeal - Monday 22nd November - Thursday 2nd December 2020

The Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal is returning again this year. Thank you for all your support in 2020 when we collected for the first time at Red Oaks Primary School. The outcome for the Appeal was hugely successful: with 5,823 gifts being distributed across the town and an additional £10,000 was raised. This was also supported with a food hamper for all the families in need.



Red Oaks would like to support this appeal again. Between Monday 22nd November and Thursday 2nd December, we are inviting staff and pupils to *voluntarily* buy a present for a child between the ages of 0-16 years old. Please bring it to school, drop off under the umbrella at the front of the school where you will see a trolley every morning. We ask that the presents are **NOT WRAPPED** as the recipients' parents would usually do this. If you would like, we would also accept donations of Christmas wrapping paper. You may like to add a tag to the box with a message and /or age range. For further information please visit gcswindon.org.uk/toy-appeal.

Stuck for what to buy?

0-3: Dolls, teddy bears, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles, educational toys (sorting) and role play items.

3-5: Dolls and action figures, cars and lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, Play-Doh sets and role play items.

5-9: Educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs and family-friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords, craft sets, annuals and novelty back packs.

9-12: Games and toys, gadgets and novelty toys, stationery, DVDs, books, hair accessories, annuals, novelty back packs.

13-16: Books, accessories, gift vouchers, gadgets and novelty items.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support as once again the Red Oaks community come together to make a difference!

Upcoming Dates

15th-19th Road Safety Week 2021

19th November - Children in Need Day!! Donations through Parent Pay please

22nd November - Bags2School - 8.30 am - all donations under the large umbrella

8th December - Flu vaccinations - details will follow nearer the time

10th December - Christmas Fayre & Carols - 3.15pm - 5.00pm

13th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day!

17th December - school finishes 1.30pm for Xmas Holidays

5th January 2022 - School reopens

15th January - Deadline for Primary School Admissions



All 4 – 12
year olds
welcome

Fully
Qualified
Coaches



Join our festivities at our first ever
Christmas Holiday Club at
BROOK FIELD PRIMARY
SCHOOL
20th to 22nd December

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer
including, Football, basketball, cricket, table
football a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment,
2 play areas, and much more.....



For an application form and price list please email - swindonmultisports@hotmail.com

The top of the flyer is decorated with various Christmas-themed icons: a snowflake, a pair of blue star-shaped glasses, a slice of a blue and white polka-dot pie, and several small blue and white snowflakes scattered throughout the background.

CHRISTMASY CREATIONS!

Colouring | Drawing | Baking | Painting and much more!

*Send in your Christmas themed
creations by 5pm on the 30th of
December to be in for a chance to win a
prize!*

*Email your creations to
outreachprojectme@barnardos.org.uk*

*Don't forget to include your name,
address and contact details!*

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