



Welcome back to the start of Term 3! Thank you for your kind gifts for Christmas. We hope you had a wonderful break. The children have an exciting term of learning planned and we cannot wait to get started.

Message from Mrs Clarke

I hope the New Year has started positively for you all.

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank you for your very thoughtful gifts and lovely messages. I was genuinely very touched. I had a very special send off into retirement 😊

I have been in school this week to handover my case load to Mrs Smith my replacement.

Wishing you good health and happiness, Kathy 😊

School Reminders

- All children and parents should walk from the gate - please dismount from scooters/bikes.
- Please do not park in the disabled bay unless you can display a 'blue badge'
- Parents to park on the far side of the car park - please do not double park to be closer to your child's class as we do have staff that need to leave at 3.00pm to collect their own children.
- Please ensure that children come in appropriately dressed for the weather - warm coats etc
- All PE kit to be in school all week
- Water only in water bottles
- Please name ALL clothes
- Car Park speed limit is 4mph
- We are a nut free school, therefore can we kindly ask that children do not have peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella in their lunch boxes 😊

Beginning and End of School Day

A reminder that school starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.00pm. Gates open at 8.25am with the classroom doors opening at 8.30am. We have noticed lots of children coming into school late which has an impact on the class learning time. Nursery starts at 8.30am. Many thanks

Clubs

Clubs start on Monday and run until week ending 22nd March.

No Screen's Week

From time to time we all need a break from our screens, particularly, children. Results from a recent study by Ofcom show that 93% of 5-7-year-olds watch videos online, predominantly using tablets. Those of primary school age make more use of consoles and computers. 22% of children aged 3-4 use consoles for gaming compared to 59% of 5-7-year-olds.

After the success of our last No Screen's Week 2 years ago we have decided hold a second No Screen's Week at Red Oaks. To support us in this we would love for your child to complete a sponsored no screen day. This means no game consoles, iPads or any other electrical distractions. How about a personal challenge to get involved in non-screen-based entertainment for example; colouring, reading, drawing, playing board games.

You could be sponsored for the day or per hour! How much do you think you will raise? How many hours will you complete?

The week will commence on Monday 19th February. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Cushions

Does anyone have any old cushions (I can wash the covers), throws or soft things (maybe draft excluders?) this would be to create a nice soft space in the gazebo for Book Bingo. Please drop off to the office if you have any you would like to donate. Many thanks

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>

RSE Materials

Parents are invited into school to view RSE Materials on 26th March. A letter has been sent to all parents recently with the information.

TT ROCK STARS Houses Challenge Monday 22nd January:

Between Monday 22nd and Thursday 25th January, Red Oaks will be holding the first TT ROCK STARS Houses Challenge of 2024. Children are invited to earn as many coins as they can at home! The House which comes in 1st place will receive 100 points and individual children will receive certificates too. Rock on, Red Oaks!

We are looking to create an RE display filled with pictures of celebrations across all religions followed in our school, to raise awareness and respect for all of the different cultures and religions we share our school community with.

If you are happy for these to be used, could you please send in any pictures to hunterc@redoaks.org.uk.

Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to the Roman Baths this week - please see photos below.

Contact Details

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

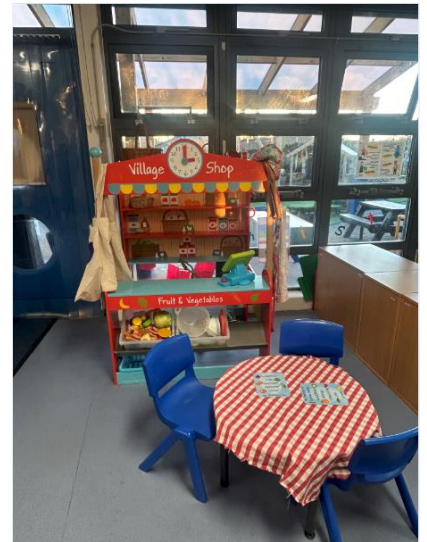
School office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm please be aware that calls are not answered outside of these hours. Our phone number is **01793 493920**. We do have an answering machine, so please leave a message.

Friends of Red Oaks

Friends of Red Oaks brought a wooden village shop for our Nursery. This was kindly built by Mr Moore, who is a dad in school. Many thanks to FORO and Mr Moore for their kind donation.

Scooter

We have a scooter in the office that was left behind this week. If your child is missing a scooter, please contact office@redoaks.org.uk with a description.



Upcoming Dates

17th January 4.00-5.00pm - New Parents Open evening

19th January 2024 - Relative Reading

9th February 2024 - Bags2School

9th February 2024 - End of School 3.00pm finish



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