

# 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

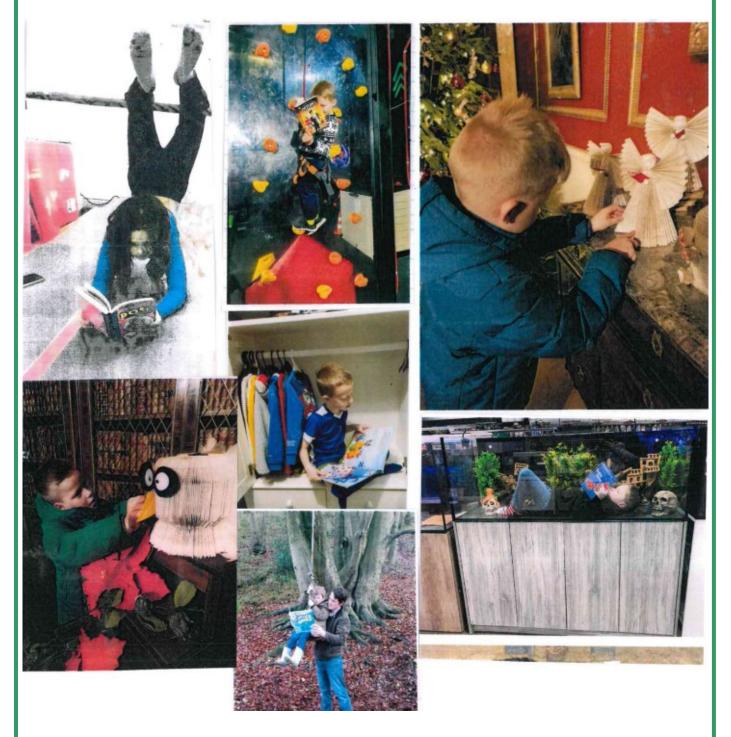
Zia Hitchin Eva Jones Jacob Hudson Finley Hudson

# 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

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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 (<u>https://login.arbor.sc/</u>). 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)).

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: <u>Pupil Premium - Redhill Primary Academy (ttsonline.net)</u>

# 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: <u>https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20028/school\_meals/9/free\_school\_meals</u>

### 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.

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



Fortnite: Chapter 2 has finally landed! With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand-new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.



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### **BATTLE ROYALE**

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Forthite sam example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and altempt to beaut all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. Hyou're serve seem the Nanger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this estalls. Each game can take up to 20 minutes lassming you last to the end] and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been thand.

### SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Forthrite is updated with a new seasor. This essentially adds new things like skims and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting way. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional no new index therein battle news for each server. everybody and other treques additional in one to play, though battle passes for each issean can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.

# IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Formits in at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is no popular with young seeple. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debats. WHO (World Health Organization) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solve a concern with Formits. Signs of addiction can include initiability when not playing, bying about the amount of time played and a processpation with thoughts of the nest gaming assuing. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.

### **CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE**

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One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on PC. PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online which is free! and then linked with your platform account. Deing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing celline with friends.

# FREE TO PLAY ... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotas in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called V-Bucks' and can be bought with real' money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not more any, are cournetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.

# IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortmite has been rated by the ESRB Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains carbony violence and it weapons and acts depicted in the game an some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood whot and instead of dying, they are simply beared up off the map. Netwrelly, players younger than the recommended age limit want to play the game and that should be a the discretion of parents and carers. ence and the od w

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# PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

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