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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Parent Questionnaire 2023/2024

The parent questionnaire has been sent as an attachment to this week's Mail. Thank you to all parents and carers who took time to complete it. We hope that you enjoy reading the responses. As you know, your views are crucial to maintaining high standards at Redhill. The parental input has already enabled the school to put in place some additional measures in response to issues raised. The results of the questionnaires are overwhelmingly positive. It is clear from the results and the comments given by parents that they have a very positive view of the school, which reflects the high level of commitment from the Headteacher, the staff and the governors to drive forward standards and ensure that Redhill is a school that we are all proud of.

Young Voices

On Monday 22nd January, some of our Redhill Choir attended Young Voices 2024. This is a fantastic event held at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham where schools from all across the Midlands join to form one big young voices choir. The children (and staff) had the most amazing time and really did sing their hearts out. A massive congratulations to all those children who attended. We look forward to going again next year!



Royal British Legion

We have received a thank you from the Royal British Legion for raising £492.36 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Packed Lunch - Choking Hazards

Please can you be mindful of the foods that are placed in children's packed lunches that could cause a choking hazard, particularly in our younger children's lunches. These could include items such as whole grapes, olives and cherry tomatoes.

Sports Kits

Please can all washed sports kits be returned to school as soon as possible. We have lots of competitions coming up and need the kits back. Thank you.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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A note from the Friends of Redhill Primary Academy



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Valentine's Disco

Don't forget to book tickets for the Valentine's Disco! It will be held on Thursday 8th February.

Both discos' tickets can only be bought online at PTA events, <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/>.

Reception/KS1 disco will be held between 5pm - 6pm, with tickets costing £6. This includes 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.

KS2 disco will be held between 6:15pm - 7:15pm, with tickets costing £3.50. This includes 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.

Uniform Donations

As you're aware, the Friends sell pre-loved uniform in order to raise funds for the school. We are particularly low on larger sized items, ages 9-10, 11-12 and XXS. If you have any of these items that your children have grown out of, we would really appreciate it if you could drop them off at the school office.

Easy Fundraising

A huge thank you to all who have logged on and used Easy Fundraising.

Please support Redhill Primary Academy and raise FREE donations with your everyday online shopping at Tesco, eBay, M&S, Expedia, Just Eat and many more! Join this month and we could win a £250 donation. Sign up here: <https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/redhillprimaryacademy/>

Donations

Thank you all so much for the recent donations of unused items you no longer need. We are still low on the following items, if anybody has anything spare:

Christmas jumpers
World Book Day outfits
Children in Need clothing

Please drop any of these items at reception where we will pick them up.

Thank you!

The Friends



RECEPTION & KS1

Valentine's Disco

**THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
5PM - 6PM**

**TICKET - £6
INCLUDES HOT DOG,
DRINKS AND A GOODY BAG**

**TICKETS SOLD VIA PTA
EVENTS FROM 19/01/24 AT
3PM. SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT [WWW.PTA-
EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOF
REDHILLPRIMARYACADEMY](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFREDHILLPRIMARYACADEMY)**





KS2

Valentine's DISCO

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

6:15pm - 7:15pm

TICKETS - £3.50

INCLUDES A HOT DOG AND DRINKS
TUCK AND MERCH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
BUY SO BRING SOME POCKET MONEY!

Tickets sold via PTA events from 19/01/24 at 3pm.

Scan the QR code or visit www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy



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