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# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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### Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all of our children back to school.

A special welcome to our new children and new staff.

We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break.

We look forward to another exciting year, with lots of things being organised.

Please remember to check the online diary for dates of events throughout the year.

### School Parking Safety Message

An issue which is a top priority for us is the safety of our children. That's why we are asking you all to think about where you park when doing the school run.

Dangerous parking puts our children at risk and no one wants that.

We appreciate that pick up and drop off times are very busy and so we are encouraging you to consider walking or cycling to school instead.

Both are cheaper alternatives, have health benefits and are better for the environment.

Our message is please park safely, legally and considerately and set a good example to our children. This will ensure our pupils have a happy and safe journey to and from school.

Thank you for your support.

### Year 6 Children

#### Application for a Place in Year 7 at Thomas Telford

The Year 7 admission forms are now available to download from the Thomas Telford website at [www.ttsonline.net](http://www.ttsonline.net)

The closing date for when completed application forms must be received by them is before 4pm on Monday 26th September 2022.

Applications must be returned to them directly. They are unable to accept late applications.

If you have not received your invitation to an assessment session by Friday 30th September, please contact their Admissions Office on 01952 200000 or email [ctopper@ttsonline.net](mailto:ctopper@ttsonline.net)

Thank you.

### Drop in Sessions for all Year Groups - Starting Thursday 15th September

The class drop-in sessions will be resuming on Thursday 15th September from 8.45am-8.55am.

This will give parents and carers an opportunity to look at their child's work with them.

You may wish to drop in every Thursday or just now and again.

Please look out for changes to the day in which drop in sessions are held.

Thank you.

### Birthday Celebrations

Some children like to bring in treats to celebrate their birthday with the other children. Please remember that we are only able to accept cakes, no sweets. Cakes should ideally have ingredients listed on them please. Some children suffer from allergies so we need to check ingredients before the children eat them.

Cakes will be given out just before home time. Thank you.

## A Valued Me

This year, we will continue to embed our 'A Valued Me' core values system which we know support pupils in becoming happy, healthy, capable and upstanding citizens within society. Each half term, we will have a different focus for our programme where children will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of each of the values. Over the half term, there will be assemblies and work in class linked to our current value.

**Our 'A Valued Me' core value for the autumn first half term is Respect.**



### **What is Respect?**

- Showing admiration and appreciation towards others and yourself.
- Being polite to others, showing them kindness and consideration, and treating others with courtesy.
- Treating everyone the way you would like to be treated and treating everyone fairly.
- Looking after people, animals, the environment and property.
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### **Suggestions for parents to work with children at home:**

1. Respect your children. Listen to their ideas, try their suggestions, include them in conversations, afford them the benefit of the doubt, give them choices, speak to them at their level, honour their efforts. If you have to tell them 'no', be sure you explain why.
2. Model respect for laws. Do not break a law or rule, and then expect your child to honour it.
3. Talk about people you respect. Point out character traits that you admire (for example, honesty, kindness, responsibility, etc.) in each person.
4. Help your children understand that respect for property is an extension of respect for the owner. Begin by respecting their property. Encourage them to treat other people's things with respect as well.
5. Take your child on a walk through the park. Notice the flowers, the grass, and the shrubbery. Talk about ways that people and plants take care of each other. What can you do to take better care of the earth?
6. Visit a zoo, farm or a pet store. Talk about ways that animals take care of us. For example, they love us and keep us company, they give us milk, and they give us wool, and so on. How do we take care of animals?
7. Be careful what you say. Many of us use slang expressions without even thinking about what they might mean and sometimes talk about other people in a derogatory way. Pay attention to what you say and to what your children say. Talk about how words can be disrespectful and hurtful to others.

## Musical Children

We are looking to showcase our talented musical children by giving them the opportunity to perform in one of our assemblies. If your child plays a musical instrument or sings, and would like to partake, please can you email [parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk) to let us know.

### Reception Welly Walk

Starting on 15th September, both Reception classes will be visiting Forest School every Thursday. We are looking forward to exploring our outside environment whilst learning about seasons and the world around us. We will be going out whatever the weather so please send your children in with appropriate clothing to change in to. We recommend this includes items such as waterproofs/splash suits, wellies, warm coat and clothing, hats, gloves, scarves etc. Please be aware these sessions can get messy in some weather conditions so old clothes are suggested.

We can't wait for our Welly Walk Fun!

