

7th July 2023



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Fun Run

We are excited to be taking part in the fun run on Tuesday 11th July in support of Young Carers.

During the course of the day, children will be going out onto the school field with their year group to complete a number of laps suited to their age and ability.

Due to the children being outside, could you ensure your child has applied sun cream (if applicable) before coming to school and brings a hat with them. Children will have access to their water bottles throughout the event.

Children can wear their own sporting clothing appropriate for a running activity.

Book of Kindness

In the Book of Kindness

this week:

Amelia Evans

Annabel Ogden

Well done!

Appointments

We understand that you may need to book an emergency appointment for your child. However, please can we ask that routine dentist and optician appointments etc are booked outside of school hours or during the school holidays. Thank you for your cooperation.

ParentPay - Nursery - Breakfast Club - Afterschool Club

Please remember to clear any outstanding debt on your ParentPay account before the end of this term.
Thank you.

End of School Picnic

Tuesday 18th July 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school on Tuesday 18th July where you can join your child/children for a picnic on the field. You do not need to confirm your attendance. However, we do ask that only 2 adults per family attend with any younger siblings if applicable.

The event is subject to dry weather conditions.

Please refer to the letter sent for timings.

Please note that parking might be difficult, so please walk or car share where possible and also remember to bring your packed lunch and a blanket to sit on.

Please avoid parking on the hairdressers/doctors' car park.

End of Year Parties - Reception to Year 5

We will be holding our end of year parties over the following dates:

Monday 17th July Year 2 and Year 5

Wednesday 19th July Reception and Year 1

Thursday 20th July Year 3 and Year 4

We would be grateful if all children could bring in **one** small item of party food for their own consumption on their party day. Please be aware that some children may suffer from nut allergies so we would be grateful if you did not send in items which contain nuts. On their party days, the children can stay in their party clothes all day. We hope you can help us with supporting this celebration and know that this will be a real treat for the children who have all worked very hard over the year. Year 6 children have their own special treat booked for this week. We hope that all children have fun!

Year 2 Gurdwara Visit

Year 2 had a wonderful time during their visit to the Gurdwara. We learnt about Sikh beliefs and traditions and also got to share a meal with them.



Ready, Set, Read! is the Summer Reading Challenge for 2023

If you are aged 4 to 11 years, you can join our superstar team and their animal mascots as they weave their way through a summer obstacle course, collecting golden book stickers along the way! Once you have read your six books and collected all your stickers, you will receive a medal and certificate. Children can read any books in any format, fiction, non-fiction, picture books, audio books, eBooks and eAudio books via our Libby App.

Children can join the Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge from Saturday 15 July 2023. The challenge finishes on Saturday 16 September 2023.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge.

Friends of Redhill

Hi everyone. The Friends of Redhill are looking for volunteers and helpers for the events that they run for the school - this year will see several long-standing committee members move on as their children progress to secondary school.

Everyone on the committee juggles work and family life and so the atmosphere in the team is one of mutual support and helping when you can. Some people can only do things in the day, others can only do administrative work in the evenings. Some people help at all events, others help at the ones that they can. The important thing is to keep the Friends going, organising events to keep the little ones happy and raising money for the school, benefitting the children.

Please contact Grace Hill (Chair) on 07956 053 084 or message us on Facebook for more details.



FRIENDS OF REDHILL

WE NEED YOU!



Our PTA really makes a difference to the life of the school and to our children, so please do consider joining in and ensuring it's continued success.

www.facebook.com/redhillfriends/

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
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THE REST OF THE WORLD

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admin's' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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