

17th March 2023



# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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

### Red Nose Day Fun

We had lots of fun for Red Nose Day today.  
It was lovely to see the effort that the children had gone to, to wear something red.  
We will let you know that amount raised for the charity as soon as we can.



### The Big Walk and Wheel

**20th March 2023 until 31st March 2023**

We are, once again, taking part in Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20th March to 31st March 2023.

It's a free challenge and we would love everyone to be involved.

#### **What do you need to do?**

Please support the school and encourage your child(ren) to take active journeys to school, on as many days as possible, during the event. Each day, teachers will record how many children have come into school by an alternative way to a car. This can include walk, bike, scooter or park and stride. The total number of children who have taken part will be collected at the end of the week and the winning class in both key stages will win a class mufti day. The children are very excited to be involved in this and we encourage you to take part where possible. We do not have sufficient space to house all bikes and scooters, so we are asking that, where possible, scooters and bikes are taken back home after dropping off. We appreciate that this maybe easier for the parents of children in Reception, year 1, and 2 as the bikes and scooters will be smaller.

#### **Why we are taking part**

Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to get children active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part! They range from micro scooters, cycle parking for schools, playground markings, bikes and accessories. We will be entered into a daily prize draw if over 15% of the pupils take part by walking, biking or scooting to school. For more information about the event, go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk). Enjoy the challenge!

### The Friends of Redhill Primary Academy

In order to keep the costs as low as possible for parents and carers, the Friends of Redhill have kindly donated £240 to cover the transport costs to Kingswood for the nursery trip. This donation has only been made possible by the continuing support of the group of volunteers that help to put on events like the ever popular school discos, the chocolate raffle, the prom for our year 6 children and many other events. The current group of volunteers all have children in Years 5 and 6, so will soon be moving onto pastures new. In order for us to maintain and keep up the amazing work that we do, we are asking for volunteers from the early year groups to join the friends.

Without these donations throughout the year, many of the trips that the school organise might not be possible for some children to attend. In order to make sure that all of our children have the same opportunities, please help us continue to give our support by joining the friends.

For more information, please get in touch with us through our Facebook page, or register your interest with the office and they will pass on your details.

We would love to welcome you to our friendly group; it's such a great way to make new friends, meet new people and to be involved with your child's school.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are'. It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

### Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.







## Friends of Redhill Primary Academy – Chair Report 2022/23

What a school year 2022/23 has been!

We had lots of fun putting on a Jubilee disco that was very well attended, the children all had a great time. We loved the ice cream van being able to pop in too! Hopefully this year we will see him more often!

In July, we saw the opening of the pastoral room which included the winning 2 pictures being added to the window design. Have you seen the new design? Come and have a look!



This year the prom was silver themed, and the children had a great time. They all got a leavers hoody too.

In the academic year 2022/23 the Friends have raised a fantastic £6340.91. These funds will contribute to the following: -

- ❑ Coaches for extracurricular trips
- ❑ Towards the upkeep of the minibus
- ❑ 30 new iPads, enough for a whole class

For 2022-2023 The Friends will be fundraising for **new iPads** to help support learning. With the current cost of living crisis, affecting us all, we will also be helping with transport costs to education trips where possible,

### Our Next Event

Look out for information about the Easter Raffle and the Easy Fundraising competition.

Yet again, I would like to thank Mrs. Whiting and the Governors for giving me the freedom to try new ways to raise these funds and to her staff at school for their constant support.

It's been such a difficult end to this academic year and each one of the families and children in our school have been affected in some way by the devastating results of the coronavirus outbreak.

The work of the pastoral and well-being team at Redhill is needed now more than ever, and we are so very proud to have been able to complete the purchase and installation of this room. We know it will go such a long way to help all of our children, especially those who may be struggling with the current new way of life.

To all the parents, carers, and children at Redhill. You help us to put the fun into fundraising and we truly appreciate all the support that you show us each year. Thank you.

