

Red Oaks Primary School  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Newsletter



### Welcome Back

It is so lovely to see all the children back at school - we have missed them all.



### After School Clubs and Early Birds

For Early Bird attendance, please ask the office for an application form. This club is run on a pay as you go system. For Acorns after school club, please contact Mrs Tyler [tylerm@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:tylerm@redoaks.org.uk) regarding an application form as well as availability of places as these are strictly limited.

### Welcome Meetings

Year 1 Parents Meeting - 3.00pm

Year 5 & 6 Parents Meeting - 3.00pm

Year 3 Parents Meeting - 3.00pm

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](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](mailto:office@redoaks.org.uk)

Mrs Maxfield - [head@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:head@redoaks.org.uk)

Mr Lee - [deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk)

Mr Cowell - [fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk) - Foundation Stage queries - Nursery & Reception

Miss McGahey - [Y1.2@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:Y1.2@redoaks.org.uk) - Year 1 and 2

Miss Wilson - [Y3.4@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:Y3.4@redoaks.org.uk) - Year 3 and 4

Mr Newton - [Y5.6@redoaks.org.uk](mailto: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**.

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

### Homework

Your child's class teacher will explain the homework regime for their particular year group during the welcome meeting video. We understand that parents hold differing views regarding homework but if you would like your child to do more homework, there are many links, ideas and resources on our website as well as log in details for a variety of educational apps and websites that the school buys in to. Log ins will be posted on your child's individual ClassDojo portfolio.



### Dates

Dates for the year will be sent out in the next week.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Red Oaks Car Boot - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Please come and join us for this event. Red Oaks Car boot - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - 10:00am - 1.00pm.

Red Oaks Car boot will take place in the school carpark. Gates will open to sellers from 9.30am and buyers are welcome from 10:00am onwards. A pitch will cost £8.00 which you can pay this on the day and you will need to bring your own table. Cold and hot refreshments will be available.

### Reception Parents Teddy Bears Gathering

We are delighted to invite all Reception Parents and children to a 'Teddy Bears Gathering' on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The picnic will start at 1:00pm and will end at 2:15pm. Please enter via your usual door. This event provides an opportunity for you to meet your class teacher and meet other parents from the 2 classes. 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. We do have some disposable cups in classrooms if children forget but it is easier if they bring their own bottle. These must contain water. All Reception children have been provided with a free water bottle from school

### 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.

### Values Education

The value this term is ASPIRE, ACHIEVE, GROW. As always, we invite children, staff and parents to interact with the values page and submit ideas and thoughts.

### 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](mailto: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. 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 [deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:deputyhead@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.

## Clubs

Clubs letters will be sent out on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and clubs will start the following Monday.

## Upcoming Dates

14<sup>th</sup> September - Foundation Stage Phonics Workshop 2.15pm

16<sup>th</sup> September - Relative Reading 2.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> September - Open Evening for New Parents for AY23/24 4.30-6.00pm

24<sup>th</sup> September - Car Boot Sale - Information above

26<sup>th</sup> September - Bags2School





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**Open Evening**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm-8pm

Headteacher's presentation 6.15pm

**Open Mornings**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9am-11am

Register online at [www.novahreodacademy.org.uk](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk)

On Sunday 11th September, we are having our annual open day at Supermarine Rugby Club! There'll be opportunities to have a dance off at our disco, play some drama games, perform a spotlight, face painting, arts & crafts, visit the RPA book swap corner, and to (hopefully) enjoy the sunshine! We'll also be taking donations for Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service, and providing SEND information, but this even is FREE to attend!

Come and say hello to all of the leaders and see some of your RPA friends ♥

