



# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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### Term Dates

Please remember to check term dates on our website.

<https://redhill.ttsonline.net/page/term-dates>

The last day of the summer term is 21st July 2022.

### Guidance Notes for Parents requesting Leave in Term Time

Parents wishing the school to consider granting leave in term time should read these notes carefully and then complete the request form available from the school office for the Headteacher's attention. This form should be sent to the school in time for the request to be considered before the desired period of absence. Parents are strongly advised not to finalise any planned absence before receiving the school's decision regarding their request. In any event, the request form must be received by the school at least four weeks before the leave in term time requested dates to allow sufficient time for appropriate consideration.

The granting of leave of absence in term time is, by law, a matter for consideration and decision by the Headteacher. There is no automatic right to any leave in term time. The Department for Education (DfE) and Telford & Wrekin Local Authority (LA) policy is that leave should not be taken in school term time.

Where such requests are made, for the leave to be granted, the Headteacher should decide if there are exceptional circumstances. Each case will be considered individually and on its own merits. Parents therefore need to consider very carefully before making any request for leave in term time, consider the demands of the National and wider School Curriculum especially at the Key Stage assessment stage. In considering a request, the school may also take account of: -

- The exceptional circumstances stated that have given rise to the request;
- The age of the child;
- The stage of the child's education and progress and the effects of the requested absence on both elements;
- The overall attendance pattern of the child;
- The nature of the trip;
- Students/pupils on examination courses or due to take SATS will not normally be granted leave of absence;
- Whether the same trip could be taken during the 13 weeks school is closed to pupils.

Where parents have children in more than one school a separate request must be made to each school. The Headteacher of each school will make their own decision based on the factors relating to the child at their school. It is possible that because of these factors different decisions may be made. It is hoped that if this situation arises parents will be persuaded to accept the reasons for refusal given and, thereby withdraw any other requests.

Should the school decide to grant the leave but, the child does not return to school at the time s/he was expected to (i.e. following the expiry of the granted leave in term time period) and, no information is available to the school to explain/justify the continuing absence or, make known the whereabouts of the child, his/her place at the school could be lost.

Should the school decide not to grant the leave and parents still take their child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised which may be subject to a Penalty Notice fine of £60 per parent per child. This fine will increase to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the £120 fine within the period 22 to 28 days may lead to Court proceedings.

## School Dinners

School meal accounts must always be in credit or at a £0 balance. Please note that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive universal free school meals.

Did you know that the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to low income free school meals? It is currently £1320 per child per year.

How Redhill Primary Academy uses the money for children receiving this funding:

Funding support for breakfast and afterschool club,

Free after school activity clubs,

Free music tuition,

Free residential trips to promote inclusion and opportunity,

Free curriculum trips and activities.

Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources to help improve the quality of education.

To check if your child qualifies, please see below:

You or your partner (if you have one) have a child for whom you receive Child Benefit and who is attending a school or college in

Telford and Wrekin and you get any of the following:

Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance or

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);

support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999;

Pension Credit (guaranteed credit);

Universal Credit and your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the current phase of schooling they are in on 31 March 2022. Should your circumstances change, you must notify Telford and Wrekin immediately.

## Sports Day

Please remember that this date is weather dependent.

KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

17th June at 9.15am

### Sun Hats and Water Bottles

Please remember to send your children with sun hats if the weather is warm and please ensure that all children bring water bottles with them.

It would be helpful if sun cream could be applied at home before the event. Thank you.

### Photographs and Filming

Please remember that photographs and videos of children should not be posted on social media sites without a parent's permission.

### Entrance

Please enter via the main reception gate for the sports days.

Please do not arrive too early as we are not able to let you in until we are set up.

We hope that you enjoy watching your children.

Thank you.