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# Redwood News



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you have had a good Christmas break and a good new year. We have provided some information about the weeks ahead; you can also find lots of useful information on the school website [www.redwoodprimary.com](http://www.redwoodprimary.com)

## ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is really important if children are to do well during their time at primary school. We aim for all pupils to **have attendance of at least 95%** - this means less than 10 days absence during a school year. We know that children will occasionally be unwell with minor illnesses such as coughs and colds. Children can still attend school if they have a minor illness – we will always give you a call if your child becomes unwell or if we feel they need to be at home. If your child is unwell, you can report their absence by emailing [attendance@redwood.derby.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@redwood.derby.sch.uk) or call the office on 01332 767443. Please do not report absence on Class Dojo as these messages can be missed.

It is also really important that **children arrive at school on time**. The gates open at 8:45am each day and registers are taken at 8:55am. Children start tasks as soon as they arrive and those arriving late miss out on important learning opportunities. Persistent lateness will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer and may result in fines being issued. Please speak to the Pastoral Team if you need any support with your child's attendance.

## UNIFORM

It is good to see the children looking smart in their school uniforms again at the start of this term. A reminder that **school shoes must be black** – these can be trainer-style but must be predominantly black. PE kits should also be black, grey or navy with a plain white t-shirt. Please note that PE trainers do not have to be black. Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of stud earrings/watches and hairstyles should be moderate with no hair dye. Thank you for your support with this.

If anyone has any donations of old school uniform in good condition, please pass these to the Pastoral Team as we have our own hub to provide clothing to those who may need it. This includes coats, wellies, school shoes, winter hats and gloves, PE kits etc.



## LOYALTY EVENTS

At Redwood, we value our partnerships with parents and carers and recognise the important role you all play in supporting your child's education. Last term, we offered lots of opportunities for families to come into school and share in their child's learning. Thank you to all those who attended – we have logged all of your loyalty points on our Dojo system ready for the prize draw at the end of the year. You only have to collect 5 points to be in with a chance of winning an iPad and lots of other prizes!

Keep a look out on Dojo for events coming up this term and we look forward to seeing you in school again soon.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has recently had a makeover and is now looking much more modern and improved! You can still use the same web address to access the website [www.redwoodprimary.com](http://www.redwoodprimary.com) and find lots of information about our school such as term dates, dinner menus, newsletters and website links to help your child at home. Please take the time to have a look around the new sections – we are always open to any feedback about information you would like to be included on the website.



### \*\*\*IMPORTANT – WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL\*\*\*

A reminder that we have a small number of children in school with serious 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 COUNCIL

The School Council loved visiting the care homes in our community before Christmas, it was so lovely to meet new people and learn from them, whilst also spreading some festive cheer. We are also enjoying giving out our own special certificates at the end of each half term to children who SHINE!

This term, we are very busy behind the scenes planning lots of upcoming events including a fundraising event in order to raise money for an exciting addition to our playgrounds (details to follow soon!). We are planning to meet with our local MP Baggy Shanker to discuss ways in which we can help further in our wider community. We are looking forward to putting our ideas into action!



## RELIEF MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

We are always in need of relief midday supervisors who can cover absence etc. You do not need any previous experience to join our friendly team of lunchtime staff – you just need to enjoy spending time with children and do your best to help them have happy and safe playtimes. So, if you are flexible and could provide lunchtime cover at short notice, please speak to a member of the office team who will be able to provide you with an application form.

## STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to both Mrs Bennett and Mrs Adams who welcomed new arrivals over the Christmas period. Mrs Bennett gave birth to baby Elsie just before the big day and Mrs Adams had baby James on Boxing Day. All are doing well and we look forward to them visiting soon.

We would also like to extend a big welcome back to Mrs King who has returned to Redwood after a short period away. It is great to have her back with us and we know parents and pupils will be happy to see her too!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 SATs parent meeting 9:15am Y3 visit to Cresswell Crags
w/b Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Mental Health week
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 visit to the National Space Centre
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Performance (details to follow)
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Y1 Performance (details to follow) <b>Children break up for half-term</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 PGL weekend
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Performance (details to follow)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children break up for Easter</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>