

Red Oaks Primary School
6th September 2023
Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new term at Red Oaks - we have missed all the children and have loved seeing all our new children joining us.

Welcome Meetings

In addition to these meetings, please use ClassDojo or speak to your teacher at the classroom doors. Teachers may not respond after 6.00pm. There are also class updates on the following page https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children.php

If you have any questions or concerns, please use the following contacts:

General queries - Admin team - office@redoaks.org.uk

Mr Lee - head@redoaks.org.uk

Mrs Jacques - deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk

Mr Cowell - fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk - Foundation Stage queries - Nursery & Reception

Miss McGahey - Y1.2@redoaks.org.uk - Year 1 and 2

Mrs Jacques - Y3.4@redoaks.org.uk - Year 3 and 4

Mr Newton - Y5.6@redoaks.org.uk - Year 5 and 6

School office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm please be aware that calls are not answered outside of these hours. Our phone number is **01793 493920**. We do have an answering machine, so please leave a message.

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please send an email to Mrs Ponting on pontingj@redoaks.org.uk as well as letting the teacher know on Class Dojo, many thanks.

Change of Details

If you have moved house, changed phone number or email or have any other change in circumstance you feel we should know about, please contact the office via office@redoaks.org.uk ASAP. It is vital that we hold the correct details for you so that you receive all correspondence and we can also get hold of you should we need to.

Reception Parents Teddy Bears Gathering

We are delighted to invite all Reception Parents and children to a 'Teddy Bears Gathering' on Thursday 7th September.

The picnic will start at 1:30pm and will end at 2:30pm. Please enter via your usual door. This event provides an opportunity for you to meet your class teacher and meet other parents from the other class. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Cowell or Mr Lee.

Emails from School

Please check your junk mail periodically as apparently our emails sometimes go into this folder and parents miss important messages. We do try to text and put messages on Facebook and Dojo also but more lengthy communications and newsletters will be sent via email. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. These must contain water only. All Reception children will receive a free water bottle from school this week.

Care Plan Medication and Inhalers

Please ensure your child has any relevant medication in school with them. These medications need to be handed to the class teacher and it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the medication is in date. Unfortunately, we are unable to administer medicines in school unless your child has a care plan drawn up by the school nurse. If you think your child needs a care plan and doesn't yet have one, please contact Mrs Tyler in the office. Please refer to our full medical policy on the website for further information.



Uniform/PE Kits

PE is a compulsory curriculum subject and children should keep their PE kit in school all week. This should be in a drawstring bag that takes up minimal space as cloakrooms and lockers are very small. **Children are only permitted to bring rucksacks if they cycle or scoot to school.** If your child cannot take part in PE, a note signed by a parent/carer should be given to the class teacher. Children **MUST** wear a plain house coloured t-shirt so that teams can be easily identified and **football shirts will not be accepted as PE kit.** Trainers or daps must also be brought as suitable footwear and earrings must be taped up or removed. Children with long hair must have this tied up please.

If you do not know which house your child is in, please contact office@redoaks.org.uk

Please ensure that **ALL uniform is clearly marked with your child's name,** including their shoes, as this will enable the quick return of any mislaid items. Many thanks.

School Lunches

Sodexo have requested that **ALL** meals are ordered for the week by **THURSDAY** evening on ParentPay. This includes children receiving Universal Free School Meals (Rec-Year 2) and Free School Meals. **If meals are not ordered in advance, you will receive a text to bring your child in a packed lunch.**



We politely request that no nuts are brought into school in lunch boxes as we do have children with severe allergies that can be life threatening. This includes peanut butter which we **do not** allow in sandwiches. This also includes Nutella. As we promote healthy eating, please also do not send sweets in lunchboxes. Thank

you for your help.



Snack

Fruit snacks are provided for children in Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 at break time. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring a snack but we ask that this is a piece of fruit or vegetable please. Please do not send in cereal bars or snacks such as fruit winders or anything in a wrapper. We are trying to encourage our children to be healthy.

