

Wall of Talent

We love to celebrate the achievements of children outside of school as well as inside. Please post on the website so we can share in assemblies each Friday.

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

Poetry Together

The children in years 5 and 6 at the TPAT primary schools have been working hard to write poems on the theme of 'happiness'. The best poems from each class were chosen and children were invited to visit the Orchid Care Home to share their work. Some of the elderly residents also shared their favourite poems. A lovely heart-warming local community event, well done to all of those who read aloud.



Attendance

Why is it important that my child is on time each day?

When children are late to school, they may initially feel unsettled and they might miss important information and activities.

Schools are required to record late arrivals. If pupils arrive after the start of the school day but when the register is still open, it will be recorded as a late mark. If pupils arrive after the register closes then their morning mark will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, unless evidence can be provided that there are exceptional circumstances that led to the late arrival.

How does occasional absence affect my child?

Missing occasional days from school may seem unimportant at the time; however, this can have a significant impact on your child in the long term:

% of attendance in a school year	Number of days absent	Weeks missed
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Nearly 6 weeks

A pupil with 85% attendance is missing nearly half a term of learning time each school year.

Regular absences can result in poorer outcomes over time. Research shows that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (which is between half and one day per week on average) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

Late arrivals also add up over time - being 10 minutes late each day adds up to two weeks of lost learning time over the whole school year.

A copy of the school's attendance policy can be found here:

<https://www.redoaks.org/documents/policies/Attendance.pdf>

Empty Glass Jars

Year 4 would be very grateful for donations of jam jars please. Please drop them to the classroom or the office. Many thanks



Children in Need



Red Oaks Charity Club want to say a massive "Thank you" to parents/carers for donating to Children in Need and being truly SPOT-tacular!

Donations from you all, amounted to £234.00!

Did you know that there are TWO places in Swindon that gets Children in Need money? These are:

1. STEPS- a mental health support for children aged 7-18
2. PRIME Theatre- professional productions for children and young people.

Our **final** Charity Club this year is the SWINDON TOY APPEAL. Another small way to make a big difference for local families.

Please see the poster below for more information.

Headlice



There have been some outbreaks of headlice in school and so we would like to ask **all** parents/carers to **regularly** check their child/children's hair and treat them appropriately, if necessary. Pupils with long hair are advised to keep it tied back in either a ponytail or plaits. There is further detailed advice on the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>. Many thanks.

Uniform

As the weather is now starting to turn colder, please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed and with a warm coat. Also please ensure that children have warm clothes for PE as this is often outside.

Menu Changes

On the last day of term, **Wednesday 20th December**, the menu will be changing. It will be the following:

Pork Hotdogs, Chips & Beans

Or

Quorn Hotdog, Chips & Beans

Dessert - Vanilla Cookie

There will still be the option for a jacket potato. Please make sure you amend your bookings if required.

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 8th December



The Christmas lunch will be on Friday 8th December. All meals must be booked via ParentPay in the normal way by Thursday 30 November. Please note there will **NOT** be an option for Jacket Potato on this day. All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers - if you don't have one why not decorate a normal jumper with tinsel or something - the more festive the better - in return for a donation through Parentpay to go to Save the Children, your kindness is always much appreciated.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please email tylerm@redoaks.org.uk with these.

On 6th December, the menu will be changed and this will be Fish Fingers/Margarita Pizza/Jackets

Friends of Red Oaks

Children are invited to come to school on Friday 1st December in non-uniform in exchange for bottles and chocolates for the Christmas Fayre.

Friends of Red Oaks would like donations of soft toys in good condition to be sold at the Christmas Fayre. Please send them into school by Thursday 7th December. Many thanks

Car Park

Please see map below regarding areas of parking for our car park. Please ensure that you park in the parent parking side.

Please use the 'kiss n drop' area if you need to drop your children off. Children must not be dropped in the car parking area and expected to make their way across the very busy car park.

A reminder that the disabled bay parking area is for use of blue badge holders ONLY.

Play Equipment

A gentle reminder that the play equipment must not be used by children after school. This is for Health & Safety reasons. Many thanks

General Rules

Please note that the school is a No Smoking campus - this includes vaping. This does include within your car.

Upcoming Dates

- 1st December - Non uniform day
- 5th December - Foundation Stage Performances 10.00am & 2.00pm
- 8th December - Christmas Fayre 3.00-5.00pm
- 8th December - Christmas Dinner & Save the Children Jumper Day
- 14th December - KS1 Performance 10.00am & 2.00pm
- 20th December - Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish
- 3rd January 2024 - Return to School



THANK YOU

TO ALL SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

WHO PARTICIPATED IN HARVEST 2023

11.64 Tonnes Was Donated.

A HUGE AMOUNT WHICH WILL HELP US GREATLY, AS WE CONTINUE HELPING PEOPLE IN SWINDON AND SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE IN FOOD CRISIS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

**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

Red Oaks' Charity Club
RED OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL are supporting Swindon's Christmas Toy Appeal
Monday 13th November - Thursday 30th 2023

Did you know that $\frac{1}{4}$ of children in Swindon live in poverty? That's 14,000 children

Help a child in Swindon this Christmas

Last year:
*4000 new toys, stocking fillers, books and soft toys donated
*£16 children smiled at Christmas

Guidelines for buying a present for a Child aged 0 - 12

- Dolls and action figures inc soft toys,
- Learning / educational toys - i.e. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) toys.
- Construction toys - i.e. magnetic toys, such as Magna-tiles and Smart Max, to Duplo, Lego, etc.
- Cars and transport - i.e. Hot Wheels, transporters,
- Kids' art and craft - i.e. Playdoh, slime, stationery, pens, crayons, and science kits, or baking and gardening kits.
- Pretend play toys - i.e. role play costumes, play kitchen items, etc.
- Games, puzzles, and books - i.e. board games, jigsaws
- Sports items - i.e. footballs etc.
- Baby items - including baby clothes, rattles, etc
- Rolls of Christmas wrapping paper are needed.

1. Buy a present
2. Bring into school before 30th November 2023
3. Please don't wrap it up

More information can be found here:
<https://gatewaychurchswindon.org.uk/toy-appeal>

Let's support Swindon families to have a happy Christmas

When?
Thursday 14th December

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

Time?
7PM-8.30PM

SSFV would like to invite you to:
An informal get together for Parents/Carers

Working Together
Strengthening Support
Reaching Out

Swindon SEND Families Voice

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



Winter Holiday Fun Workshops



Park South Community Centre,
Cranmore Avenue, Swindon, SN3 2ER

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GAMES • SINGING • DANCE & MOVEMENT
- DRAMA • ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sessions are free for eligible HAF recipients, £20.00 per session for Non-HAF recipients
Sessions are £20 for children who do not receive free school meals

To enrol, please go to www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swinton. For any questions, email us at office@revolutionpa.co.uk or call us on 01793 792983 or text us on 07799691328



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FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

MAKE NEW FRIENDS FUN ACTIVITIES

BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
18th - 22nd December 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



