



2nd December 2022

Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Book Fair

The book fair is being held in school on Friday 9th, Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December, from 3.15pm until 3.45pm. The children will also have an opportunity to visit the fair in school time.

Please note that it is a cashless fair, so if you are attending, you will use an online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply select our school from the drop down menu. If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, your child will be sent home with a 'wish list' and you can pay for their chosen books using the online payment system.

Please make sure the 'Wish List' is returned to your child's school.

Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25.

Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the fair.

We hope that you are able to visit and hope to see you there.

Christmas Jumper Day

As you know, we have registered to take part in the Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive outfit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. We will be celebrating this on the last day of the term, 16th December. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please do not go and buy one specially. They can just wear a normal jumper. The payment option is now open on ParentPay for donations.

Thank you for your support.

Friends Selling and Serving Drinks at the Christmas Performances

There will be a selection of refreshments available to buy at the school performances.

The Friends are very kindly organising this for us.

A big thank you to them.

Christmas Dinner - 14th December

Please remember, if your child is staying for a hot Christmas dinner on 14th December, to pre-book using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/0VxAaeW1NM>

Parent Questionnaire Link

Please remember to fill in your parent questionnaires:

<https://forms.office.com/r/D5kzH2Xee>

The link will close on Monday. Thank you.



Our Christmas Smile Gift Appeal

The deadline has been extended on donations for the Christmas Smile project.

If you would like to donate, please find the details below.

This project is run by the community for the community and their vision is that no child or adult should go without at least one special gift. This year, more than ever, this is a project we want to support in any way possible. We understand that every one of us is struggling that little bit more this year, due to the rising cost of living, but we would really appreciate any gift donations you can spare. If you would like to donate, please ensure that all gifts are new, unused and unwrapped. We are asking for all donations to be brought to school between Monday 28th November and **Monday 5th December at 9.30am** so that the Christmas Smile team are able to collect the donations on the Monday.

Below is a reminder of some of the items that could be donated if you need any inspiration.

CHILDREN

A package for (or a contribution towards) the age ranges below:

Children 0-2

cuddly Toys, baby clothes, puzzles, soft balls, rattles

Children 3-6

colouring books and pencils, books, hats, gloves, scarves, early board games, toy cars, dolls, arts & crafts, kites

Children 7-10

footballs, frisbees, kites, hats, gloves, scarves, pencil cases, jewellery, craft kits, books, puzzles

Teens 11-16

sports equipment, hats, gloves, scarves, toiletry sets, jewellery makeup, nail varnish, purses, wallets, bags, PJs, onesies

Generic

board games, selection boxes, biscuits, chocolates, sweet treats

ADULTS & SENIOR CITIZENS

A Gift Bag containing a selection of unwrapped gifts:

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COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

FILL YOUR
SCHOOL WITH
FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU BUY
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BOOK FAIR*

FIND HUNDREDS
OF THE
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FROM JUST
£2.99!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER
£2.2M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



£14.99 **£8.99**



£12.99 **£7.99**



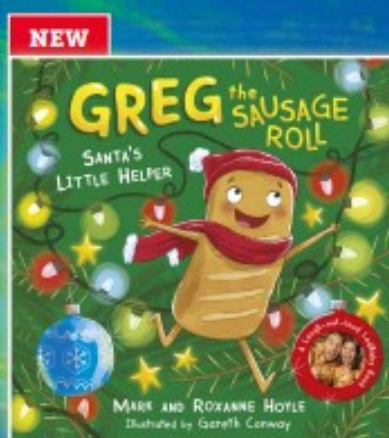
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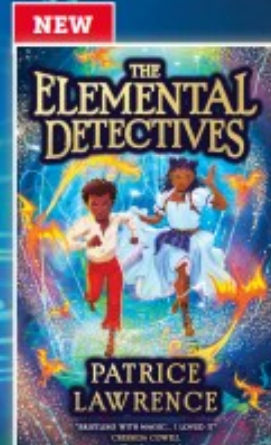
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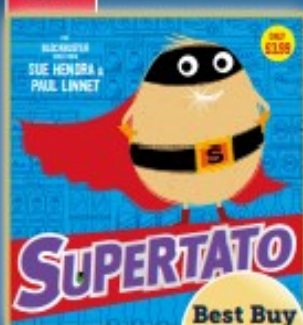


