

## Redhill Nursery Fortnightly Update

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#### Nursery Trip to Wrekin Forest School —Tuesday 8th July

Thank you to everyone who have paid and filled out the consent. If you would still like your child to go but have not yet paid, please inform Amanda in the nursery office. Thank you to those who have offered to help. I will send out some further information closer to the date. In the meantime, I have put a form in your child's book bag to sign.

Thank you.

#### **Literacy Focus**

In literacy, we have started our new topic on 'A Teddy Bear's Picnic'. We will read the book 'A Teddy bear's picnic' and other bear stories. The children will make invitations for our very own teddy bears' picnic and they will be able to bring their favourite bear in. We will also talk about foods that we may have at the picnic and discuss what 'healthy and unhealthy' foods might look like. From this, we will create a shopping list using our phonic knowledge to write a list. For our picnic, the children will make bear hats using their cutting and painting skills. We will also research into real bears and find out where they live and what they like to eat!

#### **Phonics Focus**

Nursery 2: We will continue to review all of our letter sounds and we will focus on 'o-c-k-ck' over the next 2 weeks. The children will be identifying objects that begin with the sound and we will be sounding out 3 letter words using our robot arms, such as off, cat, kit, plus words with the final sound 'ck' such as sock and pack. We will complete different activities based on these sounds such as a sound hunt, letter skittles and I spy. We will also have a go at forming the letters in sand and shaving foam using the rhymes.



Nursery 1: We will sing rhyming songs and use the rhyming bag to match objects that rhyme.

#### **Maths Focus**

In maths, we will be looking at counting. Linking to our bear theme, we will be counting out food for our picnic and snacks. We will sing lots of number rhymes and count out different quantities of bears to match the rhyme. The children will follow instructions to paint different features on a bear such as 2 eyes, 1 nose, 4 buttons etc. We will also match these quantities to numerals.







### **Measles Comms for Education June 2025**

As you may be aware, there has also been a global increase in measles cases over the past year, including in Europe over the last year. There is concern that with travelling for holidays or to visit family this summer, there is a risk that this could lead to another surge of measles cases in England. There have been 8 outbreaks of measles in the West Midlands over the past 4 weeks and it's possible that we will have cases in Telford settings in the not-too-distant future.

UKHSA advised last year that a significant percentage of unvaccinated children who contracted measles have been hospitalised, which highlights the severity of the issue. Other learnings are how protective two doses of the MMR vaccine are, and how disruptive the long exclusion period can be for unvaccinated contacts.

Anyone without immunity from vaccination or previous infection, identified via contact tracing as a contact of a measles case, would be required to stay away from the setting for up to 21 days. This would have significant implications for your business continuity and for affected staff members personally. Given the risk to staff working with children, we would advise that they check their vaccination status and catch up with any missed vaccines. More information is provided here: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warcinations/mmrs/accine/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warcinations/mmrs/accine/</a>

We are doing what we can to promote vaccine uptake in the community, and would encourage you to do what you can within setting to increase uptake. Aside from the reduction in illness, this will have benefits to business continuity and continuity of education in the event that you have a case or cases in the setting.

Please also encourage all children and young people over the age of one year old to have the combined MMR vaccination - it would be appreciated if you could share the message in italics below with parents/carers through newsletters/website/social media etc.

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's possible that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found here and information on the MMR vaccine can be found here.

If you suspect you have a measles case in the setting, or are advised by a parent/carer that their child has measles, please contact the Health Protection Hub on 01952 381800 or HealthProtectionHub@telford.gov.uk Useful information to have ready would be:

- Name of child
- Date of birth
- Class/room
- Name and contact details of parent/carer
- Date of onset of rash (if known)
- MMR status of child (zero, one or both vaccinations) (if known)

Any known vulnerable pupils or staff in the class/year group (including pregnant staff)

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Health Protection Hub using the contact details above.

**Health Protection Hub** 

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## EASY FUNDRAISING CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOL







# NEED ANY SPARE UNIFORM FOR THE HEATWAVE?

VISIT OUR SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP ON PTA EVENTS!







## No Outsiders Mufti (Non-uniform) Day

On Thursday 26th June, the No Outsiders group will be holding a Mufti Day to raise money for Place2be - a charity that provides mental health support to young people. This charity focuses on early intervention and helps equip children and young people with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges. We kindly ask for a £1 donation for each child who chooses to come in mufti (non-uniform). Donations can be made via ParentPay and your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Water Safety**

The Health Protection Hub at Telford & Wrekin Council have asked us send out some information to you on summer water safety. With the current hot weather, children, particularly older children, may look to go swimming in open water to cool down and have fun. This comes with various risks — cold water shock, currents, hidden underwater dangers and diseases such as Weil's disease. 46% of drownings occur in the summer months and this rises to 75% amongst 13 — 17-year olds. Educating children on these dangers is important in preventing tragic incidents. The Royal Life Saving Society and the Canal & River Trust have some good resources with more information on this to discuss with your children:

General: www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-information

For early years and primary infants: canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/ water-safety-tips-for-parents

#### Reminders

**PE** – Monday am and Thursday am. Please ensure your child is dressed in PE kit.

Welly walk – Wednesday mornings –
Please ensure your child comes dressed for
Welly Walk in the appropriate clothing.

**Show and Tell** – Please check your child's reading record for their day to bring show and tell.

#### Dates for your diary

**Friday 27th June**—PD Day Please note that Friday 27th June is a Professional Development (PD) Day, and the school will be closed to the children on that day. They will return to school on Monday, 30th June

Tuesday 8th July—Nursery trip to Wrekin Forest School.

Tuesday 15th July—End of Year graduation for the Nursery children moving up to Reception and the end of school picnic—more information to follow!

