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Redwood News



WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a lovely Summer break. We have provided some information about the term ahead; you can also find lots of useful information on the school website www.redwoodprimary.com Year groups will continue to send out half-termly newsletters with more information for parents about topics and events.

Welcome to the new school year, and an especially warm welcome to the families who are attending Redwood for the first time. We will continue to do our utmost to ensure that all of our pupils are happy, learn well and behave brilliantly.

'What should you do if you have any questions about your child's education?'

Please raise any questions or concerns you may have at the earliest opportunity, in the first instance with your child's class teacher, who will respond promptly. If you are not satisfied with the class teacher's response, you can make an appointment to speak to one of our Senior Leaders, who will endeavour to resolve any concerns quickly.

We hope you and your child enjoy an excellent start to the new school year!

Mrs Shepherd (Headteacher)

OUTCOMES IN 2024

As always, we are incredibly proud of how well pupils at Redwood have done in their end-of-year assessments.

We have worked hard to ensure children receive a high-quality education and this is reflected in some great results, particularly in Maths. All of our pupils have shown incredible resilience - they always give of their best at Redwood and our dedicated staff will continue to support them in the best ways they can.

	Redwood 2024	National Average 2024
FS GLD	65%	68%
Y1 Phonics	65%	80%
Y2 Phonics	91%	88%
End of KS2:		
KS2 Combined RWM	61%	59%
KS2 Reading	71%	73%
KS2 Writing	69%	71%
KS2 Maths	85%	73%
KS2 SPAG	80%	72%

FS – Foundation Stage

GLD – Good Level of Development

KS1 – Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) KS2 – Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

SPAG – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We now have after-school childcare available for any families who need this. The club is run by Y-Kidz and they offer sessions from 3:10-6:00pm every day at a cost of £12 per session. Children are provided with a light tea and can take part in a range of activities.

All sessions need to be booked and paid for in advance using their Magic Booking system.

<https://ymcaderbyshire.magicbooking.co.uk> You can book at short notice but this does involve an additional cost of £2.

If you have any questions about our after-school provision, please email ykidz@ymcaderbyshire.org.uk





IMPORTANT – WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that we have a small number of children in school with nut allergies so it is crucial we work together to ensure no child brings any nut products into school. Even minor traces of nut oils can cause dangerous allergic reactions in those with nut allergies.

Please help us by not sending in any foods containing nuts for snacks, lunch boxes or birthday treats. This includes items such as Nutella in sandwiches.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms.

Just a reminder that **school uniform consists of:**

- a burgundy jumper/cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- white shirt/polo shirt
- black/grey trousers or skirts
- grey pinafore dress or red and white checked/striped dresses in summer
- black shoes



Jewellery may not be worn except watches, stud earrings and any items of religious observance. **Nail varnish** is not permitted for school along with any make-up/nail extensions etc. **Hair styles** should be moderate and hair dye is not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances.

PE kit consists of:

- plain white t-shirt
- black/navy blue/grey shorts
- plain tracksuit for outdoor PE (navy or black or grey)
- plimsolls for indoor PE (trainers may be worn for outdoor PE)

All jewellery **must** be removed for PE for health and safety reasons. Earrings should only be covered with tape/plasters if they have been pierced in the last six weeks; otherwise they should be removed. Sweatbands should be used to cover religious bangles.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should bring their PE kit to school in a named bag. They will get changed for PE lessons in school. Pupils in Y3-6 should come to school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE days.

If you have any difficulty covering the cost of school uniform, please get in touch with our Pastoral Team who will be happy to help. We have stocks of good quality second-hand uniform in school.

Our School Uniform Policy can be found at <https://www.redwoodprimary.com/policies/>

REMINDERS

Our office staff can be contacted on 01332 767443 or by email at admin@redwood.derby.sch.uk
The cost of school dinners for children in Key Stage 2 is **£2.53 per day** (except for those receiving Free School Meals). This **must be paid in advance**, preferably using the online payment system. If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please email the office who can send you the relevant forms

We do have a breakfast club open to all children which takes place in the Infant Hall.

Arrival from 7:30am onwards - £4.50 per day

A reminder that infant children must be picked up by someone who is at least 16 years old.

We will be sending out our annual pupil information update forms shortly. It is important that we have up-to-date contact information for all pupils for safeguarding reasons. Please return these as soon as possible in the envelopes provided.



ATTENDANCE

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene and you may be issued a fine.

Please note: The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

From 19th August 2024, there will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

- The fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 per child per parent if paid within 28 days**.
- In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a **second fine** for the same child within any three-year period, **this will automatically be charged at the higher rate of £160**.
- Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.
- If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.



CLASS DOJO

All classes are up and running on Class Dojo and all parents should be able to access their child's behaviour record.

Remember that you can message class teachers or the school account with any quick reminders or messages but **any absences must be reported to the School Office - not through Class Dojo**.

Also, bear in mind that teachers will usually only respond to messages during the school day as they have many after school commitments.

STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome Miss Barker and Miss Kirk to Redwood. They are both teaching in Key Stage 1 and we know you will make them feel very welcome.

In other news, Miss Stone got married over the summer and is now known as Mrs Lindsay. Mrs Bennett is expecting a baby girl at the end of the year and Mrs Adams has found out she is expecting a little boy. We are excited to welcome the new additions to our Redwood family!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 5 th September	Children return to school
Thursday 26 th September	Macmillan cake sale
Wednesday 9 th October	Harvest
Wednesday 16 th October	School photographs
Friday 18 th October	Show Racism the Red Card day
Monday 21 st October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening
Friday 25 th October	Children break up for HALF TERM
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Monday 4th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return to school
w/b 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need day
Friday 13 th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner
Wednesday 18 th December	Y2 Pantomime visit (in school)
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January	Children return to school

Don't forget that you can 'sync' your phone's calendar with the school calendar on the website so that all these dates are easy to find on your mobile device. Please visit www.redwoodprimary.com and look in the Calendar section for more details.