Miss Lloyd and Mrs Kirkpatrick

### Year 1 Forest School Sessions

We are very excited to be starting our Forest School sessions with the Year 1 children on Friday afternoons. We have lots of wonderful outdoor learning for the children to complete each week. We are hoping to get out each Friday afternoon, weather dependant. The forest school area can get quite muddy if it has rained throughout the week so we would like children to bring in their wellies or shoes you don't mind getting a bit muddy! Children will need to bring their coats in each week so that we can get out even if the weather is not sunny. Children will need to bring their wellies in a plastic bag, so that we are able to change out of them when we return to school after our session. If wellies could be labelled with your child's name, in case we have several matching pairs!

Thank you

Mrs Lewis and Miss Price

### Year 4 Swimming

During this half term, the Year 4 children will be swimming at Thomas Telford on Monday mornings. These sessions will begin on Monday 12th September and will run until Monday 17th October 2022. Please note that these sessions are subject to cancellation and we will communicate this to you if any sessions are cancelled.

Please can you ensure that your child has a swimming kit on Monday mornings and that no jewellery, including pierced ear-rings, is worn.

### Year 6 STAR Programme (Stop, Think, Act, Reflect)

The STAR programme is run by West Mercia Police and the Year 6 children will take part in this programme week commencing 3rd October. Stop, Think, Act, Reflect is a programme of information and activities which enable our children to make informed choices in their future as they plan to move from Year 6 to Year 7.

### Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents that children should only be bringing plain, still water (not flavoured) in their water bottles to drink during school class time. If there is a medical reason for another drink to be drunk, a letter from the doctor will be required. Children will be asked to fill their water bottles from our water stations, if they contain flavoured drinks. Children can bring a separate non-fizzy drink for dinner time.

Thank you.

### Draw String Bags

We have been informed by our uniform supplier (Baker and Sons) that our jade draw string bags are out of stock. If you are in need of one, the shop have some emerald green ones in, which you can purchase until our jade ones come back in stock. When the jade ones are back in stock in December, Baker and Son will swap any emerald ones you have purchased back to jade, free of charge.

### Year 6 Positions of Responsibility

We just wanted to send out a short note to let parents know about the different positions of responsibility that the year 6s can apply for over the next few weeks. We have discussed these positions at length with the year 6s however we understand that some messages and key dates may get lost or confused between here and home.

#### Head Boy and Head Girl

This is a fairly new role in school (established 2019) and is linked to the values which form 'A Valued Me'. These values are respect, friendship, responsibility, empathy, honesty and independence. Therefore, this position is suited to someone who is an excellent role model to the other children in school. As part of the role, they will be expected to represent the school when we have events on or visitors who need showing around and they will assist Mrs Whiting and Mrs Cartwright with jobs around school. In order to apply for this position, children should write a letter of application to Mrs Whiting and Mrs Cartwright which explains why they are suited to the position and gives examples of what they have done previously which might demonstrate the values. If children would also like to be considered for House Captain, they should make this clear in their letter. These letters of application are due in on Wednesday 14th September.

The successful candidates who are chosen as Head Boy and Head Girl will be informed via a phone call from Mrs Whiting by 5pm on Thursday 15th September.

#### House Captains

This role will be familiar to the children and involves being the main representative for their house team. The children who are chosen for this role will be children who demonstrate great team spirit, motivate their house, are always prepared to step up to represent the school and take part in house days and sports competitions with enthusiasm. Again, in order to apply for this position, children should write a letter of application to Mrs Whiting and Mrs Cartwright which explains why they are suited to the position of house captain and explaining what they have done previously which demonstrates skills such as teamwork.

These letters of application are also due in on Wednesday 14th September.

House Captains will be announced on Thursday 15th September.

#### Executive Council

This role involves being part of the pupil voice group who lead the School Council and help with the running of our school as seen from a pupil viewpoint. This is an exciting role as there are 8 positions available - 4 people will be chosen by the children of year 6 and the other 4 will be chosen by Mrs Whiting, Mrs Cartwright and the Year 6 staff. We look for children who are approachable, caring, organised, forward-thinking and are prepared to listen to and represent the views of the children in our school. In order to apply for this position, children need to write a short speech which explains why they think they would be well suited to this position. The children will then need to present their speeches to their class and the staff. These will be presented on the afternoon on Friday 16th September.

Executive Councillors will be announced on Monday 19th September.

### Pupil Voice Information

During assembly time, children have been encouraged to apply for Pupil Voice positions within school. If your child is interested, they have been asked to write a letter to apply with reasons for their interest and why they want to apply. They post their letter into the applications box, which is located in the library.

