Red Oaks Primary School 21st June 2024 Newsletter



Sports Day Information - 24th June



Reception/Nursery: 8:45 - 9:30am Year 1 and 2: 9:30 - 10:30am Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: 10:45 - 12:15pm

Please arrive through the gate on the main playground and head to the field to watch your children.

Children that attend nursery in the afternoon are to come to school in the morning for the session.

All parents/guardians are invited to a picnic lunch on the field 12:15 - 1:15pm

- Parents/guardians with children in Nursery and Reception please collect them from the MUGA
- Parents/quardians with children in KS1 please collect them from their classrooms
- Parents/guardians with children in KS2 please collect them straight from the field after the events

If parents are unable to attend, children will sit with their teachers.

There is no option for hot food on this day, so ALL children will need a packed lunch. If your child is in Reception - Year 2 or entitled to a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided from school.

At 1:15pm, the whistle will blow and parents/guardians please take Reception and Nursery children back to the MUGA for teachers to collect. For all other children (Year 1 - Year 6) please take your children back to their classrooms like morning drop off.

Warmer Weather



Now we have some sunny weather, please ensure children have sun cream applied before they come to school. We are unable to apply sun cream to children in school. Children may bring a hat to wear at playtimes if they wish. All children should bring a **named water bottle** that they are able to refill at any time during the day. Please ensure **only water** is used as it is the healthier option and squash etc attracts ants if spilt.

Scuba Diving

Free scuba-diving lessons for children from the ethnic minority in Swindon. They will be trained by professional scuba divers in a swimming pool. Only £5 registration fees. For more information visit www.diveinclusive.com



Sporting Competitions

We've had a fantastic few weeks of sporting competitions! Huge congratulations to all the children who have taken part in Quad Kids, Dodgeball and Orienteering competitions and a special well done to Zachary in Year 1 for getting a silver medal at Quad Kids against 90 other boys.

Book Bingo

Book Bingo House Challenge results will be published on Friday 5th July. Get reading those Book Bingo books!

House Leaders

Thank you to everyone who contributed with ideas towards suggestions for new House Leaders at Red Oaks. The process is still under consultation and the new names will be announced in mid-July ready for September 2024.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 had an active English lesson on subordinating clauses. They used this skill to write a short burst. Of course, we had to do the lesson in the sunshine (3) Please see the website for the photos.

Attendance

Why is it important that my child is on time each day?

When children are late to school, they may initially feel unsettled and they might miss important information and activities.

Schools are required to record late arrivals. If pupils arrive after the start of the school day but when the register is still open, it will be recorded as a late mark. If pupils arrive after the register closes (which government guidelines state must be within 20 minutes of the register opening), then their morning mark will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, unless evidence can be provided that there are exceptional circumstances that led to the late arrival.

How does occasional absence affect my child?

Missing occasional days from school may seem unimportant at the time; however, this can have a significant impact on your child in the long term:

% of attendance in a school year	Number of days absent	Weeks missed
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Nearly 6 weeks

A pupil with 85% attendance is missing nearly half a term of learning time each school year. Regular absences can result in poorer outcomes over time. Research shows that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (which is between half and one day per week on average) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. Late arrivals also add up over time - being 10 minutes late each day adds up to two weeks of lost learning time over the whole school year.

A copy of the school's attendance policy can be found here: https://www.redoaks.org/documents/policies/Attendance.pdf

Weekly Attendance

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	Whole Class Attendance		Whole Class Attendance	
Class	12.6.24 to 19.6.24	Class	12.6.24 to 19.6.24	
Orange am	96.4%	Maple	90.0%	
Orange pm	90.9%	Palm	97.0%	
Apple	80.1%	Pear	94.4%	
Cherry	89.7%	Oak	92.1%	
Ash	93.9%	Hazel	96.2%	
Pine	96.1%	Beech	94.7%	
Birch	87.3%	Lime	98.2%	
Willow	95.7%	Chestnut	93.0%	
		Forest	90.0%	

School Reports

These will be sent out to parents on 15th July. If your family circumstances have changed, (i.e parents living apart at different addresses), and you require a second copy of the report sent, please email tylerm@redoaks.org.uk with your correct address. Many thanks

Clubs

If your child is not attending a club afterschool, please let the office know in the morning.

Pokemon/Football Cards

Children are not permitted to bring these into the school. This is causing problems on the playground. Many thanks

Donations

Acorns, our after-school provision, would be very grateful for any donations of the following items:

- Duplo
- Sticklebricks
- Lego

Many thanks in advance.

Playground Equipment After School

Please can we remind you that the playground equipment is not to be used after school, even if supervised by an adult.

Postcard Design

It is time for us to have a new postcard at Red Oaks. If you would like to design the artwork for the front of the postcard, please use the template below to send in your entry.

Please use/include:

- Felt tip pens
- · include Aspire, Achieve, Grow
- The school logo or name

One postcard design will be chosen to be sent to the printers. Please give your designs to the office by 28^{th} June 2024.

Upcoming Dates

24th June - Reserve Sports Day/Picnic

28th June- Non-Uniform Day - in exchange for chocolate and bottles

5th July - Summer Fayre 3.00-5.00pm

10th July - Year 6 Leavers Party - letter to follow

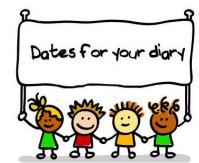
15th July - School reports

16th July - Open Evening for School Reports 3.00-4.00pm

17th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Year 6 parents/grandparents 1.30pm

17th July - Last day for Nursery

18th July - Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish (No Acorns)





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Abbey Park School Open Evenings

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th September 2024, 5.00 - 7.30pm

We would like to invite parents of prospective pupils and their children in year 5 and 6 to our Open Evenings. Classrooms will be open, with displays of work, resources and equipment. There will be various activities that children can take part in to get a feel for life at Abbey Park School. Some of our pupil ambassadors will be in school to show you around, talk to you about life at Abbey Park and demonstrate examples of their work. Teaching staff and the leadership team will be readily available to answer all of your questions.

The evening will also include a presentation from Mr Young on the excellent opportunities Abbey Park School has to offer your child. These will take place at 6.00pm and 6.45pm.

Open Mornings

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th September 2024, 9.15 - 11.00am

Alternatively, or in addition to the open evenings, if you wish to see the school in action during the day, there are two open mornings. As there are limited <u>spaces</u> please book a place on one of these open mornings, please contact us on 01793 705400 or email <u>admin@abbeyparkschool.org.uk</u>

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