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22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a very busy week with lots of upcoming events that we would like to share with you. EYFS have had a lovely first week of full time. The teachers are very proud of the children and how they are beginning to build friendships and to understand the school rules. We kindly ask you to name all of your child's belongings to encourage them to take responsibility of their own items to support a smoother transition.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be accessed via <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>.

Kelly's Heroes Mufti Day

On World Mental Health Day, 10th October we are asking children and staff to come into school wearing all pink or something pink (or red if they don't have anything pink) in exchange for a donation to raise funds and awareness for the Trust's chosen charity - Kelly's Heroes. We will set up a payment option via Arbor to collect the donations.

New school times

The school day starts at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm. Any children who arrive at school after 8:55am will be marked as late and children arriving after 9am will have an unauthorised mark logged. Phonics and reading activities start at 9am and it is vital your child is in school for these times.

Enrichment Clubs

Over the school year each teacher will be running a 6 week club over the year to enrich our curriculum offer. These clubs are in addition to the existing clubs currently on offer, will be on a first come, first offered basis and will be booked via our Arbor system. We have been a little rushed sending out information to parents regarding clubs starting this week due to the new school year however we are planning to give parents more notice for clubs and open bookings later in the day to give parents who do not have access to phones/notifications during the day a chance to book. We do have limited numbers in each club and we are finding that they book up very quickly.

Book time

Book time has started for Years 1 & 2. All parents or relatives are invited to come in and hear their child read from 8.45am to 9am. Please enter via your child's classroom door if you wish to attend.



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Flashback Friday for Years 2-6

Parents are invited to join the Flashback Friday session at 2.45pm on Friday 20th October. Flashback Fridays are designed to support the child recap prior learning and to discover what learning will occur the following week. A weekly PowerPoint will continue to be shared with you so you are aware of the learning that has and will take place.

We do ask that when parents attend the Flashback Friday event that you help us by being respectful and listening to the class teacher as this session is a teaching activity, if a younger sibling is disruptive we ask politely for you to remove the child to the corridor. All pushchairs are to remain outside to not block fire exits. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Communication procedures

When contacting the school, please be aware you will be expected to provide a brief description of your request to talk/meet with staff members. Where practical, please send in a note with your child to hand to the Teacher or email on the class email address classname@redwellprimary.co.uk

Please approach the members of staff who are responsible for your child in the following order:

- 1) Classroom Teacher
- 2) Year Group Lead
- 3) SENDCo / Pastoral (where relevant)
- 4) Assistant Principal or Vice Principal
- 5) Principal

In the case of a child's absence, parents/carers are expected to notify the school by 9am or a text prompt will be sent.

Parent Evening

Parents evening will be held on the 16th & 18th October. This will be a face to face meeting and information on how to book your time slot will be sent out via the Arbor app. There will be a separate SEN parents evening on Thursday 12th October – more information to follow.

Harvest Festival

Parents are invited to join Year 3 children in their Harvest Assembly on Friday 13th October. The assembly will take place at 2:30pm in the Sports Hall. The Sports Hall gates will open automatically at 2:15pm to allow parents to sign in. We will be making a donation to the Bilton Court Foodbank this year so if you are able to donate any non perishable food, please send this in with your child and pass to the class teacher. The donations can start to be sent in straight away and will be displayed at the assembly.

Halloween Discos

Discos will be held on 7th, 8th & 9th November. More information will follow from Friends of Redwell Primary School.

Ambition Day

On Thursday 5th October children can come to school dressed up as their ideal job/profession.



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NNC – Stay Connected Newsletter

Please click on the link below to North Northamptonshire's stay connected newsletter which focuses on all the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the county that are free or affordable to attend: <https://sway.office.com/EZxl6KdU6wBYJNx3?ref=Link>.

SEND Parent Session

Wednesday 11th October 2.15-3.15pm in the Hub.

