



REDWOOD CLASS



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to the Summer term – I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break. I have put together a curriculum overview which will guide you through your child's learning throughout this term. If you have any worries or concerns that you would like to discuss with me about your child's learning or progress at any point in the coming year, please contact the office, who will organise a time for you to meet with me.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This term, our focus will be on the school value of 'Resilience'. Throughout the term, we will be exploring what resilience looks like with the children, discussing how it can be shown both in school and in the wider community. Redwood will be creating their class display during the first week back for the main hall.

SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual school attendance enables every child to achieve to the very best of their abilities - please refer to our [attendance policy](#) for our expectations. **Redwood's attendance at the end of last term was 97.2%.** This remains above national – well done Redwood.

TRIP TO SHEFFIELD PARK – WORLD WAR II EXPERIENCE

Our history unit for Summer 2 is about World War II. I have arranged a trip to Sheffield Park for a WWII evacuation experience. Children will participate in a carousel of activities such as role play billeting, an air raid in the subway and other short activities. We will have access to the Museum, signal box and the Steamworks, with a steam ride to Horsted Keynes. The cost of the trip is £16. You will receive a letter shortly with more details.

YEAR 6 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

JUNIOR CITIZENS – Tuesday 21st April

Mrs Sharrock and I will be taking the Year 6s to Goodwood to participate in the Junior Citizens. Children will need a packed lunch please as we will not return to school until approximately 12:30pm.

SATS – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May

Parents will receive a letter shortly with more details about the week. Children will also be invited to breakfast club which will be running Monday to Thursday at 8am. Children will receive a hearty breakfast in advance of the tests.

LEAVERS SERVICE AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL – Wednesday 24th June

We will leave school at 11:15am for a 1pm start. Parents are warmly invited to join this special event.

'CHEESY CHIPS'

This will take place on Wednesday 15th July at lunchtime. We will contact parents nearer the time for any dietary needs.

LEAVERS ASSEMBLY (WHOLE SCHOOL) – Friday 17th July

Year 6 children will take a trip down memory lane and share their precious moments of their school life at St John the Baptist. Weather permitting, we will be outside with a start time of 9:15am.

LEAVERS PARTY – Monday 20th July

The party will start with the traditional water fight followed by a game of rounders with staff. Mrs van Zanten will be preparing the party food of pizza and garlic bread with soft drinks. Children will be invited to bring their various water pistols etc and will need a change of clothes.

START OF THE DAY

This is a reminder that the school gates open at 8:40am with registration at 8:50am. Your child will have the opportunity to do some spelling activities / quiet reading during this time and they will also be able to access Accelerated Reader quizzes. Arriving on time is a great start to the day, putting your child in the right frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning. **Good punctuality is linked to good attendance which leads to better outcomes for children.**



UNIFORM

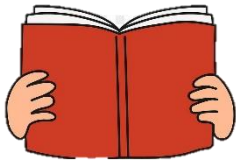
Uniform expectations can be found on our website (Parents – Uniform). When children are celebrating their birthday and wearing their own clothes, crop tops and short skirts are not appropriate attire for the school day. Hair should also be tied back.

P.E. AND GAMES



A reminder that children come to school in their PE kit with their school jumper / cardigan on **Mondays and Thursdays**. As the weather gets warmer, children may come to school in their PE shorts and t-shirts on these two days. Long hair **MUST** be tied back. All children should wear shorts for indoor PE – **leggings or tracksuit bottoms are not permitted when using gymnastic equipment**. **Girls should ensure that they are wearing either netball skirts or shorts, not 'hotpants'**. **If your child wears earrings, they should be removed before their session, but if this is not possible, they should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you.**

READING



Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to read. It has been heartening to see how many children are handing in their signed reading journals. There has been a definite increase in the amount of comments being recorded in Redwood. I have asked children to remember to note the date and book title along with how many pages / chapters read. The expectation is for children to read **20 minutes a day**. As we have had an INSET at the beginning of the term, books will be handed in **weekly** on a **Wednesday** and returned the next day. Children will be given opportunities to access the Accelerated Reader quiz linked to their completed book. I have asked children to note in their journals if there is no quiz linked to their book.

HOMEWORK



I have created a new homework topic grid and spelling overview. If your child does a piece of work, whether it is spelling or from the topic grid, please encourage them to share it with me. The topic grid and spelling overview is available on the school website, but children will be given their own copies.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

This is a polite reminder that children should be provided with a healthy packed lunch – no chocolate bars or sweets please. Redwood class have their snack before going out to break, so please ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.



WATER BOTTLES



It is important that your child is kept hydrated throughout the day, particularly now as we head towards the summer months. They should have a **named** plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; **these should NOT be used for squash or fruit juice please.**

COMMUNICATION

If you need to speak to me about your child at any point during the term, please contact the office or speak to me directly after school. At the start of each term, a curriculum overview is shared with all parents to keep you informed about your child's learning journey. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

With kind regards,

Mrs Corrine Wellby
Class Teacher and Deputy Head