

1st March 2024



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Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

World Book Day



This year's World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March.

We are very lucky to be joined by a local author, Pete White, who is a mental health author publishing books for adults and children to help them understand and speak more openly about mental health. He will have some of his books available to purchase on the day, at a discounted price of £6.99, and the opportunity to have it signed by the author himself. Please note that only cash will be taken as a form of payment. All cash will need to be in a labelled envelope stating your child's name and amount.

We have also decided to take part in a Book Swap Day, as it is a great way to share your love of reading and discover exciting new books, as well as give children the opportunity to choose a book for themselves and start to build a lifelong love of reading. Children can bring in a book that they no longer want and swap it on the day (books in good condition only please).

As usual, we are all looking forward to seeing your child dressed up in costume as one of their favourite book characters. Teachers cannot wait to get involved too! The World Book Day website has lots of ideas on how to do this with as much or as little effort as you would like. There are some excellent ideas to get you started: Dressing Up - World Book Day. Your child will receive a £1 book token to spend on a FREE book, or to save £1 on another full price book of their choice. Full details are available at www.worldbookday.com where you can see the fabulous books that are on offer this year.

World Book Day is a super event to celebrate reading, but reading to and with your child is important every single day to ensure your child can learn to their fullest potential.

The kitchen have produced an exciting World Book Day menu which will be served on 7th March. Please find details overleaf.

Y5 RE Trip - St George's Church

We were lucky enough to be invited to our local church to learn more about the story of Easter. We completed 5 different activities, learning different parts of the Easter story. This included The Servant King, The Story of Easter, Palm Sunday, Remember Me and Alone. Finally, we pulled our learning together to find out more about the resurrection after Jesus' death.



CELEBRATING
**ROALD
DAHL DAY**

Thursday 7th March 2024

Oven Baked MudBurger

or

Vegetarian Mudburger

featured in 'James & The Giant Peach'

Witches' Finger Chips

from 'The Witches!'

Amazing Seasonal Vegetables

Snozzcumber Salad

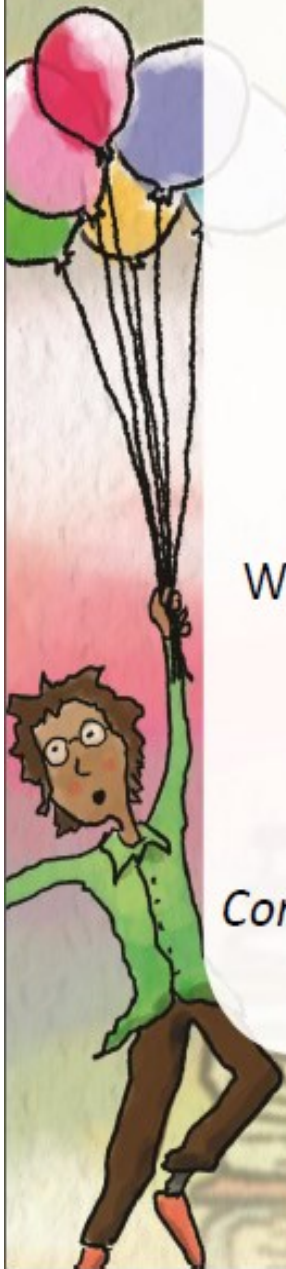
Will be available in the Salad Wheelbarrow

From 'The Big Friendly Giant'

(BFG)

Willy Wonka Chocolate Cup Cakes

Consumed in Charlie & The Chocolate factory



Attendance Overview

Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't. There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance. However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene and you may be issued a fine. We're also introducing a new national framework which will mean all councils have the same rules in place for when they need to consider a fine. We explain more on this below.

It's important to acknowledge that children with long-term medical or more serious mental health conditions, and those with special educational needs and disabilities may face additional barriers. For children who face complex barriers to attendance, schools should have sensitive conversations with children and families and work with them to put support in place for their individual needs.

How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

In the majority of cases, schools and local authorities will try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine. Currently, it's the responsibility of the local authority to decide whether or not to issue fines to parents, meaning the process varies from council to council. However, under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

How can you be sure parent fines are fair?

Fines are a last resort, and parents will be offered support to help improve their child's attendance first.

The vast majority of fines for unauthorised absence (89%) are issued for term time holidays.

If your child is facing barriers to school attendance due to special education needs or disabilities (SEND), schools, local authorities and wider services are required to work together to provide the right support in the first place.

Attendance Overview – Continued

What if my child needs to miss school?

Your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

Your child is too ill to attend that day.

You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.

Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance.

Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet.

You are a gypsy/traveller family with no fixed abode, and you are required to travel for work that day meaning your child cannot attend their usual school.

What happens if my child misses school without a good reason?

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from the headteacher to take your child out of school, the school and local council may take action.

