



# Mail on Friday

12th July 2024

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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

### End of Year Parties

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

Monday 15th July	Mrs Parker's and Mrs Kirkpatrick's Classes
Tuesday 16th July	Mrs Williams' and Miss Knowles' Classes
Thursday 18th July	Miss Farmer's, Miss Price's, Mrs Fance's, Mrs Richards', Miss Williams' and Mr Hodgkison's Classes
Friday 19th July	Mrs Coughlan's, Mr Baldwin's, Miss Dhillon's and Mrs Davies' Classes

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 that you can help us with supporting this celebrations and know that this will be a real treat for the children who have all worked very hard over the year.

### KS1 Sports Day

It has been such a shame that we have had to cancel the previous sports day due to the weather. However, we have our fingers crossed for a dry day on Monday 15th July when we welcome you into school for 1.30pm, to watch the Year 1 and Year 2 sports day. Unfortunately, if the weather does let us down again, we do not have the time to plan in another date.

### Redhill Picnic

We are really looking forward to inviting you into school on Tuesday 16th July, to join your child/ren 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.**

We are planning on making the event more special this year to celebrate our Ofsted outcome. The children will be performing a song for the parents, as well as sharing some insights about being a Redhill Academy pupil. Children are allowed to wear party clothes and will be making party hats in school. You will also note that there will be two bouncy castles on site that day for the children to enjoy. These are not to be used during the school picnic. All children will be given a slot throughout the day to have some time on these and will be supervised throughout by school staff.

In terms of the logistics, can we ask that you do not arrive any earlier than the start time, and that you also make a swift exit once the picnic is over, so we can welcome the next set of parents. Parents can stay if they have siblings in older classes. The children will be in zones on the school field, but you will be able to move across to spend time with your children who may be in different classes. 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/doctor's car park.

**Picnic for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Arrival Time: 11.30am/Departure Time: 12.15pm

**Picnic for Years 3 to Year 6**

Arrival Time: 12.30pm/Departure Time: 1.15pm

Forest School	↓ School Field			Key Stage 2 classrooms
	Nursery	Mrs Kirkpatrick	Miss Lloyd	
	Mrs Coughlan	Mrs Richards	Mrs Davies	
	Miss Knowles Miss Dhillon	Miss Price Mrs Williams	Miss Farmer Mr Hodgkison	
	Mrs Fance	Mr Baldwin	Miss Williams	
Playground				

### Year 6 leavers Assembly

In preparation for the Year 6 leavers assembly on Thursday 18th July, please can you have your QR code ready so that a member of staff can scan and register you in the building. If you have not yet booked your place, please use the link below. Please also remember that it is just 2 adults per child, due to space in the school hall.

[Redhill Primary Academy event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

### Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew Event

On Friday last week, Y6 took part in the annual Crucial Crew event at Telford College. They participated in workshops about personal safety, alcohol awareness, environmental crime, vaping, mental health and wellbeing, knife crime and criminal exploitation.



### Transition Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended the transition meetings. It was lovely to hear how helpful the training from West Mercia Police was. If parents and carers wish to complete the training, there are dates available if they scan the barcode or click on the link provided in the flyer.

## Reading Books

Please can all reading books be returned to school next week so that they can be sorted for the new year.  
Thank you.

## School Food Showdown Event

This Wednesday, children from years 1–6 were treated to a n interactive, healthy eating workshop. Based on the popular TV show, Ready, Steady, Cook, the children were invited to take part in a cook off with their teachers. The Red Chilli and The Green Peas group used fresh ingredients such as vegetables, fruits, meats, pulses, herbs and much more to cook the best balanced healthy meal in just 15 minutes. Meals like sweet and sour chicken and vegetable ratatouille were cooked by children and staff and then had to undergo a taste test to decide who were the overall champions. Throughout the session, children discussed food groups and how to maintain a balanced diet which was excellent revision of their work over the year in DT and science. It further reinforced discussions from our Healthy Lifestyles Week which was held in March.

Thank you very much to Chef Dan who led the show, Academy, our catering team, who organised the visit and all the children for listening and participating so well in the shows. It was a fantastic day.



THE ORIGINAL  
**SCHOOL FOOD  
SHOWDOWN!**  
HEALTHY EATING ROADSHOW





# Protect our children!

**Parents and guardians:** Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to [www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops)





# Prepare *Your child* for Secondary School



## 1

### Promote Independence



- Secondary school will demand a greater sense of independence from your child than they are used to, so encouraging self-reliance is important
- Once school starts, try developing independent organisation by listing what is needed for each day
- Get them into the habit of completing homework, checking their school planner and preparing their own uniform, equipment and bag each evening
- Show your child that you trust them to manage and organise themselves on their own

## 2

### Get Prepared



- Preparation will help build their own skills and confidence
- Be aware of the school policies on things like uniform, jewellery, hairstyles, piercings and mobile phones
- Find out how the canteen and payment system at the school work and talk this through with your child
- Plan what will happen on the first day and any scenarios they may encounter e.g. getting lost, making new friends
- Ensure that all paperwork is completed and that important upcoming dates have been noted