We are going to be hosting another session for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We would like to continue get your voice as to what you think would be useful for you and your children and how as a school we can support this. This session will be about collaborating on one page profiles and pupil passports. Obviously, there will be tea and coffee and biscuits! Everyone is welcome, if you are concerned your child might have SEND or are just interested in the area of SEND please join us the more views we can gain the more successful this will be.

Prospective EYFS intake 2024 Open Evening event

This is an opportunity for prospective parents for Sept 2024 to see our EYFS unit and to be introduced to the school and will take place on Thursday 28th September 5-6pm.

Schools tours are also available on the following dates...

26th Sept 10am

10th Oct 10am

12th Oct 2pm

14th Nov 10am

16th Nov 2pm

Fresh Start School Favorites Theme Day

Fresh Start will run a School Favorites food theme day on 5th October which happens to coincide with World Teachers Day 2023. The deadline for ordering the hot options will be before 12 midday Thursday 28th September. The late order option is a crusty cheese roll with sliced apple & mixed salad for which the cut off is before 9am Thursday 5th October. Please be aware that there is no jacket potato option for this day.

The Wellingborough Family Hub

To celebrate the launch of the Family Hub Network in Wellingborough, they are hosting a Family Fun Day at Penrith Drive Children's Centre on Saturday 30th September. The Fun Day will be absolutely free for everyone to attend, and there will be events and activities for the family to get involved in. Activities include:

- Cress head growing and decorating
- VR Games
- Face-painting
- Biscuit decorating
- Smoothie making
- Arts & Crafts
- Taster sessions



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Parent Council & Friends of Redwell

Mrs. Sharpe is responsible for our parent council and she supports the Friends of Redwell – our school's PTA. The parent council can be a useful platform to represent parent feedback on behalf of your child's year group and the Friends of Redwell run fantastic events for the pupils to attend and fundraise for the school. If you would be interested to join either group please email d.sharpe@redwellprimary.co.uk.

Website

<https://www.redwellprimary.org.uk/>

Important dates for Autumn 1 term

- **New Intake 2024 Open Evening – Thursday 28th September 5-6pm**
- **ForPS AGM – Friday 29th September 1:30pm – 3:15pm**
- **Ambition Day – Thursday 5th October**
- **Kelly's Heroes Mufti Day – Tuesday 10th October**
- **SEN Parents Evening – Thursday 12th October – more information to follow**
- **Harvest Assembly – Year 3 – Friday 13th October 2.30pm**
- **Parents Evening – Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October 3.30-7pm**
- **Duxford Museum Trip – Year 6 – Friday 20th October**
- **Flashback Friday – Year 2 to 5 – Friday 20th October**
- **End of Autumn term 1 – Friday 20th October**

Important dates for Autumn 2 term

- **Training Day – Monday 30th October**
- **Training Day – Tuesday 31st October**
- **School opens to pupils – Wednesday 1st November 8:45am-3:15pm**
- **Northampton Museum trip – Year 2 – Thursday 2nd November**
- **Halloween Discos – 7th, 8th & 9th November – more information to follow from ForPS**
- **Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Monday 13th - Friday 17th November**
- **KS2 SATs parents information – 23rd November 3.30pm KS1 Hall (Year 6 parents only)**
- **Pantomime for Brampton class – Tuesday 12th December**
- **Pantomime for Ashby class – Wednesday 13th December**
- **Christmas Fayre – Wednesday 13th December 4-6pm**
- **Pantomime for Grange class – Thursday 14th December**
- **EYFS Christmas performances – Monday 18th December 9:30am & Tuesday 19th December 2:30pm**
- **Year 1 Christmas performances - Monday 18th December 2:30pm & Wednesday 20th December 9:30am – please note change of date due to Pantomime.**
- **Pantomime for Years 1, 3 & 5 – Tuesday 19th December**
- **Pantomime for Years 2, 4 & 6 – Wednesday 20th December**
- **End of Autumn term 2 – Thursday 21st December**



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2023-24 Term dates

<https://www.redwellprimary.org.uk/nd/term-dates>

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Head
Principal