



# Mail on Friday

## Redhill Primary Weekly Newsletter

7th September 2018

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### Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all of our children back to school.

A special welcome to our new children and new staff.

We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break.

We look forward to another exciting year, with lots of things being organised.

Please remember to check the online diary for dates of events throughout the year.

### Roald Dahl Day

On Thursday 13th September, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day. This will not be a dressing up day as we leave this until World Book Day, but we will be having lots of fun! We hope to watch the live Puffin broadcast which includes a draw along session in the style of Quentin Blake. Teachers will also be sharing stories, poems and rhymes with the children and doing some exciting activities around this fabulous author's work. We are looking forward to it being an inspiring day for all.

### Message from School Admissions re Secondary and Reception Places

On 10th September 2018, the school application portal will go live which means parents and carers will be able to apply for Reception (starting school for the first time), Secondary and Junior school places to start school in September 2019.

The closing dates for school applications are:

31st October 2018 for Secondary school places

15th January 2019 for Reception and Junior places

If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan, the closing date for all applications is 31st October 2018.

On the Telford and Wrekin website is the school admissions brochure which contains all the important information you will need in relation to school places. Also, within this document, is a FAQ section which you may find useful.

[http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/3247/applying\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place](http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_school_place)

On the webpage is a "how to complete an application guide".

[http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/4714/applying\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place\\_201718\\_guide](http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/4714/applying_for_a_school_place_201718_guide)

Interactive School Map

[http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/284/school\\_catchment\\_area\\_maps](http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/284/school_catchment_area_maps)

As you will also be aware, parents and carers can use the library services to apply for school places.

### Admission to Year 7 Thomas Telford Application

The Year 7 admission forms are now available to download from the Thomas Telford website at

[www.ttsoline.net](http://www.ttsoline.net)

The closing date for completed application forms is no later than 4pm on Monday 24th September 2018.

Applications must be returned to them directly. They do not accept late applications.

If you would like to speak to their admissions office, their number is 01952 200000. Thank you.

### Drop in Sessions for all Year Groups - Starting Thursday 13th September

This half term, we are inviting parents and carers into all classes from Reception to Year 6. The drop in sessions will run every Thursday from 8.45am until 8.55am.

They will start on Thursday 13th September.

This will give parents and carers an opportunity to look at their child's work with them.

You may wish to drop in every Thursday or just now and again.

Please look out for changes to the day in which drop in sessions are held. We will notify you of these changes at the start of every term. Thank you.

### Year 6 Parent Reader Helpers

We are very keen to hear from people who may be able to spare us up to half an hour in the morning to hear Year 6 children read from 8.55am until 9.25am.

If you are interested, please contact the office who will be able to give you more information.

Thank you.

### Packed Lunch Order Forms

Please remember that packed lunch order forms have to be received by the kitchen the week before they are due. This enables them to order enough food for the week. Thank you.

### School Absence Requests

All school absence requests, including holidays, special occasions, secondary school visits etc. must be requested in advance, with at least two weeks notice, via an absence request form. All forms are available on our website or in the school entrance area. Holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Telford and Wrekin Guidelines advise that holidays taken of five days or more will generate a fine of £60 per parent. Holidays taken will also show as an unauthorised absence on your child's attendance record.

Please ask at the school office if you need further information.

### Dinner Money

Please remember that the cost for a school dinner is now £2.20.

### Children Visiting Adams Grammar and Newport Girls School

Please remember to fill in an absence form if your child is attending the visit sessions or completing the entrance test for Adams Grammar and Newport Girls School.

We will not reply to the absence form as visits will be consented for the afternoon or morning session.

Unfortunately, we cannot authorise for a full days absence for the entrance test.

Thank you.

### Name Labels in School Uniform and Shoes

Please remember to label your child's school uniform and shoes/trainers. Often these items go astray, so it helps us to find their owners if they have their names in! Thank you.

### PE Kits

Just a reminder that PE kits should be brought into school in a named draw string bag on a Monday and taken home on Friday.

Items needed in the PE kit are:-

Redhill House PE Kit

Black Shorts

Trainers

Plain Black Sweatshirt/fleece for outdoor PE or Redhill Logo black fleece (can be ordered from school.)

No jewellery can be worn for PE, including ear-rings. If children cannot take their ear-rings out due to being newly pierced, please provide micropore tape in their PE bag for them to cover them over.

Thank you.

### Birthday Celebrations

Some children like to bring in treats to celebrate their birthday with the other children.

Please remember that we are only able to accept cakes, no sweets. Some children are unable to eat sweets and this leads to some children feeling left out. Cakes should ideally have ingredients listed on them please. Some children suffer from allergies so we need to check ingredients before the children eat them.

Cakes will be given out just before home time.

Thank you.

### Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents that children should only be bringing plain, still water (not flavoured) in their water bottles to drink during school class time. If there is a medical reason for another drink to be drunk, a letter from the doctor will be required.

Children can bring a separate non-fizzy drink for dinner time.

Thank you.

### Dropping off Items During the School Day

We are sorry but due to amount of items dropped off during the school day, the office staff are unable to take things directly to your child.

Please ensure that they bring everything that they will need during the school day with them when they arrive in the morning. Thank you.

### School Office Closed on Friday Mornings

Please remember that the school office is closed on Friday mornings.

Thank you.

### Considerate Parking

Please park considerately when dropping off and picking up children. Do not double park, bump up on pavements, block neighbours drives etc. Thank you.

THIS WEEK FROM THE FRIENDS



CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS  
AN INVITATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF REDHILL.....

You are invited to join us for our AGM which will take place on  
Monday 17th September from 6pm in the School Hall.

We will be outlining our successes of the last year and discussing our future plans on how we will  
continue to help your children's experience of school.

We will also be electing Committee Officers for the posts of:

SECRETARY  
VICE SECRETARY  
& VICE TREASURER

If you'd like to put your name forward for any of the above roles please email us at  
[amyjonesredhill@outlook.com](mailto:amyjonesredhill@outlook.com)

We'd love to see lots of you there and hear your input and ideas on how we can continue to help our  
school.

Don't forget you can give as much or as little time as your busy schedule allows and you are welcome to  
join us at any time during the school year to help out at any of our events.

EVERYONE WELCOME.....

NEWS JUST IN.....

SAVE THE DATE  
THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER



HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY  
WITH GRACE'S POP PARTIES  
DISCO FOR ALL YEARS

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

FURTHER DETAILS COMING SOON

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DON'T FORGET.....  
OUR CHRISTMAS DATE!

Save The Date



SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

We have an amazing theme again this year!

Details coming soon.....

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