## 3

### Show Positivity



- Many parents and carers feel anxious when their child starts a new school, but try to stay cheerful and optimistic
- Acknowledge any anxiety your child may be feeling and point out that those feelings are normal
- Encourage them to join clubs and become involved in school life. This can be a good way to make friends with pupils in other forms and year groups

## 4

### Be Organised



- Try to get organised over the summer rather than leaving it to the last minute, which can be stressful for both parent and child
- Purchase the correct uniform, get a haircut and buy new stationery
- Secondary students often travel independently for the first time. Do some trial runs - first with you, then perhaps solo or with a friend
- Work out the first day plan. Your child may prefer to go with you to start, or to meet a friend
- Discuss the timetable together and what lessons they have
- Make lists of equipment they will need for each lesson

## 5

### Get Familiarised



- Find out when the school is offering Year 6 transition days
- Purchase a school map to share the layout of the school with your child
- Arrange extra familiarisation days if your child is vulnerable or anxious
- Arrange to meet the SENCO and support staff and look around in a quieter environment
- Look at the school's website with your child
- Take note of any key dates and events

## 6

### Share & Communicate



- If your child has SEND or anxiety, ensure the school is aware
- Check your primary school has shared paperwork and spoken with the new school so they are aware of your child's needs
- Request a meeting with secondary staff, to discuss support, particularly if your child has an education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Familiarise yourself with the school's SEN policy (on the website)

## 7



### Keep Talking

- Remember to communicate regularly with your child and discuss their concerns openly
- Speak with your child about the expectations of secondary school
- Talk to them about how they coped with changes and transitions in the past
- Mealtimes or bedtimes can be a good time to discuss what has happened during the day and find out how they are feeling in a relaxed way
- Stay actively engaged in your child's school life. Attend school events, read newsletters and stay in touch with the school community to better support your child
- Ask friends or siblings to talk with your child about their new school

Silly School Education



# A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



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## King Cone Ice Cream Van

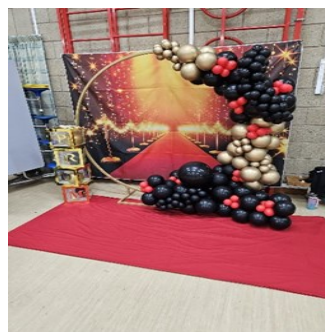
King Cone Ice Cream will be here in one week for an end of term treat on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July on the big playground! The menu and prices can be found on page 8.

Children in Years 2 to 6 - please send them with exact change! We aim to have served all these children before the end of the school day. Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 who do not attend Annexe - please don't send your child with money, please collect them as normal then if you want to, make your way to the big playground where you can pay the ice cream man yourself.

Children attending Annexe - please send money in with them in a named little bag or purse and the staff will take them over.

## Year 6 Prom

Thank you to everyone who helped with the year 6 Hollywood Prom! This evening was a great success, and we hope all the children had a fabulous time and made some fantastic memories!



*The Friends*



# Upcoming Events 2024



Scan the QR code to book tickets to events

\*Dates are subject to change\*

END OF TERM

## Ice Cream Van

FRIDAY 19TH JULY

ICE CREAM, ICE LOLLIES AND SLUSHIES AVAILABLE

ON THE BIG PLAYGROUND

CASH ONLY - PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE



## Lollies



### FOOD ALLERGY?

Please ask before you eat...

Customers are advised to let us know if any food items cause allergic reactions prior to ordering.

There will still be some traces of nuts in our products.

Our products are made with the following ingredients: Milk, Eggs, Wheat, Soy, and other allergens.

We will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements. We are happy to assist you!

## Slush



## Screwballs



## Twin Cones



## Waffle Cones



## Single Cones







## Student & Child Travel 2024-25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now that the time is fast approaching for all year 6 pupils to move up to secondary school, we understand that for some pupils this will mean taking a bus to school for the first time, so Arriva would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the options we have available to support you in getting your child to their new school safely.

Arriva's Child & Student Saver tickets not only provide your child with reduced priced bus travel costs on their journeys to-and-from school, but they can also use their ticket to travel at evenings, weekends and throughout all school term holidays.

You can spread the cost of your child's saver tickets over affordable monthly payments using our easy-to-use direct debit system. It's simple to apply, and there's no setup fee or minimum contract required, which means you can cancel your direct debit and stop your ticket at any time should your circumstances change.

To arrange your Direct Debit and for further information please scan the QR code or follow the link below:



[www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets)

*Child Saver tickets are valid for pupils up to and including year 11.*

*Student Saver tickets are available for anyone aged 16+ in full time education.*

To ensure you get your tickets in time for the start of the new academic year, you can register for this ticket now but set your payments to commence after the summer. Once we have received your first payment, your ticket will be sent to you, and you won't need to worry about your child paying for tickets on the bus. You can choose to receive the ticket by post or download the Arriva UK bus app onto the ticket holders' phone and we can send an m-ticket to their app instead.

For travel Information including local maps and timetables

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