
Redland School News

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The final newsletter of Term 3 and we are now half way through the academic year!!

Despite the snow closures, we have had a very busy, exciting half term and the children have enjoyed lots of exciting events in their learning!

The Science Week was a huge success and the children will certainly remember all the events for a long time!

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Can I politely remind parents about the school's rules regarding snacks for morning break.

We have a Snack Shop every break time where we sell low sugar, reduced fat digestives and rich tea biscuits and low sugar juice.

If you wish your child to bring in a mid morning snack there are rules which we must insist are adhered to:

- Children can only bring in plain biscuits similar to those being sold
- No chocolate biscuits
- No crisps or packets of biscuits
- No cartons of drink

Children can bring in a piece of fruit.

All items for morning snack MUST be placed in the children's tray and NOT stored in lunchboxes in the cloakroom areas.

Pupils MUST NOT go into their lunch boxes for any items what so ever. Our cloak rooms are simply NOT big enough for children to gather to take items from their lunch boxes. This causes congestion and Health and Safety

issues. Also, when children are going through lunch boxes, we as adults in school do not know if children are actually taking food stuff from their own or other children's boxes. Stealing has unfortunately been an issue in some classes. We are also concerned about the amount of litter which children are leaving on our playground from biscuits and crisps. Your co-operation in this matter would be very much appreciated. Thank You.

LUNCH BOXES

We as a school are determined to encourage healthy lifestyles for each of our pupils. Can you please ensure lunch boxes are nutritious and balanced. It is vital your children eat properly at lunch times to give them the "fuel" to concentrate and have energies to complete their learning in the afternoons. Last year we were awarded the "Healthy Schools" award and we must maintain this status. The following items cannot be put in our pupil's lunchboxes.

- Chocolate biscuits
- Chocolate bars
- No fizzy drinks
- Sweets

Please have some consideration for the following -

- Try not to add chocolate spread sandwiches every day
- Try not to add crisps every day
- Try not to use only white bread
- Try not to add jam sandwiches every day

Please try to include the following -

- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetable/salad sticks
- Brown/granary bread sandwiches
- Salad + pastas
- Savoury rice
- Wraps
- Use pitta bread
- Healthy sandwich fillings
- Cheese sticks
- Hard boiled eggs
- Low fat yogurts

A variety and balanced diet is vital for your child's health and well being. Your co-operation in this matter is vital. Please try to support us - you are the people who guide and mould your children's eating habits, for the future.

HATS FOR HAITI

The children and staff raised £433.67. What an incredible amount!! Thank you very much for all your contributions!! Big thanks also to Philippa and Jolena who spurred us on to help the disaster victims. Super star sisters!!

FIZZY DISCOS

Fizzy discos are one of the exciting highlights in the school calendar. I must remind parents that if your child is absent from school on the day of the disco, they CANNOT come to the disco in the evening. If children do turn up at the disco after an absence, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

DRUGS NIGHT

Twenty two parents attended the Drugs Awareness Night - it was very informative and I hope the parents who attended, feel well informed with facts about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

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MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

We are embarking on a new system of contacting parents, where we will be texting important and sometimes urgent messages. This system will improve communication, save on paper and printing and is instant, quick and easy. Some of the effective uses will be:

- Cancelling after school clubs
- Emergency closures
- Parent Evening reminders
- First day contact for absences
- School announcements
- School trip reminders
- Reminders for important events such as Sports Days, Curriculum Evenings etc.

We must have up-to-date mobile telephone numbers for all parents to make this system work. Naturally any parents without mobiles will still receive notes or letters. Can you please inform the office of any mobile number changes by WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY. Thank you.

SCHOOL PLACES FOR RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2010

If you have not registered your child you must do so immediately!! If you know of any family members, friends or neighbors who have children ready to start school we need them to register with the Admissions Team at Wiltshire Council in Trowbridge NOW. If a place is preferred at Redland, there are still a few places available in our school for September. This is urgent and needs parents to respond quickly to secure a place for September.

I hope you all enjoy your half term break. School commences on Monday 22nd February.

My very best wishes

Hilary Walton, Headteacher