



Headteacher Newsletter.

It has been another busy half term, full of fun and of course lots of learning. Some of you may have noticed new developments to the EYFS outside area, we now have a fabulous bike track with traffic lights and a zebra crossing (thank you to Friends for paying for this), the rest of the space has had a good move around and tidy up including having the climbing frame mended – at last. We have now ‘pressed the button’ to start the long process of joining Redhill Academy Trust, we have heard that the initial meeting to consider our application will be heard by the DFE in June or July so we expect the transition will take place at some point in 2025.

Communication Platform update

Thank you for your patience whilst we researched and had demonstrations with a range of platform providers over the past two weeks. We wanted to make sure that any system we chose made it easier for parents and staff along with being cost effective.

We have decided on an app from a company called Reach More Parents. We are currently working with the company to build the app as it will be completely individual to our school. We expect the new platform to go live just after the Easter holidays, the platform will combine sending notifications, messaging, payments, club and parents evening bookings, forms for trips and data collections etc, along with absence reporting, along with many more features. Although this will be a huge change, having everything in one place will, in the long term, be much easier for staff and parents.

Until the new app goes live, we will continue as we have for the past two weeks.

Attendance

Our current attendance is 95.9% placing us 58th out of 302 schools. We have 20 pupils still classed as persistently absent. During our last attendance review, we scrutinised the patterns of absence and noticed a significant rise in absence on Mondays and Fridays. Please remember that children often tell us when they have been to centre parks, the caravan or Butlins for a long weekend (even when told not to by their adults).

Staffing update

We welcome a new teaching assistant to our KS2 team after the half term break, Miss Mowbray will be joining us after stints at Ashgate Croft and Alfreton Park special schools.

Red Nose Day

There will be a link on ParentPay for anyone that would like to make a donation to Comic relief this year. We will be taking part by asking children to tell their favourite jokes throughout the day. The Year 6 children have volunteered to hold a bake sale at the end of the day, any contributions to their stall will be received with thanks.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th March – Tupton Transition Drop in for parents 3.30pm @ Hunloke Park

Thursday 14th March – Spring Disco (tickets and info available after half term)

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th March = Y4 Boggle Hole Parents meeting 5pm

Wednesday 20th March – Story Teller Event (all year groups)

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March – Parents Evening meetings

Thursday 28th March – Last day of term

Monday 15th April – School reopens for Summer 1
 Wednesday 17th April – Friends meeting @The Barley Mow 6pm
 Wednesday 24th April – Friday 26th April – Y4 residential to Boggle Hole
 Wednesday 24th April – Y3 trip to Derby Open Centre
 Thursday 8th May – Friends Fashion Show (more info to follow)
 Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – KS2 Statutory Assessments (Y6 SATS)
 Tuesday 21st May – Road safety Workshops (Pre-school, Reception, Y3/4)
 Wednesday 22nd May – SHAPE Active Day (KS1 & KS2)
 Thursday 23rd May – Class Group Photographs
 Thursday 23rd May – Road safety workshops (Y1, Y2, Y3/4)
 Friday 24th May – Last day of term
 Monday 3rd June – School re-opens for Summer 2
 Tuesday 4th June – SHAPE activity day (KS1 & KS2)
 Wednesday 5th June – SHAPE mini activity day (EYFS)
 Wednesday 12th June – Y2 trip to Lea Green
 Friday 14th June – Sports Day (Rec-Y6) more info to follow
 Monday 17th June – New reception starter parents' session 6pm
 Thursday 20th June – Tupton Hall transition day 1
 Friday 21st June – Sports day back up date
 Friday 21st June – Wear yellow accessories for Cystic Fibrosis Day
 Monday 24th June to Wednesday 26th June – Y6 residential to London
 Thursday 27th June - Tupton Hall transition day 2
 Thursday 27th June – Reception new starter coffee morning
 Friday 28th June – Summer Fair 5pm – 7pm
 Monday 1st July – Whole School Closure Day (Staff training)
 Tuesday 2nd July – Road safety workshops (Y5 & Y6)
 Wednesday 3rd July – Highfields transition day
 Thursday 4th July – Tupton Hall transition day 3
 Thursday 4th July – Whole school transition day 1
 Friday 5th July – Pre-school Sports day 1.30pm
 Thursday 11th July – Tupton Hall transition day 4
 Thursday 11 July – Whole school transition day 2
 Friday 12th July – STEM Lego event (Y5 & Y6)
 Monday 15th July – Reports out to parents
 Tuesday 16th July – Hunloke Park Talent Show afternoon
 Wednesday 17th July – Y5 Bowls competition against Deer Park
 Wednesday 17th July – Meet the teacher parents drop ins 3.30pm – 5pm
 Thursday 18th July – Y6 Film night 3.30pm – 5.30pm
 Friday 19th July – last day of term
 Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July – Whole school closure days (Staff training)
 Wednesday 4th September – Whole school closure day (Staff training)
 Thursday 5th September – School opens for Autumn 1 2024/25

Mr Cooper will be available during half term if you have any pastoral concerns. Please email earlyhelp@hunlokepark.derbyshire.sch.uk if you would like him to contact with you.

We received an email of thanks with regards to parking being much more respectful in the church car park recently. Thank you!

School re-opens on Monday 26th February

Have a lovely break

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