

13th December 2024



# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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

### Social Media

# facebook

We have decided to move away from X (formerly Twitter) and use Facebook as our social media of choice. Please can you follow our new Facebook page, Redhill Primary Academy.

### Reception 2025/2026 Applications

For reception places in September 2025, applications are available via the [Telford & Wrekin website](#)

**All parents need to apply via the Telford and Wrekin Parent Portal.**

Please note:

Parents will need to make an application to the Local Authority of where they are living; this is where they pay Council Tax to, even if they want to apply for a school in another LA area.

**If a child is attending a school-based nursery, they still need to apply for a school place.**

Parents can include up to 4 preferences on their application and we recommend that they do this, and include their catchment/nearest school.

The deadline is as follows:

**Reception: 15th January 2025**

More information around school allocations and oversubscription criteria is available on the Telford & Wrekin website.

The school admissions website page also contains lots of additional information around school admissions.

### Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties w/c 16th December 2024

We will be holding our class Christmas parties during w/c 16th December.

Please can children arrive at school wearing their party clothes and then they can remain in them all day.

If your child's party is being held on the pantomime day, please can they wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan over their party clothes. Children can bring one item of party food to eat for themselves, but please do not bring sweets or nuts.

Tuesday 17th December  
Year 1

Wednesday 18th December  
Reception  
Year 2  
Year 3

Thursday 19th December  
Year 4

Friday 20th December  
Year 5  
Year 6



## BBC's 500 Words



A **HUGE** well done to Jonah and Lottie from Year 6AC for making it through to the next round of the BBC's 500 Words competition!

This is an amazing achievement as these children have been chosen from tens of thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through to the second round of judging by the Reading Agency.

Well done and fingers crossed!

### Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December

We will be holding our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day (or a normal jumper; please do not go out and buy one) replacing their school sweatshirt or cardigan.

They should wear their school uniform (unless it is their Christmas party day).

On this day, we will not be able to serve any other meals, so if your child would not like the Christmas meal, please can you provide them with a packed lunch.

The Christmas lunch service is a fun time where children will sing songs, make hats and enjoy the festive cheer!

### No PE - Friday 20th December

There will be no PE lessons on Friday 20th December.

As we are going to the pantomime, children should attend school wearing their school uniform. If it is their party day, they should arrive in their party clothes with a school sweatshirt/cardigan over the top.

They can take their sweatshirt/cardigan off when they return to school.

### Reception

Reception have had a busy week with some very exciting visitors.

#### Dental Nurse

Reception enjoyed a visit from the dental nurse and Derek the Dragon. She talked about the importance of brushing two times a day for two minutes and the different foods we should eat. She showed us how to brush our teeth and reminded us not to swill our mouths afterwards. We all had a go at brushing Derek's teeth, making sure we were cleaning them well and not forgetting his tongue.

#### Visit from Pam from our local church

We had a visitor to share the story of Christmas and enjoyed unveiling the figures to build the nativity story and scene.

### Christmas Workshop Experience

This week, Y5 had the chance to visit the Telford Minster in the town centre to learn more about the Christmas story. We took part in different activities to learn more about the people and events of the story, while reflecting on the links to our own life. We thought about Mary and finding out about her baby, the journey

Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem and the importance of the Shepherds and Wise Men. We finished by seeing an animation of the whole Christmas story and reminding ourselves of the values of Christmas. It was a fun and interesting morning for us all.



## Year 6 Visit to RAF Cosford



Following on from our history block on the innovations of warfare from 1914-1945, children visited the RAF Cosford museum. Here, they were able to see much of the weaponry developed during these conflicts. We saw the bi-planes that were used in World War One such as the Sopworth Pup. We then learned about the advent of planes with jet engines, which were able to fly at much greater speeds and over greater distances (such as the famous Spitfire). Finally, we were able to stand under the huge bombing doors of Avro bombers, which allowed these monsters of the air to drop their huge payloads on the towns and cities of Europe in World War II, turning the tide of the conflict into the favour of the Allies. Linked to our block, we were also able to see the V1 'doodlebug' bombs - known as Hitler's vengeance weapons - in real life and the fearsome V2.

The children of Redhill did the school proud with their impeccable behaviour and keen questioning of the volunteers at the site, and were rewarded with the opportunity to dress in some of the clothing from both wars, sit in the cockpit of a Hawker Hunter jet and take part in a rocket workshop.



# FRIENDS OF REDHILL

December 2024



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Wreath making nights.

What a success, we can't wait for next year!



Its your **LAST CHANCE** to buy tickets to our Rainbow Raffle The PTA events site has been updated with pictures of all the prizes. Feel free to take a look! Prizes will be distributed to children in school throughout the week. If not for any reason, they must be picked up by Friday, 16th December. Remember, everyone has a chance to win, including teachers, grandparents, your postman, and even the PTA members! The draw is completely randomized using an external online site – Random.org. The link to the winning list will be displayed on PTA Events and Facebook.

