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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

February Half-Term

We hope that you have a restful February half-term break.
We return to school and nursery on Monday 27th February.
We look forward to seeing you all then.

Outward Bound Residential Trip - Deposit Payment

Please be reminded that the Outward Bound deposit payment of £100 is due by Tuesday 28th February.

Sporting News

Once again, another busy week for Redhill with sports competitions.

On Tuesday, KS2 students took part in a Kwik-cricket competition at Oakengates tennis centre. The group finished in 2nd place overall and all came away from the event with a big smile on their faces.

On Wednesday, the KS2 hockey team took part in a Telford and Wrekin qualifying competition with other local schools. The group showed wonderful individual and team displays, finishing in first place. The next round will take place in March. We wish the group all the very best in their next competition.

On Thursday, some KS2 children took part in a tag-rugby event at Abraham Darby School. The group conducted themselves very well throughout the competition and finished third in their group. We would like to wish our 5/6 boys' football team good luck in their SSCFA cup final against John Fletcher this evening.



School Day Timings

We would just like to remind parents that Year 5 and Year 6 children finish their lessons at 3.05pm, therefore they may be released from the classroom just after this time. Thank you.

Information For Parents

We have been asked to distribute the following updates for your information.

Advice for parents on visits to settings involving contact with animals

Visitor attractions involving contact with animals are understandably popular with parents and children but do carry a risk from infectious diseases.

All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans, where they may cause ill health. Some of these, such as E. coli O157 or Cryptosporidium (Crypto), present a serious health hazard and have the potential to cause serious illness which may be particularly severe in young children. We see many cases of Crypto each year in the Health Protection Hub, particularly among children, and it's a miserable experience for them and their parents.

Following these practical steps will help your child stay safe and healthy:

Children should wash their hands in the following four situations: after contacting animals, before eating, before and after using play equipment, and when leaving site. It will help to explain why they must wash their hands thoroughly in these situations and to show them what proper handwashing looks like. Bear in mind that alcohol gel is not a suitable substitute for proper hand washing with soap and running water - it doesn't work against Crypto.

Do not suck fingers or put hands, pens, pencils or crayons etc. in mouths.

Check that cuts, grazes etc. on children's hands are covered with a waterproof dressing.

Do not kiss animals.

Eat only food that you have brought with you or food for human consumption that you have bought on the premises, and eat only in designated areas.

Never eat food that has fallen to the ground.

Never taste animal foods.

Children should not eat, drink or chew anything (including sweets) outside the areas designated for eating at the visitor attraction.

Where possible, clean or clean and change footwear before leaving. The site should have facilities to clean footwear and pushchair/pram wheels as you leave the site. Wash hands after cleaning/ changing footwear.

Do not use or pick up tools (e.g. spades and forks) or touch other work equipment unless permitted to do so by site staff.

Do not climb on to walls, fences, gates or animal pens etc. Some animals put their feet on the fences of their pens and contaminate them with faecal matter.

Listen carefully and follow the instructions and information given by the site staff.

Do not wander off into unsupervised or prohibited areas e.g. manure heaps.

Allow plenty of time for hand washing before eating or leaving the site so that the children do not have to rush.

If a member of your group shows signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhoea) after a visit, visit the doctor and explain that they have had recent contact with animals. Please also contact the attraction you visited and inform them of the illness.

Water Safety Tips for Parents

The Canal & River Trust have produced some information on water safety for parents based on their SAFE message - Stay Away From the Edge, with a focus on getting children to "hold hands and take two steps back" when by the water side. They have a video you can watch with your children featuring

Maddie Moate from CBeebies:



Water Safety Tips for Parents - Continued...

Other tips

Always hold your child's hand when by the water

Make sure the brake is on the pram or pushchair when stationary

Make sure to look out for other people on busy towpaths before stepping back

Head to the Explorers website to download learning activities to help your toddlers and pre-schoolers learn how to stay safe by the water.

What to do if a child falls into the water

There may be other people around, so shout for help as loudly as you can.

If you have other children with you, make sure they are safe.

Dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly - use road names, bridge numbers, what3words and describe any landmarks.

Lie down on the ground and try to reach them in the water. Use a tree branch, stick or an item of clothing to reach out to them. Don't get in the water yourself. If they have fallen in, it's likely that they won't be too far away from the edge.

If you can, haul them out of the water. Do this by lying down on the ground and pulling them out by grabbing their clothes. Don't pull them out from a standing position as you are more likely to fall in the water yourself.

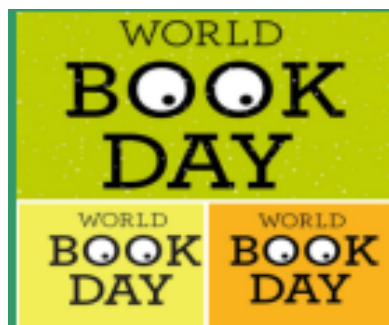
If you can't get them out, lie on the ground and hold on to them until help arrives.

You can visit their website here: [Water safety tips for parents | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/water-safety-tips-for-parents)

Telford Tigers Tickets

There are still a few Telford Tigers tickets left for the game on Sunday 19th March at 6pm. You can purchase these on ParentPay up until Friday 10th March at 12 noon, or until they sell out. It is a good, high-octane evening out and fun for all the family.

World Book Day 2023



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character on this day or bring in a favourite book from home. The children will take part in different activities relating to books and authors during the day.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps such as Wink and Hoop have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to send snaps daily. Spotlight Challenges give users the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXTING

Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse. While these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshotted first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although many are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking into locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, or display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a #challenge like TikTok's: it's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Snapchat has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but Stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use SnapMaps, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in. Additionally, it's important to be cautious about Shared Stories as this allows people who are not on your contact list access to the post.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Dear Parents and Carers

Telford and Wrekin Music have been delivering instrumental lessons since 2007, teaching a variety of instruments in schools across Telford, in small groups and individually.

We are delighted to be visiting Redhill Primary Academy on Monday 27th February where the children will enjoy a music themed assembly, finding out about the benefits of learning an instrument and how much fun this can be. We will be available after school to talk to parents/carers about accessing music lessons in school.

Our lessons start at just £27.30 per month via our monthly payment plans, which allows the cost to be spread over the academic year. We offer 30 weeks of free lessons for children eligible to free school meals in line with the council's remission criteria, and free lessons for children in care.

Places are limited and subject to availability so please ensure you apply as soon as possible.

We look forward to meeting with you.

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KIDS EAT FOR £1 OR FREE

Asda

Kids Eat For £1 until end of March.

Toby Carvery

Kids Eat for £1 between
13th-17th and 20th-24th
February.

Beefeater

Kids Eat Free. Two kids under
16 with every adult breakfast
purchased.

The Real Greek

Free Kids meal for under 12's
for every £10 spent by an
adult on Sundays.

YO!

Under 10's Eat Free for every
adult £10 Spend 13th-24th
February.

Morrisons

Kids Eat Free when you buy an
adults meal for £4.49 or more.

Bella Italia

Kids Eat for £1 with every adults
meal between 4pm - 6pm
Monday- Thursday.

Dunelm - Pausa Cafe

One Free Kids Meal when an
adult spends £4.99 or more.

Bills

Up to Two Kids Kids Eat Free all
day Monday-Friday when one
adult orders any main dish.

Sizzling Pubs

For every adult meal get a
kids main meal for £1.