



27th October 2023

# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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

### October Half Term

We hope that you have a great half term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 6th November 2023.

### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please remember that secondary school applications have to be submitted by 31st October 2023. If your child resides outside of Telford and Wrekin, please apply to your home Local Authority. If you are having any problems with the application process, please send an email to [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)

### Welcome to our New Sports Coach

We would like to welcome Tom Griffiths, Sports Coach, who will be starting his post after half term. Thank you to Luke Arnold for looking after our sporting activities in the interim. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

### School Photographs

The school photographers will be visiting us on Thursday 9th November to take individual school photographs. We are only able to take sibling photographs of Redhill nursery and school children. We cannot include their younger siblings who do not attend our school.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who sent in food items for our celebration of Harvest Festival. Telford Food Bank collected the items and were delighted with the donations.

### Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Consultations

Please remember to book your parent consultations online by using the Arbor App. These parent consultations are also open to parents and carers of nursery children who have not previously had a consultation this term.

### Final Farewell to Mrs Smith

We said a final sad farewell to our much loved teaching assistant Mrs Smith today. The children had lots of fun singing and dancing (as did the staff and Mrs Smith). Among the favourites played were YMCA, Dancing Queen and Simply the Best. The children lined the school corridors and pathways to bow, clap and courtesy as she left. She got lots of hugs from the children too. We will miss Mrs Smith so much and wish her lots of happiness in her well deserved retirement.

## Year 6 How our Eyes Work

Specsavers

In one of the Year 6 lessons this week, the children had a visit from Adam and Dan from Specsavers who came to talk to them about how eyes work. They discussed the various parts of eyes and looked at how each works and the functions they fulfil.

- **Iris:** regulates the amount of light that enters your eye. It forms the coloured, visible part of your eye in front of the lens.
- **Pupil:** the circular opening in the centre of the iris through which light passes into the lens of the eye.
- **Cornea:** the transparent circular part of the front of the eyeball. It refracts the light entering the eye onto the lens, which then focuses it onto the retina.
- **Lens:** a transparent structure situated behind your pupil. It is enclosed in a thin transparent capsule and helps to refract incoming light and focus it onto the retina. A cataract is when the lens becomes cloudy, and a cataract operation involves the replacement of the cloudy lens with an artificial plastic lens.
- **Choroid:** the middle layer of the eye between the retina and the sclera. It also contains a pigment that absorbs excess light so preventing blurring of vision.
- **Retina:** a light sensitive layer that lines the interior of the eye. It is composed of light sensitive cells known as rods and cones. The human eye contains about 125 million rods, which are necessary for seeing in dim light. Cones, on the other hand, function best in bright light.
- **Optic nerve:** leaves the eye at the optic disc and transfers all the visual information to the brain.
- **Sclera:** the white part of the eye, a tough covering with which the cornea forms the external protective coat of the eye.

They looked at some of the health conditions that can affect eyes and the measures that can be taken to protect them. Especially important is to wear sunglasses or hats with a wide brim when it is bright, to protect eyes from UV rays. They looked at how optical illusions can trick brains about some of the things seen and the children completed some tests to check whether anyone in our class is colourblind. We rounded the session off with a quiz!



# A note from the Friends...



Hello everyone - our Halloween Disco's went down a storm – thank you to all involved for putting on such great parties! 🎃 Total profit - £1415.60!

Our next main event is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) – this is scheduled for 6pm, at school, on the 9th of November - we would love to see you all there!

You should all have received your Bag2School bag (if you don't have one, any bin bag will do!) this week – please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, linens etc to school on the morning of the 14th of November. Please look out for The Friends and ensure your bags are with us by 9am latest!



Our Wizards and Witches Pre-School/Reception event is in place for the same date, Tuesday 14th November – 5-6pm. Tickets now available (cut off to purchase is 7th November) – online sales only 😊

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy>



Looking forward, plans are in progress for our annual winter event – Winter Wonderland. Expect lots of Christmassy fun like Santa's Grotto, Redhill Choir, Bars, Food Stalls!

Have a great half term! With thanks, The Friends x

# Dates for your diary



All timings and more information will be detailed in the Mail On Friday and on the Friends Facebook Page (search redhillfriends)

**HALF TERM - BREAK UP 27TH OCT, BACK TO SCHOOL 6TH NOV**

**09  
NOV**

## **ANNUAL AGM**

All welcome - meet at 6pm at School to elect new committee members and hear all about activities completed and funds raised

**14  
NOV**

## **BAG2SCHOOL**

We will be collecting all old clothes, shoes etc between 8 and 9am!

**14  
NOV**

## **PRE-SCHOOL/RECEPTION PARTY**

5-6pm, we look forward to welcoming your little witches and wizards!

**17  
NOV**

## **MUFTI DAY**

Children can bring a tombola item to school and wear their own clothes for the day!

**20-24  
NOV**

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS/GIFTS**

Cards and other gifts made with your child's artwork will be given out this week

**25  
NOV**

## **WINTER WONDERLAND**

Celebrate Winter & Christmas all rolled into one this year!

**08  
DEC**

## **WREATH MAKING**

A lovely evening of festive crafting to create your very own Christmas door wreath!

**15  
DEC**

## **WONKA DAY**

Join us in celebrating the release of the new Wonka film by purchasing Wonka Bars - will your child get the Golden Ticket?!

**19  
DEC**

## **PTA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

All welcome - meet at 6.30pm at The Lion (111 Shifnal Rd, Telford TF2 9NN) to celebrate a successful year!



Calling all  
**Nursery and  
Reception Witches  
and Wizards**

**Redhill are hosting  
a party just for you!**

**5-6pm. Tuesday 14th November**  
**Please enter via the Nursery entrance**

TICKET PRICE - £5 (includes wand making, a photo,  
party games, quiet activities and food)

Please note - no masks or props allowed

Tickets available online only - [pta-events.co.uk/  
friendsofredhillprimaryacademy](http://pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy) or scan the QR code!





# Winter Wonderland

SAT 25TH NOVEMBER

Redhill Primary Academy, TF2 9GZ

- FOOD STALLS
- BAR
- MUSIC
- REDHILL CHOIR
- SANTAS GROTTTO
- CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

12 - 3PM

All proceeds go directly to Redhill Primary Academy, Gatcombe Way, Priorslee, Telford, TF2 9GZ.

If not walking to the event, please park safely and considerably around the school. Event terms and conditions apply.



# BAG 2 SCHOOL

This is what we can accept:

- Mens, Ladies and Childrens clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We can't accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
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*Collection will be  
Tues 14th Nov AM!*