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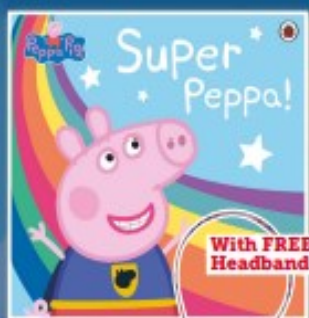
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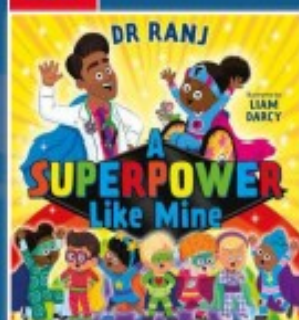
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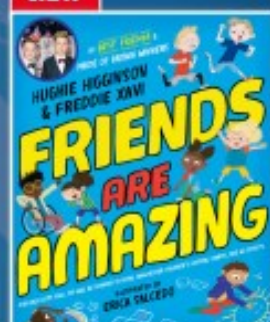
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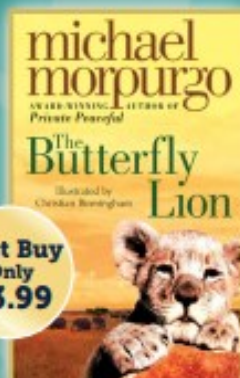
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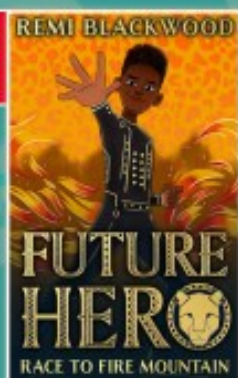
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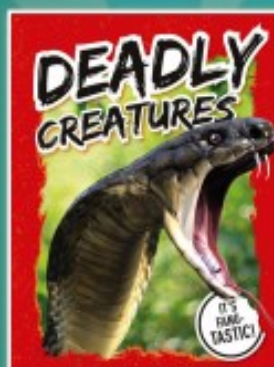


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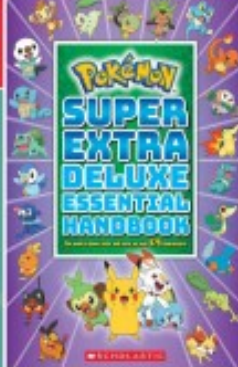


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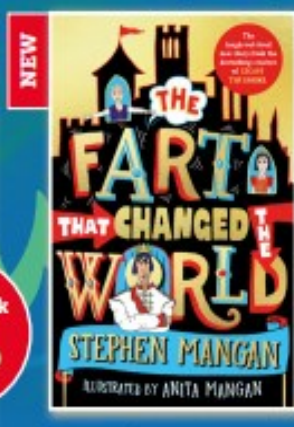
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£12.99 **£9.99**

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay easily and securely for these books and many more when you attend the Fair by using our online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, your child will be sent home with a Wish List and you can pay for their chosen books using our online payment system. Please make sure the Wish List is returned to your child's school.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.

Help earn free books for your school*

Books benefit everyone and to ensure that as many children as possible have access to the best books, Scholastic donate over £2.2 million worth of free books annually to schools nationwide to support literacy and reading for pleasure. You can help make a difference by purchasing from your Scholastic Fair – every purchase earns your school rewards which they can spend on free books to stock their library and classrooms.



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All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. ▲ Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OVERWATCH 2

A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful Overwatch, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers Blizzard Entertainment, Overwatch 2 is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action – meaning that children may want to play the game even more simply because their friends have it.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MULTIPLE PASSWORDS

Overwatch 2 supports convenient cross-play across consoles and PC – as long as users link all their devices under a unifying account on the Blizzard battle.net platform. This has other benefits (preserving a player's original skins for use in the new game), but if your child does want to link their accounts, be warned: the process can be extremely tricky and requires multiple passwords.

