

16th September 2022



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Bank Holiday on Monday

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral.

The official date of the State Funeral is 19th September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and, as a result, the school and nursery will be closed that day.

European Day of Languages

As a school, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages on Monday 26th September. This is an opportunity for us to share with the children the joy of learning languages and to promote the linguistic and cultural diversity of the World, particularly in Europe. On that day, we will be holding an assembly to introduce the day and all classes will be completing some activities linked to language learning. The kitchen will also be providing a European inspired menu. It should be a fun day!

Enrichment Weeks at Redhill

At Redhill Primary Academy, we further exploit our excellent curriculum offer by having a variety of enrichment weeks throughout the academic year. The themes and concepts covered by these weeks are not only woven into our curriculum offer over the academic year, but in having a specific week dedicated to these themes, this allows the concepts to really take prominence within our school and give children an opportunity to revisit them.

Last year, we completed some very successful weeks which focused on the following areas of our curriculum, which we felt the children should gain a better understanding of. We were incredibly lucky to have many parents and carers and local business people come into school to work alongside the children, further enhancing their experiences.

This academic year, we will continue to deliver enrichment weeks once again and would like to ask for your support in carrying these out. **If you feel that you could contribute to one of the following weeks, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office at parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk**

This half term, we are going to be completing British Values Week, where children will be reminded of our fundamental values which prepare us all for citizenship in modern society. We would love to hear from anyone who is able to talk about the fundamental rights of democracy, individual liberty or the rule of law, possibly working in a career which lends itself to these values.

In our second half term, we will be celebrating Friendship Week, asking children to consider what it means to be a good friend.

In the Spring term, we will be completing our E-safety Week and take part in our annual World Book Day celebrations, reminding children of the importance of keeping safe online and to help foster a love of reading.

The summer term will see the return of our Healthy Lifestyles Week and our Aspirations and Careers Week. These weeks ensure that children understand that mental health, physical health and diet contribute to making us healthy and allow the children opportunities to discover more about their learning beyond secondary school and the world of work. We would really like to hear from anyone who would be willing to come into school to offer any expertise in the world of work or maintaining a healthy lifestyle through mental and physical health and/or diet.

We cannot wait to complete our enrichment weeks once again and look forward to making them even more spectacular than they have been in previous years.

Pupil Voice Committee

We would like to announce who have been successful in applying for some of our prestigious pupil voice committees.

Head Boy and Head Girl

These children were nominated by their classmates as being exemplary pupils at Redhill. They always try their best at everything they do and always follow the school rules. It is always a difficult decision choosing just one child to fill each of the roles.

Our new Head Boy is Luke Jeffs and our new Head Girl is Charlie Owen.

Well done to you both.



House Captains

The House Captains have responsibility for their individual houses.

They help organise and run house and sports events.

The new House Captains are
Dionne White - Wright House
Owen Hart - Brookes
Malik Haruna - Darwin
Gracie Ferguson - Webb



Executive Council

Our Executive Council represent the rest of the children in their class, allowing their voices to be heard through regular meetings and bringing important messages to the attention of the Senior Leadership Team.

The children wrote speeches explaining why they would make good representatives.

The children who make up our Executive Council are

Harry Conniffe, Aiden Rushton, Matilda Shaw, Jemima Ellerker, Alfie Birch, Thea St John, Ella Stoker and Freddie Carpenter



Maths Targets

Once again, this year, we will be asking for your support with the maths targets which we set for the children. We have identified a range of important mathematical knowledge, which we feel is important. Each half term, the children from Y1-Y6 will follow a whole school maths theme. Your child will have a personalised target to work on, linked to that theme, which matches their level of ability. These will be placed in the homework books to share with you; this sheet will explain what the target means, give some examples of the key facts which need to be learnt or recalled quickly and provide some top tips for how you can help at home.

In school, we will be introducing the concept with a starter session and continuing to work on the theme over the course of the half term. This may be in daily maths lessons, as part of our retrieval activities, in mental arithmetic sessions or even through intervention groups. At the end of the half term, we will be assessing how the children have got on and celebrating their successes. Each half term, your child will receive a new target to work on.

Your child will be bringing home their maths target in their homework book. Any written work you wish to do to support this target can be placed in their book, however this is not compulsory. You may wish to get them to use a website to help them, try some oral questions or even create a poster. It is up to you! As always, we value any support you are able to offer.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

Lisa Williams (Maths Co-ordinator)

School Uniform Reminder

Further to our uniform letter sent out in May 2022, please find below information with regards to bags and PE kits.

School Bags

Green reading book bags. If your child is adding a keyring to the bag for easy identification, this needs to be minimal in size, as the bags need to fit in the children's drawers.

Drawstring green bags for PE kits. These only need to be brought in on days the children have a club as children are allowed to wear PE kits on the days they have PE.

Our cloakrooms are in the classrooms, and there is limited space. We cannot accommodate rucksacks and large sports bag, especially in the winter when children are wearing winter coats and often bringing a change of shoes. Drawstrings bags also stop the pressure for parents to buy labelled branded products which are often significantly more expensive than the draw string option.

PE kits

Joggers and hoodies, need to be plain black or the school Redhill hoodie. **No branded items are allowed.**

Lost Property

Please remember that all school uniform should be labelled.

If it is labelled, it will be easier to return to the child who has lost it.

Thank you for your support.

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3

After Christmas, the children will be learning to play the recorder as part of their music lessons.

Children will be able to borrow a recorder from school, or there is an option for you to place an order with school for you to buy your child their own, for £11.99.

If you would like to purchase a recorder, please do so by **Friday 7th October at 12pm** via ParentPay so that orders can be placed. If you do not make a payment, we will assume that your child is happy to borrow a school recorder.

Nursery Email

We have a new nursery email. Please use this when communicating with the nursery.

nursery.admissions@redhillprimary.co.uk

Year 5 Trip

On Thursday, Y5 were lucky enough to visit Think Tank in Birmingham as part of their current science work on Earth and Space. The children took part in two workshops: the first, Earth and Beyond, which explored the life of an astronaut in space; the second, in the planetarium, where the children learnt all about the stars and sky above. It was an interesting day and the children left feeling inspired to learn more back in school.