

21st June 2024



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

PD Day

Please remember that there is a PD day on Friday 28th June which is a non-school day. Children will return to school on Monday 1st July.

Next Year

We are going to be saying sad farewells to the following teachers at the end of this school year. Mrs Williams (Y2) is moving to another school where she is commencing a Senior Leadership role. Mrs Lewis (Y1) is moving out of the area and has secured a SENDCo role. Miss Dhillon (Y4) is moving to a role at a local secondary school where she will have responsibility for RE. We wish them all well in their future endeavours.

Hair Accessories

Please can we remind you that hair accessories must be minimal in design and also in the school colour of green, grey or black. Thank you.

September SENDCo Roles

From September, Mrs Rock and Mrs Coughlan will be sharing the SEND role, and will be available to talk about any concerns you have with regards to SEND. If, for any reason they are not available, the school office will take a message and ask one of them to call you back.

Mrs Rock works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Coughlan works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Free School Meals

Your child, or children, may be eligible to claim Free School Meals if you are on a low income and receive a qualifying benefit.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive universal infant free school meals, and this is not linked to your income.

If you receive one of the qualifying benefits, we can receive Pupil Premium funding. Even if you don't want your child (or children) to receive the meals or they receive universal free school meals and you receive one of the qualifying benefits, it is still important to make an application to Free School Meals. This will allow us to receive extra funding, which could then be used to support your child eg. free after school activity clubs, free breakfast club, free music lessons.

Your child, or children, may qualify for Free School Meals if you meet the following criteria:

you or your partner (if you have one) have a child for whom you receive Child Benefit and who is attending a school or college in Telford and Wrekin, and you get any of the following:

Universal Credit and your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get), Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2025. This is linked to the expected roll-out date of Universal Credit.

Bags of Kindness – Careers Week

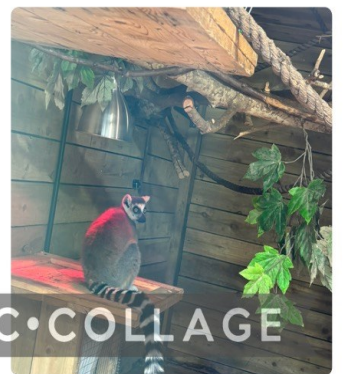
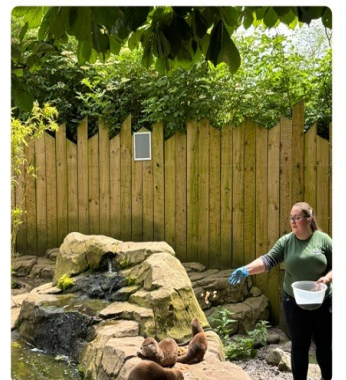
As a part of careers week, Year 6 embarked on a British Red Cross initiative to create Bags of Kindness for vulnerable members of the community. Students were split into several teams with a range of responsibilities. These included product designers, a finance committee and a logistical department.

The bags, which included tea bags, bookmarks, inspirational quotes, sweets and other creative treats, were passed to a local reverend on their visit to school, in order to be shared out within our community.



Year 2- Exotic Zoo

On Thursday, Year 2 had a fantastic day at the Exotic Zoo which was consolidating some of our science learning. We were able to look around the zoo at the animals from different habitats and even managed to catch a couple of shows, including the otter show and the stage show which included a very hungry chameleon! It was a wonderful day out and the children really enjoyed it!



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Big Bang Science Fair

On Thursday 20th June, our Y6 children got the chance to visit the Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. Whilst there, they were able to engage in lots of hands-on activities and find out about exciting STEM careers. Some favourites included finding out about the work that National Rail do; JCB and their designs for the future; Jaguar Land Rover and their efforts to compete in the electric vehicle market; and Specsavers, who demonstrated the importance of technology to ensure good eye and ear health.



Year 6 Visit

Reverend Jules and Reverend Tom came to visit Year 6 this week.

She began by talking to the children about important dates in the Christian calendar: Easter, Ascension & Pentecost (the Church's birthday).

The focus of the session, however, was on Trinity Sunday and Ordinary Time.

To begin with, one half of the group focused on Trinity (three together). The three persons that work as one are God - the Father, God - the Son and God - the Holy Spirit. The children made friendship bracelets from wool: they plaited three pieces of wool together to symbolise how three strands together are stronger than one. Reverend Jules linked this to teamwork and working together. She talked about how people are stronger together when they support one another.

