

13th January 2023



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Main School Path

Please can we remind parents to use the two way system coming down the path to help ease congestion and keep a steady flow of movement. Entering the grounds should be on the right side, and exiting away from school on the right hand side.

Special Change to the Menu - 19th January 2023

On 19th January, we have a menu change, so please add the change to your diaries.

Thursday 19th January is school census day.

On this day, we provide information to the DfE which dictates how much funding the school receives.

As you know, the more funding we receive, the better provision we can provide for the children.

One of the key funding categories is how many children stay for Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) on census day.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal (hot dinner, jacket potato or sandwich) every day. Some parents choose not to take this offer and supply their children with a packed lunch. We always try to ensure that on census day one of the more popular meal choices is available.

This census day will see the kitchen providing a Chinese New Year menu - see the flyer below for further details.

Please remember there is also the school sandwich which you can pre-order or the option to have a jacket potato; these are also very popular for many children.

We would like your help to try and encourage your child to take up the UFSM offer and if at all possible, try it out on Thursday 19th January.

Thank you.



Winners of the Joke Competition

Tilly Shaw Y6

1. What is Rudolf's favourite singer?

Beyon Sleigh

Malik Haruna Y6

2. Why did Shakespeare write in ink?

He couldn't decide which pencil to use, 2b or not 2b

Hope Tonks Y3

3. What did the duck say after she bought some chapstick?

Put it on my bill

George Bingham Y3

4. Why can't you hear a Pteradactyl going to bathroom?

Because the P is silent

Noah Woodrow Y3

5. Why did the elves ask the turkey to join the band?

Because it had the drumsticks

Emily Eiben Y1

6. Why is Cinderella bad at sport?

She always runs away from the ball

Well done to you all - You all made Mrs Whiting laugh!

Nursery Email Address

Please remember to use the nursery email address when contacting the nursery:

nursery.admissions@redhillprimary.co.uk

Thank you.

Sporting Competitions

This week, we have taken part in two competitions - KS2 Arrows Archery (we placed 14th) and KS1 Kwik Cricket Festival. These were both excellent events. Two very enjoyable afternoons and they all did us proud. We are awaiting the final results for cricket.

Arrows Archery

Zia Hitchin

Eva Jones

Jacob Hudson

Finley Hudson

Kwik Cricket

Lola Burnham

Arlo James

Miller Holding

Amelia Evans

Ellis Ward

Matilda Maythorne

Harry Morris

Fraser Bradburn

Alexie Morgan-Smith

Sofia Fleury-Simpson

Well done to you all.

Winners of the Reading in an Unusual Place Competition

Well done to the following children who were winners of our reading competition:
Jacob Hudson, Finley Hudson, Bailey Richardson, Lucas Blakemore, William Wheelhouse,
Isabella Hughes and Rory Fance.



Arbor Calendar

As we are using the Arbor calendar for any school events that your child is involved with, the old school calendar on our website has been removed.

Your child's Arbor calendar can only be fully viewed via logging in through their website (<https://login.arbor.sc/>). The Arbor App just features a daily overview, and doesn't show a week or month view, like the website does.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who

- Are registered for free school meals;
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years;
- Are, or have been, in care;
- Have parents in the armed forces (Please see the website for our service letter which details how funding for children with parents in the armed forces are spent: [Pupil Premium - Redhill Primary Academy \(ttsonline.net\)](https://www.ttsonline.net)).

At Redhill Primary Academy, we get an extra £1,385 - these figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year - for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for

- Educational provision/resources;
- Academic interventions;
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions.

Please see our website for our Pupil Premium Strategy which explains how pupil premium funding is spent in more detail: [Pupil Premium - Redhill Primary Academy \(ttsonline.net\)](https://www.ttsonline.net)

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access

- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit;
- 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).

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please apply via the Telford and Wrekin website at:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20028/school_meals/9/free_school_meals

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Zara Bate, Office Manager.

Choir - Young Voices
Wednesday 25th January 2023

Please find below some information for children who will be attending the Young Voices concert on 25th January.

The children will eat their dinner at school before they leave for the rehearsal in the afternoon at Resorts World Arena.

They will have a break for tea before the concert, which begins at 7pm.

The concert ends at approximately 9.15pm.

Each child will need to bring a drink and a packed tea to eat during the break between the rehearsal and the production.

After the concert, we anticipate that we will arrive back to school at approximately 10.15-10.30pm. This approximate time depends on when the concert finishes and how quickly we are released from the venue. It is also traffic dependent.

We will keep you updated via our Twitter feed.

All children will return to school on the school coach. Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate parents collecting their children directly from the venue.

If your child has PE on the day, they should come in their PE kit as usual and bring in their Young Voices t-shirt or their plain white t-shirt in a bag, with their school bottoms.

If your child doesn't have PE, they should come in school uniform and put their Young Voices t-shirt or their plain white t-shirt in a bag to get changed into before they leave.

If you have ordered adult tickets, have been sent home with your child this afternoon.

Please check that you have received them.

Transport on the Day

Parents attending must make their own transport arrangements.

If you have purchased adult tickets, please see below the travel update from the venue:

Please note the B4438 Catherine de Barnes Lane Road Closure - 9th Jan-7th Feb, further information can be viewed here: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/west-midlands/m42-junction-6/#:~:text=The%20date%20for%20this%20road,on%20Tuesday%207%20February%202023>

Please allow for this on your travel time to the arena.

Please also consider pre-paying for your parking due to the volume of traffic leaving the arena:

[Parking Options | Resorts World Arena](#)

Bag Policy

Resorts World have a bag policy. Please see link:

[Resorts World Arena Bag Policy](#)

The arena encourages visitors to avoid bringing a bag, where possible.

We hope that the children have a wonderful time.

Choir Club - Parent Invitation

We would like to invite the parents of the children who attend choir club into school on Tuesday 24th January at 3.45pm to listen to a few of the songs that they have been practising. They sound wonderful and we would like you to hear them too.

Please do not arrive any earlier than 3.45pm and enter the school via the main entrance.

If your child is in KS2 and you would like them to join the choir, please contact the school office.

The sessions are on a Tuesday until Easter with Deakin Music, 3pm till 4pm, at a cost of £3 per session.

Children's Glasses

We have two pairs of glasses in the school office. If your child has lost their glasses, please can you come to check if they belong to them.

Thank you.

