



8th December 2023

# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: [parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk)

### Christmas Jumper Day - 22nd December 2023

This year, once again, we have decided to take part in the Christmas Jumper Day. It is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children who need it most. By dressing up in your festive knit, you will be helping children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty. Children will wear their normal uniform on this day (unless it is their Christmas party day). If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please do not 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.

### Christmas Dinner – 20th December 2023

The children will be having Christmas dinner on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

On this day, we will not be able to serve any other meals.

If your child doesn't want the Christmas meal, please can you provide them with a packed lunch. So that the kitchen can prepare, please can you pre order your child's meal on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pQW5GAsvYH>

### Christmas Parties

#### **Christmas Parties w/c 18th December 2023**

We will be holding our class Christmas parties during w/c 18th December.

Please can children arrive at school wearing their party clothes and then they can remain in them all day. Children can bring one item of party food to eat for themselves, but please do not bring sweets or nuts.

**18th December**  
Year 1  
Year 2  
**19th December**  
Reception  
Year 3  
**20th December**  
Nursery  
**22nd December**  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6



### Parent Reminder

Please can we remind parents and carers that children shouldn't bring in lip balms, hand creams or hand sanitisers to school. However, if you believe your child requires a lip balm or needs hand cream, as they have chapped lips or sore hands, please can you make this request via the office.

Thank you.

### Wolves Penalty Shoot Out

The total amount raised from the Wolves Penalty Shoot Out was £3,136.10. Our school will get half of the proceeds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

### **A Message from the Parent Safeguarding Board**

Our newly formed parent board are pleased to announce that we had a successful first meeting on Monday - the expertise in the room was incredible!

All together for one common purpose: safeguarding our children.

Safeguarding is of course paramount for the staff at Redhill, and they are continuously updated with important safeguarding information and training. This board aims to communicate those key messages back to the parents, so that we can all be aware and work collectively to protect children - because keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

This week, we discussed children who are at risk of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and watched a hard-hitting video which explains the devastating impact these experiences have on the rest of the child's life. Although not an easy watch, it is an important one. We recommend parents watch this [ACEs video](#) and encourage you to feel confident in reporting any concerns if you think a child could be experiencing any adverse experiences.

There are always DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) available in school or alternatively, you can call Family Connect directly on 01952 385385.

### **Online Scams!**

It's nearly Christmas - watch out for online scams!

With online scams on the rise worldwide, particularly at this time of year, it's important we are all aware of what scams are, the common types of scams and helpful tips. Internet Matters have a great information page for parents with lots of useful information:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-money-management-guide/social-media-scams-advice-guide-to-support-young-people/>

### **What are Social Media Scams? A Guide to Support Young People**

Learn about how social media can influence young people's spending habits and how to equip them with the skills to recognise social media scams.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

### **Science-selfie Competition**

Thank you and well done to those of you who have already sent in entries for our 'science-selfie' competition which was launched in last week's Mail on Friday. To take part, all you need to do is email a photograph to us at [parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk) of your child doing a science-related activity at home along with a sentence by way of explanation beginning with the words, "This is science because I am . . ." Because we are wanting children to understand that science underlies so much of our lives, the possibilities are almost endless. However, the following link will lead you to some easy-to-do ideas, though please do bear in mind that some of them require adult supervision:

<https://spark.iop.org/collections/marvin-and-milo>

The closing date is Friday 22nd December, and there will be a small prize for what's judged to be the best entry in each year group.

### **After School Clubs**

We still have availability for the following after school clubs running in the new year. If you would like your child to take part, please book their place via ParentPay.

KS2 Creative Writing

Y2-4 French

KS2 Musical Theatre

KS2 Basketball

YR-Y6 Gymnastics

KS2 Athletics

KS2 Hockey

KS2 Girls Football

KS2 Choir

Y1/2 Football

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Classic Roast Turkey  
with  
'Pigs in Blankets', Gravy & Cranberry Sauce  
Or

Roasted Vegan slice

Served with

Roast Potatoes

Carrots, Parsnips and Brussel Sprouts

Christmas Tree Brownies

Festive Cookie Selection

Fresh Fruit Pots

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
from Team Academy



## Disney+

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, there's far more material available on their platform - Disney+, some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. The following guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](https://nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

## LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

## BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

## PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

Do\*#!

## ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

## ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.



### ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



### TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



### ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



Hello everyone!

It's nearly time for the Christmas break – just a couple more weeks – we can do this!

- Christmas Card/Gift designs are now in your child's book bags! All have been given into school for teachers to hand out. Orders must be placed by midnight on the 11<sup>th</sup> December via the link on your child's card. Orders will be sent to school by 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- 'The Big One' Raffle is in full swing – so many fabulous prizes have been donated already – will you be a winner?! Tickets can be bought at all Christmas Plays and at our Wreath Making event – and can also be purchased online:  
[pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/](http://pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/)
- Chocolate bar sales for our Wonka Bar event are online now – will your child find a Golden Ticket in their bar?! All chocolate will be given to the children on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December!
- Our Christmas PTA Social is planned for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30pm at The Lion, Priorslee – we would love to see you all there to celebrate 2023!

With thanks,

*The Friends*

# 'The Big One' Raffle



West Midlands Safari - 4 x entrance tickets

Glee Club Birmingham - 2 tickets for a weekend show

Maurice Chandler Mkt Drayton - 4 x ice skating tickets

Elements Hair & Beauty - Wash and Blow Dry voucher

Jungle land - 2 x entrance tickets

Juice bar - 4 x Fruit smoothies voucher

T&W leisure - 1 x free family soft play at Telford ice rink, 1 x free junior adventure golf @ Telford town park, 1 x free family swim, 1 x free family ice skate, 2 x free family foot golf, 1 x free family adventure golf, 4 x free junior ice skate, 1 x free junior foot golf, 3 x 2 for 1 ice skate entry

Ten Pin bowling Telford - 2 x vouchers for a family of 4 game of bowling

Pizza Express Southwater - Meal for two (inc 2 x mains, starters or desserts & 2 set drinks)

Pizza Hut - £20 voucher

Calendar club - 1 x Lol dolls calendar

Lower Drayton Farm - 1 x PLAY pass for a family of 4

Warped Sports Paintball - Booklet of 10 x VIP tickets

Weston Park - Entrance for 2 adults and 3 children

Wolverhampton Grand - 50% off up to 6 tickets to Snow White

Shifnal Balti - Sunday Banqueting meal for 2

LUXE Skin & Laser Clinic - £50 voucher

Trentham Monkey Forest - 2 x free entrance tickets

**Will you find a  
Golden Ticket?**



**WONKA®  
DAY!**

**To celebrate the  
release of Wonka!**

**Pre-ordered chocolate bars to be  
given out during the school day  
on Monday 18th December**

**All chocolate must be  
pre-ordered via PTA Events  
before 15th December!**





# Golden Ticket Prizes!



**ODEON**

**2 tickets for any screening!**

**cineworld**

**2 tickets for any screening!**



**2 entry tickets for Telford!**



**£50 gift voucher towards any celebration cake!**

**1 More  
Chocolate**

**Reindeer chocolates!**



**£10 Entertainer Voucher!**

**Pre-order yours now  
on PTA Events!**





*Join Us For a*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**COCKTAIL**  
*or two!*

Our Christmas PTA Social  
is just the place to help  
celebrate our 2023  
achievements and look  
forward to 2024.

We would love to see you  
all there!

**The Lion, Priorslee**

Weds 20th Dec

6.30pm