The other half of the group were learning about Ordinary Time. They decorated bookmarks with the following quote: 'Do to other people the same things as you want them to do for you.' Matthew 7: 12

Reverend Tom spoke to the children about how Ordinary Time is a period of growth and reflection, a time to act as good Christians, treating others how they would like to be treated themselves.

After a short break, Reverend Jules began to talk to the children about their transition to secondary school. The children rated their confidence level from 1-10. They talked about some of the reasons that they were excited or nervous for the move. The children were shown a video of some secondary school children who had been through the transition from Year 6 to Year 7.



A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy

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Summer Discos

Only 5 more days until our Summer Disco takes place! Both discos tickets can only be bought online at PTA events, <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/>

DNA Kids will be the entertainment for this year's Summer Disco! This means a fun disco, children's favourite music by request, special effects machines, dancing competitions, giveaways and party games!

Reception – Year 2 disco will be held between 5pm – 6pm, with tickets costing £7. This includes entertainment, a hot dog, drinks and a goody bag. There is nothing to buy at this event so children do not need to bring any money.

Years 3 - 6 disco will be held between 6:15pm - 7:15pm, with tickets costing £4.50. This includes entertainment, a hot dog and drinks. Children are welcome to bring some pocket money as there will be additional food and merch on sale for them to buy.

Chocolate Hamper Feedback

Please see the poster on the next page which includes feedback to the comments we received about the chocolate hamper prize draw. Thank you all for your comments!

If you would like to give your feedback in person and help plan future events, our next AGM is on Wednesday 9th October at 6pm at School.

The Friends



you said we listened

Chocolate Hamper Feedback!

The tickets were too expensive on top of other fundraisers/school trips etc

We try to space out our fundraising activities throughout the year and offer a fair price while still raising a good amount of money for the school

I didn't want to win chocolate, especially just after Easter

We hear you! We changed the timings for this year as the term before Easter was so short. Our next planned raffle is a rainbow raffle - it wont just be chocolate

Have an option for Apple Pay if possible

PTA Events are currently doing testing into the use of Apple & Google Pay! We have expressed our interest in the initiative

Paper tickets would be a good addition to online tickets

We couldn't do this as all raffle ticket numbers are created automatically on PTA events, so we couldn't add physical ones to them

Prefer the old paper method so children can sell tickets to family members etc

We made the decision to go online/cashless as we have previously had issues with monies being lost in transit - family members can still purchase via PTA Events

Let parents or children draw the raffle as the Friends always seem to win

PTA events uses a website (Random.org) to draw the winners - the link to this draw was posted on our Facebook page and in the MoF at the time

I did not feel this catered for allergies

All hampers were created from donated chocolate so we were limited with what we could create! We did make 4 Nut-Free hampers, but will try to improve this going forward to include more allergens

Process seemed complicated - using ParentPay would be useful

We would love to use ParentPay and are still in talks with the school to hopefully make this happen

Our next AGM is on Wednesday 9th October - 6pm at School.

We encourage everyone to attend to give more feedback on events and help plan future ones! Thankyou for your continued support in raising money for Redhill.

Upcoming Events 2024



APRIL 19
Multi Day
Bring in an item of chocolate

APRIL 25
Chocolate Hamper
Prize Draw

APRIL 18
PTA Social
6pm
The Lion, Priorstee

JUNE 26
Summer Discos
YR - Y2 - 5pm - 6pm
Y3 - Y6 - 6:15pm - 7:15pm

JUNE LAST WEEK
Leavers Hoodies

JULY 03
Bag 2 School
AM

JULY 11
Year 6 Prom

JULY 19
King Cone Ice Cream
Van



Scan the QR code to book tickets to events

Dates are subject to change



THE FRIENDS OF REDHILL PRESENTS

HOLLYWOOD YEAR 6 PROM

Thursday 11th July, 5pm - 7pm
Tickets £8

Price includes decorations, disco, buffet, and a special prom treat to go home with

Tickets available to purchase by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/>



RECEPTION - YEAR 2

Summer Disco

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

5PM - 6PM

TICKETS - £7

INCLUDES DNA KIDS ENTERTAINMENT, A HOT DOG, DRINKS AND A GOODY BAG

TICKETS SOLD VIA PTA

EVENTS. SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT

[www.pta-](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryaca)

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YEARS 3 - 6

SUMMER DISCO

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

6:15pm - 7:15pm

TICKETS - £4.50
INCLUDES DNA KIDS ENTERTAINMENT, A HOT DOG AND DRINKS
TUCK AND MERCH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY SO BRING SOME POCKET MONEY!

TICKETS SOLD VIA PTA EVENTS. SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFREDHILLPRIMARYACADEMY





Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops

