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4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to our new academic year and welcome to our new EYFS pupils and families who start their first part time day of school next Monday. I hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the plentiful sunshine. The staff are all ready for the new term and we spent 2 exciting days training in preparation for the new year.

### **New values**

After extensive work with our school council, parent council and staff we have changed the existing 11 values to 5 to ensure these are more manageable and consistent.

Our new values moving forward are:

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The children will be introduced to the new values on their return to school assembly. The school council have chosen the explanations for each value and these will be introduced to the pupils and added to our school website. Rewards for demonstrating the values will remain the same in the form of a pebble, collected towards a whole school values event that will be chosen by our school council. Children can still be nominated for a values certificate and badge to collect **our 9 values** characters.

### **New school times**

The school day will now start at 8.45am and end at 3.15pm. Any children who arrive at school after 8.55am will be marked as late. Phonics and reading activities start at 9am and it is vital your child is in school for these times.

### **New EYFS parents Tea and Chat event – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 9-10am**

Once you have dropped your child off to their new teacher, please come and join us for refreshments to meet the SLT and pastoral staff and other parents. This event will be held in the KS1 hall and signposts will direct you from the reception classrooms.

### **Enrichment Clubs**

Over the school year, each teacher will be running a 6 week club to enrich our curriculum offer. These clubs will be on a first come, first served basis and will be booked via our Arbor system. Over the next few weeks Mrs Thompson will be adding the club offers to the Arbor app and send a supporting message. The pupils will also be notified of the clubs on offer. These clubs are in addition to the existing clubs currently on offer.

### **Book time**

Book time will recommence on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September for Years R-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.

### **Flashback Friday for Years 2-6**

Parents are invited to join the Flashback Friday session at 2.45pm on the following dates:

**20<sup>TH</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9<sup>th</sup> February & 22<sup>nd</sup> March**



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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

We have updated our communication procedure. **Please see copy attached. (Jen can you attach)**  
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](mailto: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.

### Behaviour routines

Over the last few years we have noticed that we have had a slight decline in low level behaviour and have taken the steps to reevaluate our behaviour policy and turn this into a relationship policy. Staff have had training in our new behaviour procedures and these will be published onto our school website during the next few weeks.

We will be following the ROAR approach and expect all pupils to be ..

RPS - ROAR			
Respectful	On Task	Achieving	Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By using your manners</li><li>• Hold doors open for adults and other children</li><li>• Treat others how you wish to be treated</li><li>• Use kind hands and feet</li><li>• Having empathy and acceptance towards others</li><li>• Talk kindly to others</li><li>• Accepting responsibility if you make a mistake and saying sorry</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By following instructions</li><li>• Completing tasks set</li><li>• Taking a pride in your work</li><li>• Always trying your best</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By using your growth mindset and be the best you can be</li><li>• By using fantastic mistakes</li><li>• Accepting of other opinions and feedback</li><li>• Recognising when to move forwards after a setback</li><li>• Rise to the challenge</li><li>• Use 3 before me</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For resources &amp; property</li><li>• For your actions and behaviour</li><li>• By listening carefully to the adults</li><li>• For your learning</li><li>• Tidying up your own workspace and the classroom</li><li>• Sit on our chairs with 4 chair legs on the floor</li><li>• Regulate your own emotions</li></ul>
Celebrate success			



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We have a few dates for you to be aware of:

- **Prospective EYFS intake 2024 Open Evening event** - 28<sup>th</sup> September 5-6pm  
This is an opportunity for prospective parents for Sept 2024 to see our EYFS unit and to be introduced to the school.  
School tours are also available on the following dates...  
26<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am  
28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm
- **Parent evenings** will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October/25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March– 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.
- **Come and see parent event**  
This is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see your child's work. The session times are 3.15-3.45pm on the following dates:  
**30<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> July.**
- **Harvest Festival for Year 3 parents** – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm
- **Anti-Bullying Week 2023** - Monday 13th - Friday 17th November
- **KS2 SATs Parents' Information** - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 3.30pm KS1 hall (Year 6 parents only)
- **Pantomime** for Years 1-6 will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December - This can be booked and paid for via the Arbor app.
- **Pantomime for EYFS**– 14<sup>th</sup> December - This can be booked and paid for via the Arbor app.
- **Christmas Fayre** – Wednesday 20th December 4-6pm
- **EYFS and Year 1 Christmas performances** – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December
- **Easter Assembly for Year 2 parents** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2pm
- **Sports days** – Year 1&2 17<sup>th</sup> June am, Year 3&4 18<sup>th</sup> June am, Years 5&6 19<sup>th</sup> June am, EYFS 20<sup>th</sup> June am
- **Values Day** – 28<sup>th</sup> June
- **Summer Fayre** – 10<sup>th</sup> July 4-6pm
- **Year 6 End of Year Production to Parents** – 17<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm



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### Term dates

Please see a copy of our term dates for the year. **(Jen to attach)**

### In-School Curriculum Enhancement Visits

All trips and visits for individual year groups will have letters sent alongside a breakdown of the costs. All payments are to be made on the Arbor app. We do endeavor to give parents plenty of notice and time to pay for such events.

In line with DFE recommendations, all in-school visits that require a parental donation will be asked for via the Arbor app, however if you do not wish to make a donation there will be an option just to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend. However, if we do not gain enough donations to run the event, unfortunately, due to restricted school budgets, the event will be cancelled.

### Website

The school website has been updated with our latest curriculum documents. Over the next half term, each year group will have their own web page which will inform you of their topics, homework and a celebration of the events that have taken place. You can see your child's current topic by visiting <https://www.redwellprimary.org.uk/tl/our-curriculum-information>

We have a new curriculum vision which represents our ever-developing curriculum offer:

***Our vision is to provide a progressive, topic-based curriculum which develops the whole child through an immersive, child-led journey, where pupils learn through memorable experiences in a range of different environments, helping to prepare them for an exciting future, full of possibilities.***

### Celebration Assembly

Every Friday we invite parents to attend their child's celebration assembly. If your child is chosen for celebration assembly, you will be sent a message via arbor with an invitation for you to attend. We look forward to celebrating your child's successes with you.

### Parent Council & Friends of Redwell Primary School

Mrs. Sharpe is responsible for our parent council and she supports the Friends of Redwell Primary School – our school's PTFA. The parent council can be a useful platform to represent parent feedback on behalf of your child's year group and the Friends of RPS run fantastic events for the pupils to attend and fundraise for the school. If you would be interested to join either group please email [dsharpe@redwellprimary.co.uk](mailto:dsharpe@redwellprimary.co.uk).

Thank you for your support and Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs Nimmo, Mrs Hoskins and myself look forward to speaking to you on the playground in the coming weeks. If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [head@redwellprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@redwellprimary.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Head  
Principal