To all the office staff who help us out behind the scenes, taking too many calls and emails from us, you are all amazing.



Finally, to the team of volunteers we have, the school and I are so lucky to have you. You are a group of passionate people who selflessly give up your time and work tirelessly to produce the most incredible events every year, come rain or shine. Without you, none of these fabulous totals would be raised for all our children. I am very much looking forward to taking the role on and having you all by side.

*Grace x*

As always, if anyone would like to volunteer to help at this, or any other events we host, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or anyone on the Friends.

**Friends of Redhill Primary School  
School Fund Receipts & Payments Account  
for year ending 31st August 2022**

<u>Receipts</u>	£	<u>Payments</u>	£
Current Account Balance 1.9.21	3,987.26		
Petty Cash 1.9.21	199.39		
	<b>4,186.65</b>		
Event - Halloween Disco	0.00	Event - Halloween Disco	235.20
Easyfundraising	432.20	Easyfundraising	0.00
Event - Muffti day	258.85	Event -Mufti day	52.00
Event - Bags 2 School	42.00	Event - Bags 2 School	0.00
Doughnuts	284.82	Doughnuts	0.00
Event - Jubilee Disco	3,536.71	Event -Jubilee Disco	2,187.87
Event - xmas cards	2,510.00	Event - Xmas Cards	1,884.80
Event - Chocolate Raffle	2,083.42	Event - Chocolate Raffle	296.00
Event - Hoodies	1,475.00	Event - Hoodies	985.30
Event - Pastoral	17.55	Event - Pastoral	391.68
Event - Leavers Disco	1,698.76	Event - Leavers Disco	1,011.43
Licence	0.00	Licence	114.61
PTA Insurance	0.00	PTA Insurance	128.00
Uniform	109.50	Uniform	0.00
ice Cream	100.00	ice Cream	0.00
Petty cash income	372.14	Petty Cash Spend	279.39
Donations to School - Panto/Nursery	0.00	Donations to School - Panto/Nursery	810.00
Audit Fees	0.00	Audit fees	79.20
	<b>12,920.95</b>		<b>8,455.48</b>
		Current Account as at 31.8.22	<b>8,551.12</b>
		Petty Cash as at 31.8.22	<b>101.00</b>
	<b>17,107.60</b>		<b>17,107.60</b>

In accordance with the school fund guidance notes, I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with books, vouchers and documents relating to Friends of Redhill Primary School for the period ending 31st August 2022

Audit work approved by: **T Drummond**                      T Drummond (CMAA)  
Principal Auditor

Date: **19/10/2022**

In my opinion the records have been properly kept and the receipts and payments account is in agreement with the books, vouchers and documents submitted and the explanation given to me.

**Friends of Redhill Primary School  
School Fund Receipts & Payments Account  
for year ending 31st August 2022**

<u>Cash Book Balance</u>	£	£
Balance b/f	4,186.65	
Expenditure per cash book	8,455.48	
Income per cash book	12,920.95	
<b>Balance per cash book at 31.8.21</b>		<b>8,652.12</b>
<u>Current Account Balance</u>		
Balance as per statement as at 31.8.22		8,551.12
- statement		
Less cheques drawn but not presented:		
cheque number 000000		0.00
Add bankings made but not on statement:		
paying in slip number 000000		0.00
		<b>8,551.12</b>
Petty Cash as at 31.08.2022		<b>101.00</b>
		<b>8,652.12</b>



## EKO EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB @ WESTON PARK

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*Open to children Years 1-8*



To make a booking for **ANY** of the 4 dates in our Easter Holiday Programme please use the following link: <https://www.ekolearning.org.uk/eko-holiday-clubs-weston-park/eko-easter-holiday-club/>

- Full Day 9:00am start – £40 / HAF funded place £5
- Short Day 10:30am start – £35 / HAF funded place FREE
- Each session will finish at 4:00pm.
- Payment by childcare vouchers is now an option when making a booking.

