
Redland School News

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I hope you had a restful half term break and enjoyed the time with your children.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Schools throughout the country are holding Anti-Bullying events to support children overcome and deal with this issue. As a school Wednesday 11th November is our "SAY NO TO BULLYING" Day.

Your children may come home and talk about this, and I hope you support, listen and help them understand the complexities and mysteries surrounding bullying.

As a school we take the issue of bullying VERY seriously and we aim to help the children understand what bullying is.....a very different scenario to children's silly/inappropriate rough and tumble behaviour that gets out of hand which can be so often mistaken or misinterpreted as bullying. All too often children falling out and not wanting to play with each other is perceived as bullying and we have to get rid of these myths and delve into the true facts.

PARENTS EVENINGS

You will have received your appointments by now and it is essential that you attend these meetings to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. **The KS2 teachers (Puffins, Nightingales, Kingfishers, Buzzards and Falcons) have requested that their pupils also attend these consultations as they feel it is important that any messages need to be heard by the children as well, to impact upon their learning here in school.**

GRANDPARENTS IN SCHOOL DAY

On Wednesday 2nd December we are holding a "Grandparents in School Day".

Grandparents are always keen to share school experiences and our young pupils really do enjoy seeing grandpas and grannies in school.

Class teachers will be sending out a letter giving you slips to fill in to select a time for grandparents to visit the classes

e.g. 9.30 to 10.30
10.45 to 11.45
1.15 to 2.30

Because of limited space in each classroom, we have to offer visits on a "first come, first served", basis.

We hope to welcome lots of grandparents into school on Wednesday 2nd December!! Look out for the letters from teachers which will be coming out over the next few weeks.

TRAFFIC CONTROL!!

Following a visit from the Wiltshire Council's Road Safety Officer, we have come up with a master plan to help the traffic situation.

The map on page 1 shows the road layout and the direction of traffic we would like you to follow. As you travel from the Woodlands Road direction into Brook Street past the school, please try not to turn right at the junction around the lower green play area. Instead, carry straight on taking the next right turn at the junction at the top end of the green and then turn right into Redland to travel down towards the school, thus creating a one way system which will hopefully alleviate traffic jams around the right hand side of the green where cars are parked both sides. As you know it is very difficult to see whether you have a clear right of way and causes numerous hold ups and frustration for you, residents and staff. I hope you can help us with this traffic problem.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The deadline for photograph orders is tomorrow - **FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**. This is to ensure you have them in time for Christmas.

RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2010

The deadline for applications for a reception place is **NOON ON FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**. Please ensure you have applied either online or completed an application form. This is a particular reminder to those parents who have siblings in school.

BIG BAGS IN SCHOOL

A reminder that children only need to bring a book bag, P.E. bag and a lunchbox to school.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!!

In January 2010 I will have "clocked" up 25 fulfilling, happy and wonderful years at Redland School!!

To celebrate this I hope to hold here in school an 80's Music Night with Peter Williams and his band.

The 80's music was fab and I hope as many parents as possible will come along and have a great night.

All the monies raised will be donated to Help the Heroes and the Wiltshire Canal Trust. Peter Williams is heavily involved with the restoration of the canal and as a school we really do appreciate all his hard work, energy and enthusiasm he puts into all our music, performances and productions.

Help the Heroes is a charity which is close to my heart and we do have many service dads here in school and I'm sure you will agree that this is also a very worthwhile charity to support.

The date of this extravaganza is Saturday 30th January. More details will follow but there will be only 100 tickets on sale!! Buy them quickly to disappointment!!

Tickets costs will include food.