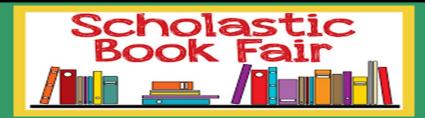


# 22nd November 2024 Mail on Friday Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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The Scholastic HALF PRICE Book Fair will be returning to Redhill on Thursday 5th December and collected on the 12th December (school days only). The Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up celebration of reading that puts the very best books directly into our pupils' hands, all while raising rewards to spend on free books and essential resources for our school. Children will have the opportunity to view the books during school time and for those who are unable to make it, an order can be placed online, details to follow.

Please by aware if you are visiting the Book Fair on these day it is cashless so orders will be placed through your mobile.

## Sports Kit

Please can we remind you of the importance of returning sports kit to school after they have been washed. We have lots of competitions happening and only a limited amount of kits to choose from. Unfortunately, we may have to charge for a replacement for the ones not returned. Thank you for your support.

### Menu Change

On the Wednesday 27th November, instead of Roast Chicken the menu will be the Big Breakfast. On Thursday 28th November, the kitchen will be offering the special Thanksgiving Menu, as per our website. Link below:-School Meals - Redhill Primary Academy

#### **Online Grooming Crimes Increase**

The NSPCC has published a news story on online grooming crimes against children in the UK. Figures provided by 45 UK police forces show that 7,062 sexual communication with a child offences were recorded in 2023/24, an increase of 89% since 2017/18. The data also reveals that where a means of communication was known, 48% of offences were on Snapchat; and 81% of grooming cases took place against girls. The NSPCC is calling for Ofcom to strengthen rules for tech platforms to ensure they are proactive and that social media apps do not contribute to abuse; and for the UK Government to strengthen legislation to ensure child sexual abuse is disrupted in private messages such as on Snapchat and WhatsApp.

Read the news story: Online grooming crimes against children increase by 89% in six years

### Uniform Reminder - Shoes

Please remember that children should be wearing black school shoes - no slip-on shoes, boots, open-toed sandals or heels. Heels/open-toed sandals/slip-on shoes are not suitable for children running around on the playground. Without appropriate footwear, children will only access indoor play. Boots can be worn to school, but children must change into their school shoes on arrival.

#### Year 2 - Christmas in a Box

This week, Year 2 took part in a workshop called 'Christmas in a Box'. They learnt about each group of people involved in the Christmas Story and the journeys that they made to reach the baby Jesus. At each station they had time to reflect and created an item to add to their own Nativity box to remind them how special and loved they are.

A big thank you to our visitors from Telford Minster for such a wonderful workshop!





### Winter Illness Information for Parents and Carers

We have been asked by the Health Protection Hub to share the following information with you, to help keep everyone well during the winter season.

#### **Teaching Good Hygiene Habits**

Parents/carers are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

#### Knowing When to Keep your Child at Home and When to Send them to School

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay at home if they feel too unwell to attend and/or if they have a fever. They should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend. If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should stay home for 48 hours after these symptoms clear up. Let the school know if your child is diagnosed with other illnesses such as scarlet fever and they can advise you how for long your child should stay off school.

#### Stopping the Spread of Stomach Bugs

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, washing hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important not to return to school or nursery until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

#### Getting Vaccinated

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) all 3 year olds are eligible for the flu vaccine.

This will protect the children themselves, the school community and elderly relatives.

It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, you can check their "red book" or contact their GP.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home.

#### NOVEMBER WEEK 4



#### OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you found us on Facebook yet? Please give us a us a follow and a like!



#### PTA VACANCIES

Social Media Co-Ordinator

Please get in touch if you can help!

#### ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Wow! We have raised £965so far!

This amazing initiative only runs until the end of November, so please add Redhill to your Rewards App if you haven't already!



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Thank you to everyone who has already signed up - we've raised

£3212 IN TOTAL