Before that, your child's school and your local council are expected to support you to improve the child's attendance before any measures are put in place.

These measures can include:

- Issue a fixed penalty notice, otherwise known as a 'fine' - your local council can give each parent a fine.
- If you do not pay the fine after 28 days, you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.

Check your local council's rules on when you can be fined.

- Seek an Education Supervision Order from the family court if the council thinks you need support getting your child to go to school but you're not co-operating, they can apply to a court for an Education Supervision Order. A supervisor will be appointed to help you get your child into education. The local council can do this instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you.

Why is attendance important?

For most pupils, the best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers. This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health.

Keeping Children Safe Parent Workshop Telford and Wrekin

With more access than ever before to phones and other technology, it can be difficult to understand how to keep your child safe in an increasingly digital world.

The workshop is fully funded and will cover

- What online harm is and online gang recruitment.
- Ways you can effectively help and support your children
- Understand why and how children can become victims
 - How your response can support your child
- An award-winning approach to support young people at risk of exploitation
 - Delivery by lived experienced professionals

To access the workshop (delivered via Teams - Teams app not necessary for participation), please click on the link below just before the training begins.

Tuesday 12 March 2024 5.30 - 6.30pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

11-17 MARCH

Dear Parents and Carers,

1st March 2024

We invite everyone at home to participate in positive change. Together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis.

In 2022, nearly 250,000 people from schools, households and communities across the country made The Big Plastic Count the biggest ever investigation into UK household plastic waste. It showed that nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away in the UK each year, with hardly any of it recycled.

The rest is burned, sent abroad or ends up in landfill. We can't recycle our way out of the plastic waste crisis, so The Big Plastic Count is back – and this time we've got an even bigger target in our sights – The Global Plastics Treaty.

By joining thousands of people across the country and counting all the plastic you throw away for a week, you can gather the vital evidence we need to convince UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic production for good.

Let's get counting to make the Global Plastics Treaty as big and bold as it can be.



The UK Government needs to push for a strong and ambitious Global Plastics Treaty. The treaty needs to include an end to plastic pollution, a phase-out of new plastic production, and ensure a just and inclusive transition to a low-carbon, zero-waste, reuse-based economy.

This isn't about rating anyone's recycling habits, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel embarrassed by how much plastic they use. We know that there are some plastic items which are essential for disabled people, or people with medical conditions, and so these won't be included in the count.

HOW TO TAKE PART

It's easy! From **Monday 11th March until Sunday 17th March**, count as you throw! Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#).

TOP TIPS

Put the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#) up on your fridge, or near your bin or recycling.

Tell everyone you live with that you're going to be taking part and ask them to include their plastic waste in the count too.

Using the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#), record the different types of household plastic packaging waste you use for one week. This includes plastic going in your bin and plastic you put out for recycling.

Use the [Plastic ID Tool](#) to look up plastic items if you need to.

Remember to write down any piece of plastic packaging you use while out and about, then mark it on your tally sheet when you get back home.

WHAT NOT TO COUNT

Don't include plasters, medication packaging, non-dairy milk/juice cartons, nappies, dog poo bags, plastic cutlery or period products.

We **don't** want to include plastic items that are used for medical or sanitary reasons, or by people with disabilities who rely on plastic items for independence.

Also, we are **not** counting coffee cups or Tetra Pak, the plasticised cardboard material that many juice/milk cartons are made of.

Check out the Plastic ID Tool online to familiarise yourself with the kinds of plastics we're counting up for this.

Once your household has completed the survey, your child will:

Record their results online at home via our unique class link.

EYFS

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mrs-parker>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mrs-kirkpatrick>

KS1

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mrs-lewis-miss-farmer>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/miss-price>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mrs-williams>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/miss-knowles>

KS2

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mrs-fance>

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<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mrs-coughlan>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/7655/mr-baldwin>

Find out more about The Big Plastic Count here: thebigplasticcount.com.

We'd like to say a huge thank you for taking part in this important investigation!

Together, we can build even more evidence about what really happens to our

plastic.



**THE BIG
PLASTIC
COUNT
11-17 MARCH**

LET'S COUNT!

TALLY SHEET

Print this off and stick it somewhere you'll see it, then tally the types of plastic packaging you throw away each day.







Tick off the days as you count your plastic:






M T W T F S S

Name:




Class:




FOOD & DRINK

	Total
 Small bottles (up to 500ml) (water, soft drinks, sauces etc.) <input type="text" value="eg. "/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Large bottles (over 500ml) (water, squash, cooking oil, milk etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Hard plastic caps and lids (from bottles, cartons, jars etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Peelable film lids (from soft fruits, fish, takeaways, dips etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Fruit and veg trays, pots and their hard lids (berries, grapes, stir fry, tomatoes etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Fruit, veg and salad bags, wrappers and nets (salad, bananas, cucumber, lemons etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


	Total
 Black pots, tubs and trays (ready meals, chilled foods, cooked meats etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Pots, tubs and trays (yoghurt, dips, butter, pastries, meat etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Snack bags, packets and wrappers (crisps, biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Other hard food and drink packaging (coffee pods, plastic corks, polystyrene cups etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Other soft food and drink packaging (rice, bread bags, frozen peas, cling film, cheese etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


CLEANING & TOILETRIES

 Small bottles (up to 500ml) (hand wash, shampoo, washing up liquid etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Large bottles (over 500ml) (toilet cleaner, bleach, surface cleaner etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Pots, tubs and tubes (moisturiser, sunscreen, laundry tablets etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

 Squeozy tubes (toothpaste, make-up, skincare cream etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Other hard cleaning and toiletries packaging (toothbrush packs, razor packs, mascara etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Other soft cleaning and toiletries packaging (toilet roll wrap, dishwasher tabs, wet wipes packs etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EVERYTHING ELSE

 Other hard plastic packaging (plastic packaging for toys, tech, stationery, DIY etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Other soft plastic packaging (pet food pouches, carrier bags, bubble wrap etc.) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NOT SURE WHERE TO PUT AN ITEM?

Check out our Plastic ID tool:
thebigplasticcount.com/help
or scan the QR code to the right.



A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



✉ redhillfriends@outlook.com

📘 <https://www.facebook.com/redhillfriends/>

PTA Social

Please join us at The Lion pub in Priorslee on Thursday 14th March 6.30pm, to discuss our upcoming events and any new ideas you may have. Everyone is welcome to join!

Chocolate Hampers!

Chocolate Hampers! Our Chocolate Hamper Prize Draw is live on PTA Events right now! Children can wear Mufti to school in exchange for chocolate on Friday 19th April. This donated chocolate will then be turned into fabulous hampers by the Friends! Ticket sales for the hampers and other prizes are online only and end on the 24th April – the draw will be held on the 25th, and prizes given out on the 26th! Good luck

Year 6 Prom

The time is nearly here for our not so little ones to enjoy their final event at Redhill hosted by the Friends. This year, our theme is Hollywood and the event is planned for Thursday 11th of July. The tickets this year are £8 and will cover the cost of the buffet, the decorations, the disco and a special prom treat to go home with. Please keep a look-out for the ticket link going live on PTA Events soon!

We will send out comms regarding the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies next week

Pre-loved Uniform Purchasing

Don't forget that you can order pre-loved school uniform online! It can help you keep costs down without sacrificing quality, not to mention it's good for the planet. The uniform we have is of really good quality. Anything bought raises money and is put towards the school.

Follow the link below to PTA Events, click 'Shop' then 'Uniforms & Merchandise' to see what's available and to purchase!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/>

Dates For Your Diary

We have lots of exciting events coming up. More information will be available closer to the time, so make sure you follow our Facebook page to keep updated and reminded:

- PTA Social – The Lion, Priorslee - Thursday 14th March 6:30pm
 - King Cone Ice Cream Van – Friday 22nd March
 - Mufti-Day – Friday 19th April
 - Chocolate Hamper Prize Draw – Thursday 25th April
 - End of Year Discos – Wednesday 26th June
 - Leaver's Hoodies – End of June
 - Year 6 Prom – 11th July
 - King Cone Ice Cream Van – Friday 19th July

The Friends



You're invited to the

PTA

Social



Thursday 14th March

6:30pm

The Lion, Priorslee





END OF TERM TREATS

ICE CREAM VAN

FRI 22ND MARCH

ICE CREAM, ICE
LOLLIES AND
SLUSHIES AVAILABLE
ON THE BIG SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND

CASH ONLY - PLEASE
BRING EXACT CHANGE





Chocolate Hamper Prize Draw

Friday 19th April - Mufti Day - children to bring in an item of chocolate for the winning hampers

Thursday 25th April - Draw will be held
Friday 26th April - All prizes will be given to children

Prizes include a large Easter egg, £10 voucher for Paint & Create at Apley Farm Shop, as well as 24 chocolate hampers



Tickets cost £1

Buy tickets at PTA events at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/> or scan the QR code



Upcoming Events 2024



MARCH
14
6:30pm
PTA Social

MARCH
22
King Cone Ice Cream
Van

APRIL
19
Mufti Day
Bring in an item of
chocolate

APRIL
25
Chocolate Hamper
Prize Draw

JUNE
26
End of Year Discos

JUNE
LAST WEEK
Leavers Hoodies

JULY
**TO BE
CONFIRMED**
Year 6 Prom

JULY
19
King Cone Ice Cream
Van



Scan the QR code to
book tickets to events

Dates are subject to change



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