They can apply for the following positions:

School Council - Mrs Siobhan Davies

Safe Board - Miss Dhillon

No Outsiders - Mrs Fance

Travel Safety - Mrs Nicola Kirkpatrick

Music Council - Mrs Whiting

Fairtrade - Miss Dhillon

Eco Warriors - Mr Hodgkison

Playground Friends - Miss McGuire and Mrs Bailey

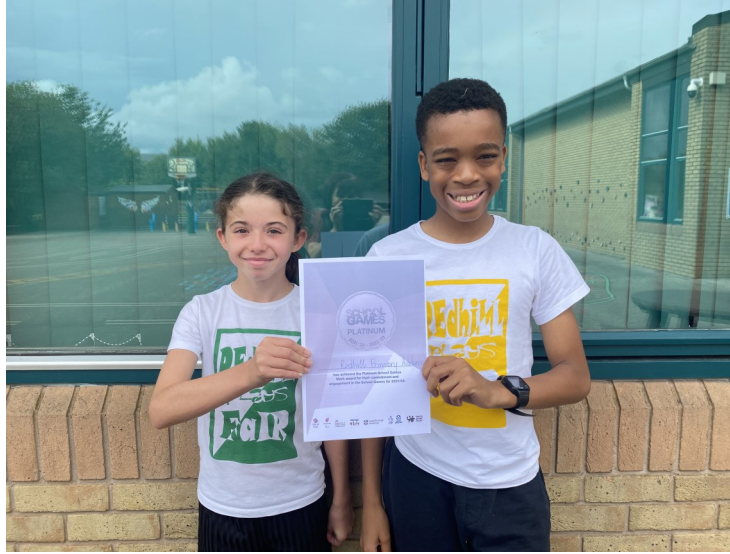
E Safety - Miss Kibble

Librarians - Mrs Richards

The deadline for applications is Monday 19th September.

### Platinum School Games Mark

Well done to all of the children at Redhill who have achieved the Platinum School Games Mark award for showing their commitment and engagement in competitions.



### Medications

Please ensure your child's inhalers, epi-pens and any liquid medication/creams that have previously been held in the school office, are returned back to school on Monday to ensure that they are readily available to the children should they need them.

If your child has a new medical need that the school is not aware of, please contact the office to obtain the necessary paperwork.

### PE Days Reminder

Nursery:	Monday and Friday
Reception:	Monday and Friday
Year 1:	Mrs Lewis: Tuesday and Friday
Year 1	Miss Price: Monday and Friday
Year 2:	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3:	Mrs Richards: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3:	Miss Kibble: Wednesday and Friday
Year 4:	Monday (Swimming) and Thursday
Year 5:	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6:	Wednesday and Thursday. Note: children stay in their kits all day.

Please can children wear full school uniform on swimming days.

Thank you.

### Hair Cuts/Accessories

Please can we remind parents and carers that extreme hair cuts (under Grade 2) are not allowed.

This includes cut patterns, tram lines or designs in the hair.

Hair accessories must be minimal in design and also in the school colour of green, grey or black.

### **Leave in Term-time**

Please can we remind you that parents should apply to the Headteacher for any request for leave in term time by completing a request form available from school.

(DfE guidance states schools should not authorise leave retrospectively).

The Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time.

The Governors and Headteacher of the school support this and have decided that students will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Each application will be considered and the Headteacher will determine the duration of any leave if it is agreed and authorised.

However, if the application is not agreed and the absence occurs the dates will be unauthorised. Parents will be notified of any decision in writing.

This notification may be hand delivered to the parent or posted to the parents' home address.

As a school we are asked to inform you that, in line with Telford and Wrekin Council Policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent, per child, increasing to £120 each if not paid within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within 28 days, this may lead to court proceedings.

Thank you for your support.

Dear Parents of Nursery and Reception Children,

Here at Redhill, all pupils are expected to use the school ICT systems in accordance with their age-specific pupil acceptable use policy. This is essentially a list of rules that children and parents are expected to agree to at the beginning of each school year. Any inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and online safety policies. Please read the below policy carefully.