VOICE CHAT

As a shooting game which focuses on fast-paced, competitive play, teamwork is central to getting the most out of the Overwatch 2 experience. Many players use voice chat to coordinate with other users – often with friends, but sometimes also with strangers. In either case, this means your child is in contact with others, who may – for example – use offensive language in the heat of the moment.

IN-GAME PURCHASING

Like many free-to-play games, Overwatch 2 offers in-game purchases for unlocking its colourful skins. While new characters arrive as part of a free 'battle pass' each season (normally lasting around three months), players can unlock them much earlier by buying a premium version of the pass. There are also in-game bundles (with varying costs) themed around certain characters or events.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

Overwatch 2 heavily features combat, although the on-screen shootouts are relatively sanitised. Most of its characters are of a fantastical nature (there's a gorilla scientist with a laser weapon, for instance, and a DJ on roller-blades who fires sound energy), but some – such as Reaper, an assassin in a wraith-like metal mask – are a little on the darker side and could unsettle younger players.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ASSIST WITH ACCOUNT LINKING

If your child is trying to link their accounts from different devices together, it might be wise for you to help them set it up. Not only should it enable the process to run more smoothly (and save you being asked for the passwords for each account), but you'll also be able to make sure that the website for linking is correct. We've put the right web address under the expert's bio at the bottom of this guide.

MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Playing Overwatch 2 with friends is almost universally the most popular way to enjoy the game. If your child is playing with a new friend they only know online – or a stranger – you may want to monitor the chat to make sure they aren't being exposed to anything unsavoury. You might also decide to adjust the in-game voice chat settings so only confirmed friends can speak to your child.

USE IT AS INSPIRATION

Overwatch characters represent many races, nationalities, gender identities and sexual orientations. This eclectic roster of heroes offers a superb jumping-off point for discussing racial, sexual or gender diversity with your child. Whether it's finding Nepal on a globe together or talking about non-traditional relationships, the game could be an excellent conversation starter.

LIMIT IN-GAME SPENDING

The last boxes featured in the first Overwatch have been replaced by a rotating storefront – so users only have a set time to purchase a skin or item before it becomes unavailable. Your child can still earn plenty of items, however, through the free battle pass. In any case, we'd advise removing any payment methods – or at least setting limits in advance – if you're worried about in-game spending.

WATCH SOME GAMEPLAY

Overwatch players fight with an array of weapons and explosives, but the battles are presented in a way that forgoes blood, gore or dismemberment, regardless of the mode or characters selected. The game also usually avoids the word 'kill' – referring to 'eliminations' instead. Watching footage of Overwatch 2 on YouTube could help you decide whether it's suitable for your child before they play.

Meet Our Expert

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The Friends of Redhill

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are so excited to pass on some details of the biggest competition we have ever launched which you are all invited to join.

You may have already seen that the friends of Redhill are part of the Easy Fundraising group where you can earn donations from some of the country's biggest retailers, just by shopping online.

It really is that simple, yet some people are not aware of it or are unsure of the details.

Easy Fundraising partner with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to Redhill Primary Academy. It doesn't cost you any extra as the cost is covered by the brand, making it 100% free of charge to you. The brands pay the commission because when you start your shop from the website or app, they can see Easy Fundraising sent you to them. When you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and they turn that into a donation to us.

To promote this, we have today launched our Merlin Magic Competition!

Starting from today until March 1st 2023, we are offering the family who raises the most money through Easy Fundraising an amazing prize of 4 annual Merlin Passes* with more than 140 attractions in 24 countries around the world. From shorter dwell-time attractions such as SEA LIFE, Madame Tussauds and The London Eye, to iconic theme park resorts like LEGOLAND, Gardaland Resort and Alton Towers Resort. You can also take the family for an adventure day out at Bear Grylls adventure, where you can get close to sharks, practice your archery and climbing skills all with free entry!

See for yourself the huge number of days trips that you and your family can enjoy:

<https://www.merlinannualpass.co.uk/our-attractions/>

You may be in the very fortunate position to take advantage of some Black Friday Amazon bargains, or your car or home insurance may need renewing, all of which can be done via easy fundraising. Please help us to receive some much-needed funds for our school by joining Easy Fundraising and let's see how much we can raise this festive period.



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