



Red Hall Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and efforts to keep the children, staff and each other safe by following the one-way system and with your patience at drop-off and collection times. Thank you for wearing face masks both on the school premises and around the school site. We understand that for some this is not possible due to underlying health conditions.



Staff are fundraising for the fantastic children's charity NSPCC by walking 10,00 steps each day. If you would like to and are able to please go to our Just Giving page to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/redhallprimary>

We are hoping to raise £2K. This is a four-week challenge which includes the weekends and half-term.

Please do encourage us to keep going!

We will keep you updated with our progress and let you know who is our super strider each week.

Parent's Evening Telephone Consultations

Your child should have brought home your telephone appointment time. These are 10 minute slots. Your child's class teacher will phone you on the contact number we have available for you. If your phone number has altered please let the office know.

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| Monday | Nursery | Reception: Mrs Hollingsworth | Year 2 | Year 3 and 4 |
| Tuesday | Nursery | Reception: Mrs Hollingsworth | Year 2 | Year 3 and 4 |
| Wednesday | Reception: Mrs Williams and Mrs Ashworth | Year 1 | Year 5 and 6 | |
| Thursday | Reception: Mrs Williams and Mrs Ashworth | Year 1 | Year 5 and 6 | |

If your child has not brought home a letter, please ring the office after 9.30am and ask to speak with Mrs Topple (01384 813850 or 812478).

School Council

Well done to all those children who tried out for School Council elections this year. Voting took place in classes. We are pleased to announce the following school council team:

| <u>Year 5+6</u> | <u>Year 3+4</u> | <u>Year 2</u> |
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| TJ Alfie Reagan | Leah Riley Bonnie | Oscar Charlie |

Already they have made some important decisions and have chosen some new benches for outside for the children to enjoy.

From the week beginning **19th October – 23rd October** school council are helping to collect for our local food bank. Poster will be designed by school council to help remind us. Containers will be placed on entrances for you to easily drop any contributions into.

This is our own special contribution for Harvest Festival.



Communication



parenthub is the FREE app that we are using to send messages out to you:

1. Download the ParentHub app from your app store.
2. Create yourself an account
3. Add a school and enter @RedHallPrimary

Website

This is regularly updated with letters, information and how you can help support your child/ren with learning at home.

Email

General enquiries:
info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Telephone:

01384 813850



Congratulations to Isabelle and Charlie
Head girl and Head Boy for 2020_21.

These are the emails for contacting class teachers:

Year5_6@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Year3_4@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Year2@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Year1@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Reception@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Nursery@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Lunch-time arrangements

Nursery – please continue to bring a packed lunch

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – please continue to access Universal Free School meal or provide a packed lunch.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – from **Friday 16th October** children who are entitled to a **Free School Meal** have the choice of whether they wish to have hot meal or grab bag lunch. Each day **Free School Meal** children will be asked if they want a hot meal or a grab bag. All children will have their lunch in the dining room. This will be staggered to minimise contact with other groups. Children who eat packed lunches or hot dinners will be given a designated space to eat their lunch each day. The dining room will be cleaned in between each group of children eating their lunch. There will be water available to drink for children at lunch time. Children's water bottles will be kept in the classroom so it would be useful that a **second drink** is provided for lunch. Children cannot go back into classes over lunch to get their water bottle. This is due to the potential of groups of children mixing.

At this moment we are not providing the option of purchasing a lunch.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals check this criteria:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The online application form you need to complete can be found using the following link:

<https://customer.dudley.gov.uk/free-school-meals/create/>

Flu vaccination programme

Each year the school takes part in the flu vaccination programme. This year the programme has been extended so that children from **Reception to Year 6** can receive this in school. Letters will be following soon where consent forms will need to be returned to school. The vaccination is a nasal spray. More information will follow. If you would like to find out more please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-flu-immunisation-programme-and-covid-19/health-matters-delivering-the-flu-immunisation-programme-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Flu immunisation programme 2020 - 2021 in schools

This season, the flu vaccine uptake ambition for children is **at least 75%**

In addition to all primary school aged children, the flu immunisation programme is being extended to Year 7 children in secondary schools

Benefits to schools

- helps protect children against flu which **reduces pupil and staff absence**
- promotes a **healthy working environment** in schools and in wider community
- reduces the likelihood of **flu outbreaks** in schools, where symptoms may be confused with **coronavirus**
- provides an opportunity to integrate learning about the benefits of vaccination into the **school curriculum including history and science**

Reading books

Reading books need to be returned to school on a **Friday**. They will be placed into our book hospital before they are returned to the school library stock. Reading books will be sent home on a **Monday**.

We are using a range of online reading tools as well. Your child will have brought their log-in details home with them. If they mislay them please email the year group email so the class teacher can send them to you again.

BugClub: activelearnprimary.co.uk

Oxford Owl: oxfordowl.co.uk

Get Epic: www.getepic.com

ReadTheory: readtheory.org



To help us to return items to the correct child please ensure that all items are labelled. There is no central lost property box now so items that are lost will likely be within the classroom.