



National Dyslexia Week

Last week was National Dyslexia Week and the theme has been celebrating our uniqueness. Ten percent of the population are believed to be dyslexic, but it is still often poorly understood. Here at Red Oaks we hold the award for Dyslexic Friendly and we know with the right support, the strengths and talents of dyslexic people can really shine.

Find out about free webinars (click on events) and advice here:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk>



No Pens Day

Wednesday 4th October was No Pens Day where learning happens without the use of pens! So, watch out for what your child has been doing on Class Dojo.

Curriculum Pages

If you are interested in what your child has been learning and will be learning please visit the class curriculum pages. There are details of what will be covered and some brilliant pictures of learning that has taken place.

https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children.php

New Parent Tour Dates

New parent tour with the Head of School - 9th November 11.00-12.00pm

Please get your application for your reception place in by 15th January 2024.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

Mission and Vision

It is good practice to regularly revisit the mission and vision of the school. Recently we have been doing some work with staff and the children but would also like to invite parents to be part of this process and share their ideas. Mrs Surch will be holding an interactive session for parents who wish to join us in the hall on Wednesday 1st November 8.45am-9.45am. So that seating and tables can be arranged, please indicate, via email, if you would like to attend tylerm@redoaks.org.uk

Nursery

Our nursery would be grateful for any donations of pans and utensils for our mud kitchen please. If you have any you could donate, please drop them to the office. Many thanks



Young Carers:

Our Young Carers play an incredible role in the family and we are really proud to support these children. We will meet as a group three times a year and we plan to meet with our Young Carer friends from Orchid Vale and Bridlewood for a social outing during this academic year.

If you think your child undertakes the role of a Young Carer, please read the leaflet below from Swindon Carers and make a referral.

If you are in any doubt, please call the office and ask for me or contact me directly on clarkek@redoaks.org.uk

Stretch and Challenge

We are aware that some of our children enjoy a challenge and for this reason, we have developed a range of challenges that sit outside of the curriculum which will be optional as extra homework. These have been explained to the children and there are details of how they should demonstrate/ evidence these challenges to be rewarded on the website.

Red Oaks Primary School

Teachers have also been asked to place the website link alongside other homework as an optional extra. Have fun!

Playground Equipment

For Health and Safety reasons, please ensure children do not use the playground equipment on the main playground. Please ensure your children are supervised at all times.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

If you have a child in year 6, please make sure that you have applied for their secondary place by 31st October.

Bikes/Scooters

A reminder that all children and adults should dismount from scooters and bikes at the main gate and walk them through the school. Please also make sure that bikes/scooters are locked up. The school does not take any responsibility for bikes and scooters left in school.



Child Illness

Please see link for information - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Upcoming Dates

12th October - Parents Evening - School closes at 1.10pm (slight change to dates issued)

16th October - Harvest Festival

19th October - School finishes at 3.00pm

30th October - Back to school 8.30am 😊



BE A SUPERHERO

Save our planet!

Dress up as your favourite superhero and join us for a litter pick to keep our community clean

Saturday 28th October 2023 12pm - 2pm

Under 15's



- Responsible adult to accompany child
- Refreshments supplied
- Meet at Haydon Wick Skate Park (behind Morrisons)

For more information, please contact Kate at:
cdofficer@haydonwick.gov.uk



BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP

EVERYONE WELCOME



Tel: 07486 873405
Email: swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com

BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

When?
Thursday 12th October

Where?
The Meadow, Leigh Road, Swindon, SN2 5DE

Time?
7-8.30pm

Guest Speakers
FI - Revolution Performing Arts
Sadie - The Platform Project
Sarah Hanlon - to hear views about the NDC Pathway - Hcrg Care Group

Working Together
Strengthening Support
Reaching Out

Swindon SEND Families Voice

BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed

FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

HALLOWEEN PARTY ON THURSDAY 26th

AGES 4-12 FUN ACTIVITIES

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB
BROOKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
23rd - 27th October 2023

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including, Football, basketball, cricket, table football a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and much more.....

www.swindonmultisports.co.uk

FRIENDS OF RED OAKS

FIREWORKS NIGHT

THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2023

Gates open at 5.30pm Display starts at 6.30pm

Adults £5.50 BBQ
Child £4 REFRESHMENTS
HOT DRINKS

Tickets can be purchased at
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-red-oaks/f-xmqzpxv>

www.frogoak.co.uk

Parentkind Member Association

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - ENTRY 2024

Attention - all parents

If your child is born between **1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020** they are due to start Reception in **September 2024**.

If your child is currently in Year 6 - you need to apply for a Secondary School place for **September 2024**.

School Admissions Drop in sessions

Wednesday 11th October
North Swindon Library
10am-2pm

Tuesday 24th October
Town Centre Library
10am-4pm

Tuesday 9th January
Town Centre Library
10am-4pm

"I'm going to big School!"

"I will make lots of friends at school!"

Tel: 01793 445500 Email: schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk

Young carers: Who are they? What do they do?

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100,000 young carers

100,000 hours to care

Who are young carers?
A young carer is someone under 18 who regularly helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or takes drugs or alcohol.

How many young carers are there?
• There are about 700,000 young carers in the UK. (BBC 2010)
• There's about 5 to 12 secondary aged pupils.
• There are likely to be young carers in every school and college.
• The number of young carers is rising every year.

Which one is the young carer?

Young carers are not young adults - who have responsibilities. They look like them, do the same things but they can't do very different things.

Who do young carers care for?
Young carers care for someone:
• With an illness or disability.
• With a mental health condition.
• Who misuses drugs or alcohol.

Being a young carer can have a big impact on the things that are important to growing up

• It can affect a young person's health, social life and relationships.
• Many young carers struggle to handle their education and caring which can cause pressure and stress.
• In a survey, 50% said that nobody in their school took notice of their caring role.
• 50% have been bullied at school because of their caring role.
• 1 in 3 young carers are not in school because of their caring role.
But young people can have lots of useful skills to bring a young carer.

The average age of a young carer = 12

"Don't stereotype us, we are all individuals." Young carer

1 in 3 young carers spend between 11-20 hours each week caring.

Young carers should have:
• The time to be a young person.
• The same opportunities as their friends.
• Good support for the person they help look after.

Information and support
www.youngcarers.net (see local website)
www.youngcarersmatter.org (see us)
www.makewave.co.uk/YCF

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