Car Park



We ask politely that **ONLY** vehicles with disabled badges park in the disabled bays as we have children and parents as well as Access buses and taxis with genuine need. The 'Kiss and Drop' bay will always have a member of staff to help collect children in the morning. Please only park in this area if you are using 'Kiss and Drop'.

Pupil Premium

All children who currently qualify for free school meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to pupil premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7,400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

If your child is entitled to Universal Free School meals (Years Reception to 2) then your child will not qualify for Pupil Premium unless you are also in receipt of any of the above benefits.

An application for Pupil Premium funding will need to be made for **each child in your household.** The money that the school receives is assigned to individual children but is used to narrow the gap for disadvantaged children in general and benefit all the wider school population.

If you think that your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, please collect an application form from the school office.

If you have any questions or would like some help with the application form please contact Mr Lee via the school office or via email head@redoaks.org.uk



Class DoJo

Class DoJo is a brilliant way to keep up to date with your child's learning in school. We also update the 'Whole School Story' regularly with all of the events and activities that are happening in school.

After School Clubs

Clubs are live on the website for children in Year 1-6. This will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 7th September. Club letters will be sent out on Tuesday 12th September and clubs will start the following Monday.

Friends of Red Oaks Car Boot Sale

Friends of Red Oaks are holding a car boot sale on Saturday 30th September - 9:30 - 11:30. There is no need to book a slot just turn up on the day. Cars can arrive from 9.00am. £8.00 per car.

Rock on Red Oaks!



On Monday 18th September, Red Oaks is having a TT rock Stars morning where classes will participate in a variety of maths activities. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a rock star on this day.

Monday is also the start of our first Houses TT Rock Stars challenge week for this academic year. Your children are aiming to earn as many coins as possible at home this week. One child per class will win a certificate for earning the most coins and each House is competing against each other to be the winner

of 100 bonus House points. Go for it! Results will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday 22nd September.

Big Dog Art Trail Farewell

We have loved seeing the pictures taken with our Swinup at North Swindon Library over the summer holidays. The dogs are now being collected and prepared for a Farewell Weekend on the 16th and 17th September. All of the sculptures will be together at STEAM where families and the public can take the opportunity to see the dogs for the final time. Tickets are £2.50, with under 3's going free. [Farewell Weekend - The Big Dog Art Trail](#)

Mighty Oaks Yoga Club

We have a new Key Stage 2 club launching at the end of September so come join our exciting new yoga club provision with our accredited yoga teacher, Mrs Wilson. Yoga provides children with many benefits for their learning and wellbeing. For more information, please see the club page on the school website and email WilsonR@redoaks.org.uk

Upcoming Date

Wednesday 13th September - Phonics Workshop Reception 2.15-3.00pm

Friday 15th September - Relative Reading 2.30pm

Thursday 28th September - Flu Vaccinations - further information to follow

Saturday 30th September - Friends of Red Oaks Car Boot Sale 9.30-11.30am



COME JOIN OUR EXCITING NEW CLUB PROVISION
AT RED OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL
WITH AN ACCREDITED YOGA TEACHER.



WHY YOGA?

YOGA PROVIDES CHILDREN WITH MANY BENEFITS FOR
THEIR LEARNING AND WELLBEING, SUCH AS:

- *PHYSICAL STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, STAMINA AND BALANCE*
 - *INCREASE THEIR CONFIDENCE, SELF-ESTEEM AND BUILDS RESILIENCE*
 - *MINDFULNESS AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING*
- *BREATHING EXERCISES TO HELP PROMOTE CALMNESS AND DEVELOP CONCENTRATION*
- *IMPROVE MOTOR SKILLS AND COORDINATION*

PLEASE VISIT THE CLUBS PAGE ON
THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR EMAIL MRS WILSON AT [WILSONR@REDOAKS.ORG.UK](mailto:wilsonr@redoaks.org.uk)