We will be running the EKO Holiday Club in conjunction with the **Holiday Activity and Food programme, (HAF)**. HAF is a government funded initiative set up to provide support during the school holidays for families who have children eligible for benefits related free school meals. We are delighted that EKO has been able to secure funding from **Shropshire & Staffordshire Councils**. If you have received a code for your child, either from your school or through your council's website, places at our Holiday Club will be FREE from 10:30am. If you wish to start at the earlier time of 9:00am there will be a small charge of £5.

A hot lunch and healthy snacks are all part of the day. We'll be mindful of dietary choices and food allergies, but EKO is all about having a go so we will be encouraging children to try new foods. However, please be assured that no one will go hungry!

All sessions will be based at Weston Park, using our dedicated **EKO Outdoor Learning Site** as well as the extensive grounds of Weston Park. For more information about how to join us and what to bring please use the following link <https://www.ekolearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/End-of-Term-HC-Joining-Instructions-2023.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [info@ekolearning.org.uk](mailto:info@ekolearning.org.uk)

Kind Regards,  
**Natasha Branston**  
Founder & EKO Leader



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Spring 2023

Dear parent/carer,

We know that many people are struggling as a result of rising food and energy bills.

To show we are firmly on your side we have detailed in this letter a package of support for families to stay healthy and happy during the Easter holidays.

### **Food vouchers**

Families with children who receive income-related Free School Meals or early year pupil premium or talking 2's funding, may be eligible for food e-vouchers.

Codes that can be redeemed for e-vouchers were issued on 10 February 2023.

**The vouchers are worth £15 per child per week** of the February half term and Easter holidays (so a total of £45 per eligible child). They can be used at local supermarkets.

For more information about these codes and the food e-vouchers you can obtain by redeeming them, please visit:

**[www.telford.gov.uk/fsmvoucher](http://www.telford.gov.uk/fsmvoucher)**

If you have any issues with claiming your code or receiving/spending the e-voucher(s), please call our voucher provider on **0800 587 2294** or contact them online: **[www.select-essentials.co.uk/contactus](http://www.select-essentials.co.uk/contactus)**

### **Happy Healthy Active Holidays returns**

You can register now for free holiday clubs taking place this Easter, 1 April – 16 April, through Happy Healthy Active Holidays.

The clubs are for reception through to secondary school children who receive income-related free school meals.

Each club will have a range of fun activities such as sports, music, and arts and crafts, as well as a free nutritious meal each day.



**Registration  
is now  
OPEN**

To register or check  
your details, please  
visit:

<https://hhah.telford.gov.uk>



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If you have previously registered, you must log in and update your child's personal information, emergency contact details, and email address. You need to do this to make bookings and to ensure contact details are correct should we need to contact you.

To register or re-confirm your details, please visit: <https://hhah.telford.gov.uk>

Once you have registered or re-confirmed your details, we will email you to let you know when bookings are open.

If you have any questions about Happy Healthy Active Holidays, please contact:  
[holidayactivityhub@telford.gov.uk](mailto:holidayactivityhub@telford.gov.uk)

### **More cost of living support**

If you are looking for further support during the current cost of living crisis, we have gathered many different sources of help and advice at: [www.telford.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.telford.gov.uk/costofliving)

Best wishes to you and your family,



**Councillor  
Shaun Davies**  
Leader, Telford & Wrekin  
Council  
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**Councillor  
Shirley Reynolds**  
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(Labour)



**Councillor  
Kelly Middleton**  
Cabinet Member for  
Leisure, Public Health and  
Well-Being, Equalities and  
Partnerships  
(Labour)

### **AFC Telford**

We have been asked to promote the following information within our school community.  
AFC Telford United are hosting the England v Germany Deaf International on Friday 24th March.

<https://www.telfordunited.com/news/international-fixture-at-telford/>