

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to this week's principal newsletter, I would like to thank you for your support this term and I hope you have a wonderful Easter break.

Staff News

Today we say a fond farewell to Mr Anderson who will begin his headship at Irchester Primary School, Mrs Bond (Lunchtime supervisor) who has a new full time position and Mrs Wills who is retiring after being at Redwell for almost 27 years. We will miss them all dearly and we wish them all of the best on their new adventures.



Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Mrs Bicknell as a new teaching assistant and Samantha Earl as a lunchtime supervisor who join our Redwell family after Easter.

Attendance

During the term we have seen a significant drop in our attendance levels for certain pupils; we are seeing some pupils fall between 60-85% and our school expectation is 96%. Therefore, we are requesting that all parents encourage all pupils to attend school even if they have a slight cold, as the education missed is often unable to be caught up. The school may issue you a letter to draw your attention to the fact that your child's attendance is a concern, please note that our staff are following our school policy and this is a legal requirement.

In addition, I have also had a number of holiday forms requesting time off during term time absence; this will be unauthorized and we encourage all family holidays and visits to see family members to be booked during the school holidays. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Uniform swap

We have a range of second-hand uniforms in different sizes in our school office foyer that can be swapped with uniform that has been outgrown. If you would like to swap your child's uniform we ask for a small donation for our FoRPS PTA. Some of the uniform donated to FoRPS is in such good condition and we feel this is a sustainable way of replacing uniform for our school community.

World Down Syndrome Day – 21st March 2023

Thank you to all of those pupils who participated in World Down Syndrome Day. A number of children wore fancy socks and raised lots of money for World Down Syndrome Day.

British Science Week 13th-17th March 2023

The children enjoyed taking part in many activities linked with the theme 'Connections' during Science Week. KS1 children found out how tractors are connected to space! Year 3 and 4 explored the connection between themselves and pigs! Year 5 made connections between sheep and seaweed! We also became inventors, coming up with inventions to help make everyday life easier. The Science Ambassadors are looking forward to giving some prizes out for the most creative inventions. The children were involved and inspired. What a super week!

Ambition Day

On Friday 24th March the children took part in Ambition Day, sharing their future ambitions with each other and completing linked activities to engage their interests in a range of career options. All children completed a jigsaw activity sharing their chose ambition and the skills needed to achieve their goals!

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

Thank you to all of those pupils who participated in Red Nose Day, we loved seeing a sea of red across the school. Year 6 particularly enjoyed designing their own red noses.

FoRPS School Discos

Thank you to our Friends of Redwell Team and Redwell staff for running a fantastic set of discos once again. The pupils had a great time and were very well behaved. WE raised a staggering £1000 for our PTA. We will keep you informed of how the funds will be spent for the pupils.

FoRPS Chocolate Raffle Draw & Prize Giving

Yesterday we held the chocolate raffle and 24 hampers were won. Thank you for all of your generous donations.





Join our Team

The Trust has a live advert for 2 x Class Teachers at Redwell Primary School due to our maternity staff returning part time and a teacher who wants to spend more time with her family, please visit this page if you would like to find out more information.

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/NeneEducationTrustRecruitment/>

RPS Social media pages

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to our school's social media pages.

Our Facebook page is [Redwell Primary](#)

Our Twitter feed is [@RedwellPrimary](#)

Important dates for Summer 1 half term.

- **Y5 Swimming lessons start w/c 17th April**
- **Y6 Residential Parents Meeting** – Thursday 27th April – 3:30-4pm
- **Y4 Holdenby House Trip** – Friday 28th April
- **BANK HOLIDAY** – Monday 1st May
- **Y3 Cadbury's World Trip** – Thursday 4th May
- **BANK HOLIDAY** – Monday 8th May (additional re Coronation)
- **Come & See** – Tuesday 16th May 3:30-4pm
- **Parents invited to Flashback Friday (Years 2-6)**– Friday 19th May
- **Y6 Residential** – Monday 22nd May – Friday 26th May
- **EYFS Hamerton Zoo Trip** – Tuesday 23rd May
- **Y5 National Space Centre Trip** - Tuesday 23rd May
- **New Intake Evening** – Thursday 25th May - More details to follow
- **End of Summer 1 Term** - Friday 26th May
- **TRAINING DAY** – Monday 5th June
- **Start of Summer 2 term** – Tuesday 6th June

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at chead@redwellprimary.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Head
Principal