

Red Oaks Primary School
12th October 2022
Newsletter



Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival will take place on Monday 17th October. Please send any donations for the Swindon Food Collective in with your child. They are particularly in need of toiletries, nappies and cleaning products as you can see from the flyer below. Any small donations are very welcome!

Coming soon...



Red Oaks' virtual book fair where all books are brand new and just £2.50 each! Our virtual book fair will take place online between 7th- 14th November. You can start to browse now at www.booksforbugs.co.uk but don't order just yet; more details about how to get free delivery and earn free books for Red Oaks will follow in early November.

Friends of Red Oaks Firework Display

On Thursday 3rd November 2022 Friends of Red Oaks will be holding their annual firework display. See the skies light up over Red Oaks Primary School at our spectacular professional firework display! There will be a BBQ, hot drinks, cold drinks, candyfloss, snacks and glowsticks.

Gates open 5.30pm with the Firework Display Starts 6.30pm. Adults - £5.50 Children - £4.00

See link below to book tickets

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-red-oaks>

Lunch Menu

There is a new lunch menu starting after half term - please see website. All meals must be booked by the week before.

Car Park

A few reminders:

- Children and parents should walk into school from the gate and not ride scooters and bikes
- Children and parents must use the path and not cut across the Disabled Bay for health and safety reasons
- Car park speed limit is 5mph
- Please ensure that you park in a space - please do not double park and block cars in
- Mobile phones, Dogs and Smoking/Vaping are not allowed on the school site
- Disabled bays should only be used by those displaying a blue badge or have an agreement with the school to park there.

Upcoming Dates

17th October - Individual/Siblings (in school) Photos -

19th October - **School closes at 3.00pm**

2nd November - EAL Meeting

3rd November - Fireworks display

9th November - Book Look

9th December - FORO Christmas Fayre 3.00-5.00pm



OCTOBER Half Term KIDS ACTIVITY CAMP



Tuesday 25th Oct – Thursday 27th Oct

For Kids aged 6yrs – 13yrs
9.30am – 3.30pm each day

Prices

- 1 Child for 1 day → £25
- 1 Child for 3 days → £60
- 2 Siblings for 1 day → £40
- 2 Siblings for 3 days → £100

Early drop off from 8.30am and late pick up till 4.30pm also available
NO EXTRA FEE

So much fun to be had! Your children can enjoy activities.

- *Swimming*Football*Netball*
- *Gymnastics*Badminton*Tennis*
- *Cricket* AND MANY MORE!

To book call: 01793 750011



Our Mission: To reduce the impact of food poverty on people in crisis in the Swindon and district areas.



HARVEST DONATIONS 2022 FLYER

Each year your organisation collects non-perishable, tinned and packet food which is then donated to the Swindon Food Collective (Swindon's food bank). We then distribute your donated items to those in need, helping individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves because of low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement and/or sickness and the current cost of living crisis.

HOWEVER THINGS HAVE CHANGED THIS YEAR.

Firstly, please note that we currently have plentiful supplies of cereal, pasta, tinned soup and baked beans.

Secondly, we continue to be fortunate in receiving great support from supermarkets through customer donations hence why this year, we are asking for a mixture of food related items and household goods/toiletries to help keep families safe and well within their homes. Many people have limited amounts of or are unable to afford cleaning products and toiletries on a regular basis.

Thank you as always for your support.

Swindon Food Collective Is In Most Need Of:

Cleaning cloths/Anti Bac wipes	Household Cleaners	Laundry pods / power / liquid/conditioner
Wash & Go Zinl Shampoo / Conditioner	Deodorant (male & female)	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Surface Cleaners	Toilet Rolls	Shower gel (male & female)
Biscuits	Tinned Fruit	Small Jars of Coffee
Tinned Meats	Tinned Potatoes	Small Bags of Sugar



CHRISTMAS MINI PHOTOSHOOT

30 minute session (1 backdrop)
Up to 4 people
Online gallery
1 digital photo included
Book now – Only £40

Dates available:
23rd Oct
20th Nov
4th & 11th Dec



Additional digital photos available for £10 each

Contact to book:
blossom_tree_photography_uk@hotmail.com

Advice for parents and carers

County lines involves the transportation of illegal drugs from one place to another, usually across different counties.

Groups or gangs target young and vulnerable people from all backgrounds, to run 'mobile phone lines' and move drugs across borders.

While most young people will not become involved in county lines, it is important that you are able to recognise the signs and know how to protect your child.

Why do young people become involved in County Lines?

Gangs are known to target vulnerable young people; some of the factors that heighten a person's vulnerability include:

- Going through a family breakdown
- Struggling at school or experiencing learning difficulties
- Homeless or living in a care home
- Trapped in poverty
- A sense of belonging
- Lack of money
- Pressure and influence by their peers. Peer to peer abuse can be males and females.
- A sense of power
- To gain friends and social status
- Protection



Signs to look out for

Here are some signs to look out for that may suggest someone you know might be involved in county lines activity:

- A sudden change in behaviour, with violent or aggressive outbursts
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Becoming isolated from friends and family
- Carrying weapons - this may include taking items from the home
- Multiple mobile phones or additional sim cards
- Unexplained new possessions and money
- Unknown train/bus tickets
- Having hotel cards or keys to unknown places
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going
- Regularly going missing and/or missing school
- Unexplained injuries that could indicate physical assault or self-harm
- Use of drugs and alcohol
- Associating with established groups outside of their usual peers and social circle, in particular older members.

What you can do to help

- Be aware of what your child is looking at online and have appropriate restrictions in place. Groups will often target young people on chatrooms, social media and gaming apps
- Know where your child is and who they are hanging around with
- Talk to your child and listen to their concerns. Make sure the doors of communication are always open
- Report any concerns you have to the Police on **101**. This helps us to build a local picture and protect young people from risky situations
- Encourage your child to get involved in positive activities and motivate them to succeed
- Talk to your child's education facility, or any other professionals - for example, your GP or healthcare professional - if you have any concerns
- Talk to other parents, especially if your child says they are going to a 'friend's house'.

Want to know more?

Here are some useful links you can explore for more information and support.



www.childline.org.uk



www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines



www.fearless.org



www.nspcc.org.uk



www.saferinternet.org.uk



www.thinkuknow.co.uk



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