Kind regards,  
Miss Kibble

## **EYFS Pupil Acceptable Use Policy**

### **Online Safety Rules Agreement**

- I will take care when using the school IT equipment and use it properly.
- I will only share my username or password with trusted adults.
- I will tell an adult if I see anything which upsets me.
- I will use a safe name and not my real name on the internet.
- I will only take a photograph or video of someone if they say it is alright.
- Any messages I send will be polite.
- I will not deliberately write anything which upsets other people.
- I understand that the school may talk to my parent or carer if they are worried about my use of school IT equipment.
- I understand that if I do not follow these rules I may not be allowed to use the school computers or internet for a while, even if it was done outside school.

Dear Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 Children,  
Here at Redhill, all pupils are expected to use the school ICT systems in accordance with their age-specific pupil acceptable use policy. This is essentially a list of rules that children and parents are expected to agree to at the beginning of each school year. Any inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and online safety policies. Please read the below policy carefully.

Kind regards,  
Miss Kibble  
Online Safety Coordinator

## **KS1 Pupil Acceptable Use Policy**

### **Online Safety Rules Agreement**

- I will look after all the school IT equipment and use it properly.
- I will only share my username or password with trusted adults.
- I will tell an adult if I see anything which upsets me.
- I will always ask before downloading from the internet or using files I have brought into school because I understand the risks from virus infections.
- Any work I upload to the internet will be my own.
- I will only take a photograph or video of someone if they say it is alright.
- All of the messages I send will be polite.
- I will not post anything online which upsets other people.
- I will use a safe online name and not give away my personal information or talk to people I do not know using the internet.
- I understand that the school may check my use of IT and talk to my parent or carer if they are worried about my online safety.
- I understand that if I do not follow these rules I may not be allowed to use the school computers or internet for a while, even if it was done outside school.

Dear Parents of Year 3 and Year 4 Children,  
Here at Redhill, all pupils are expected to use the school ICT systems in accordance with their age-specific pupil acceptable use policy. This is essentially a list of rules that children and parents are expected to agree to at the beginning of each school year. Any inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and online safety policies. Please read the below policy carefully.

Kind regards,  
Miss Kibble  
Online Safety Coordinator

## **KS2 Pupil Acceptable Use Policy**

### **Online Safety Rules Agreement**

- I will take care when using the school IT equipment and use it responsibly.
- I will keep my passwords private unless I need to share them with a trusted adult.
- I will inform an adult if I see or receive any unpleasant text, images or messages.
- I will not interfere with anyone else's passwords, settings or files on the computer.
- I will be careful when downloading material from the internet or using material I have brought into school because I understand the risks from virus infections.
- Any work I upload to the internet will be my own.
- I know I need permission to take someone's photograph or to video them.
- Any messages I post online or send in an email will be polite and responsible.
- I will not send or forward messages or create material which is deliberately intended to upset other people.
- I know I must take care about giving away my personal information and making contact with people I do not know when using the internet.
- I will only bring my personal devices such as smart watches and mobile phones into school with the consent of my teacher. I will follow the school rules on storage of my devices during the school day.
- I understand that the school may check my use of IT and contact my parent/ carer if they are concerned about my online safety.
- I understand that if I do not follow these rules I may not be allowed to use the school computers or access the internet for a period of time and that this may happen even if the activity was done outside school.



Dear Parents of Year 5 and Year 6 Children,  
Here at Redhill, all pupils are expected to use the school ICT systems in accordance with their age-specific pupil acceptable use policy. This is essentially a list of rules that children and parents are expected to agree to at the beginning of each school year. Any inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and online safety policies.

Miss Kibble  
Online Safety Coordinator

## **KS2 Pupil Acceptable Use Policy**

### **Online Safety Rules Agreement**

- I will take care when using the school IT equipment and use it responsibly.
- I will keep my passwords private unless I need to share them with a trusted adult.
- I will inform an adult if I see or receive any unpleasant text, images or messages.
- I will not interfere with anyone else's passwords, settings or files on the computer.
- I will be careful when downloading material from the internet or using material I have brought into school because I understand the risks from virus infections.
- Any work I upload to the internet will be my own.
- I know I need permission to take someone's photograph or to video them.
- Any messages I post online or send in an email will be polite and responsible.
- I will not send or forward messages or create material which is deliberately intended to upset other people.
- I know I must take care about giving away my personal information and making contact with people I do not know when using the internet.
- I will only bring my personal devices such as smart watches and mobile phones into school with the consent of my teacher. I will follow the school rules on storage of my devices during the school day.
- I understand that the school may check my use of IT and contact my parent/carer if they are concerned about my online safety.
- I understand that if I do not follow these rules I may not be allowed to use the school computers or access the internet for a period of time and that this may happen even if the activity was done outside school.