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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Covid Update

Despite the government announcement this week to relax Covid restrictions, Telford & Wrekin numbers remain high. Local Covid-19 cases are on a decreasing trend but continue to be high, with Telford and Wrekin recording the highest infection rate in the West Midlands. This is reflected in school, where we have seen very few cases in the first week of returning, but we are now seeing significant numbers in most classes across school. This increase in cases is naturally affecting staffing levels and putting some pressure on our ability to keep all classes open. Following the Health Protection Hub's guidance, we need to put in place additional measures/controls where a significant proportion of a group has tested positive. Where classes reach around a 30% threshold of positive cases, we put into place stepped-up measures to reduce the transmission within the class and more widely across the school. This is currently in place for 4 classes in school. We appreciate that there is some inconvenience caused for those classes in stepped-up measures, particularly parents who are working, but it is essential that we do so to reduce transmission. This is not only to protect all the children but also the staff, which is essential for us to be able to remain open and not need to put into place further attendance restrictions. Please see page 3 of the Mail for further Covid information.

Road Closures and Building Works

With the continued disruption, road closures and building works around our school and Priorslee, please can you ensure that you leave enough time to drop off and collect your child at school on time.

Group and Team Photographs

The photographers will be visiting us on Wednesday 16th February to take photographs of children who are part of a school group (ie. Head Boy/Head Girl, Executive Council, School Council, etc) or a sports team.

Online Sexual Harassment



The Children's Commissioner for England has released a new guide for talking to young people about online sexual harassment. It's called "The Things I Wish My Parents Had Known". It is aimed at parents and is based on the experiences and opinions of young people with simple but very important tips.

The full PDF guide can be found here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Childrens-Commissioners-Office-Talking-to-Your-Child-About-Online-Sexual-Harassment-A-Guide-for-Parents.pdf>

Basketball Team

Well done to the children who represented our school at the Telford and Wrekin Primary Schools Year 5/6 4v4 Basketball Tournament. The coach was impressed with your competitiveness, team spirit and your understanding and playing of the game.

The team: Jaja Palmer-Green, Jack Davies, Malik Haruna, Lucas Fletcher, Belle Preece, Zoe Briggs and Ruby Showker.

Special Education Needs Coordinator and Inclusion Manager

For those parents who don't know me, my name is Mrs Rock. I am the Special Education Needs coordinator/Inclusion Manager here at Redhill. I have been in this post for 12yrs. I am also the lead professional for Emotional Health and Wellbeing. I work part time and I am non-teaching. This means I am available to take calls or in more normal times, meet you face to face.

My working hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-2:50pm.

I also hold a 'lunchtime telephone surgery' for parents on Wednesdays between 12-2pm.

If you ring or email outside of these times, I can get back to you on my return.

I am here to support all of our Redhill community, no matter how big or how small your concern about your child may be.

These Children Received Celebration Awards from their Teachers



Maths - Free Resources for Use at Home

White Rose, which we use to support our maths teaching in school, have produced a free app aimed at EYFS and KS1. It is called 1-Minute Maths and is designed to be used at home and at school. It helps children build greater confidence and number fluency and is all about targeted practice in engaging one-minute chunks! It can be downloaded on ipads or mobile phones and is well worth a look!

Friday 4th February - World Number Day

On 4th February, we will be celebrating World Number Day. As part of this, we will be asking the children who would like to do so to dress up. We are linking this to our maths websites, Numbots and TTRS, therefore we would like EYFS and KS1 to dress up as robots and KS2 to dress up as rock stars! Please do not feel that you need to go and buy something special for this day - anything that you can create or imagine will be perfect. Perhaps ask your child what they think they could do! On this day, we will be doing some different maths activities to our normal lessons, showing the children why maths is important in the real world. Numbots and TTRS are also running some special activities on this day to use at home too.

We hope that you and your child will enjoy celebrating World Number Day with us.

Covid Information

Changes to Self-isolation Rules

On Thursday 13 January 2022 the Health Secretary announced changes to isolation rules for people who have tested positive for COVID-19. In order that people who have had and recovered from the virus can get back to their normal lives as soon as possible, isolation time has been cut to 5 full days (from the date of their first positive test) for anyone who has recorded two consecutive daily negative lateral flow tests.

This will help to reduce the disruption the virus causes in schools for both pupils and staff. But what will this mean in practice for children, families, schools and other education settings?

Here we answer your questions.

My child has tested positive for COVID-19 - how long do they have to stay away from school/college for?

All people - including pupils parents and teachers - have to isolate for a minimum of five full days after the day of a positive test before then going back to school if they have tested negative twice. The first full day of isolation is considered to be the day following the positive test. Following the fifth full day of isolation - on the sixth day - it will be possible for people who have received two negative LFD tests on consecutive days to go back to school. People who have tested positive can now take two LFD tests on day 5 and day 6, and if both are negative and they do not have a temperature, they can end their self-isolation on day 6 and return to their education setting immediately. If either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. In practice, it means that if a child or teacher tests positive on a Saturday that would be considered day 0. They could then take tests on the morning of Thursday (day 5) and Friday (day 6). If they tested negative on both days and did not have a temperature, they would be then able to return to school on the Friday.

What about if someone else in the house has tested positive? Can my child go to school/college?

Yes - and they should. They should continue going to school but test daily.

If they test positive they should isolate.

Contact Details and Consent

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change so that we can amend them on your child's record.

If you ever want to withdraw your consent for the Academy to process your data, please fill in the consent withdrawal form which is available on our website.

Reminder around Electronic Devices

We would like to politely remind all parents and carers that children are not permitted to wear any smart watches in school. We would also like to remind parents that if children are bringing mobile phones into school, they must be taken to the school office before 9am and collected at 3pm. We understand that some of our older children walk to and from school and therefore, parents may wish to contact their child when they are making their way to and from school, but we ask that the school rules are adhered to at all times.



CROSSBAR NINJA WARRIOR HOLIDAY CLUB



Mon 21st - Fri 25th February

Action packed Holiday Clubs open to boys & girls aged 4*-11 only
£15 per day from 8.30am - 4pm. Book your place using our online
booking system www.crossbarcoaching.schoolipal.co.uk where you
can easily register, book and complete payment to secure your
place.

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For more info or help with booking your place please email
admin@crossbarcoaching.com

or call 01952 677965. *Must have started school (reception)

Your child will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink and suitable
clothing for indoor & outdoor sports/activities.

