

13.01.2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to 2023! I hope that you had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas. We hope that the new year brings exciting new challenges and learning opportunities for all pupils and greater stability as the year progresses. A brief newsletter this week, a few points to note:

- It was lovely to see so many people at the Christmas concerts at the end of term. We hope to hold more 'live' events, such as coffee mornings, class sharing assemblies etc through the year and look forward to seeing as many of you as we can.
- On **Tuesday 24th January** we are having our annual 'Peer Review'. This is when leaders from other schools come in to look at particular aspects of our school to give us feedback on what is working well and how we can make further improvements. It is like a 'mini' Ofsted but without so much pressure. This year we are looking at the areas of 'Writing' & 'Curriculum Challenge'. We would love any parent feedback to the leaders of the review. Please see them in the playground on the 24th from **8:30-8:50am** if you would like to share your opinion of your child's learning & our curriculum.
- **Thoughtful Thursdays** will start again from next week. Thank you for all of the kind donations– they have been so welcomed by many families in the school. Items that we need in particular would be: pasta/ pasta sauces/rice/ breakfast cereals/ tinned tomatoes/ coconut milk/ biscuits.
- As the cold weather continues we are seeing quite a few late arrivals at school. **Please aim for getting your child to school at 8:30am** for the 'soft start'. This gives your child plenty of time to settle and relax before the day starts. The register is taken promptly at 8:50am for the start of the day.
- Next Thursday is **Census Day**. Please see more information on the following page for what this means for our school
- As always, Mrs Crouch & myself are on the gates every morning & afternoon if you ever have anything that you want to speak to use about or need help with. Please just come & see us.

Kind regards,

Mr Hughes

Dates for your diary

Friday 13 Jan KS1 drama workshop in school

Thursday 19 Jan CENSUS day in school; please book in for a school dinner

Friday 20 Jan Year 2 sleepover in school

Tuesday 24 Jan EYFS Chinese workshop in school

Wednesday 8 Feb EYFS baby dinosaur workshop in school

Thursday 9 Feb Year 5 trip to British Museum

Friday 10 Feb last day of school before half term

Monday 13th Feb to Friday 17th Feb: Half term holiday

Friday 31st March: last day of school before Easter

Our Value of the month is...



Reception School Applications for September 2023

All Nursery parents are required to submit their child's application for Primary School by **15th January 2023** to their home borough. Parents are required to submit three supporting documents as proof of residency to the borough along with the application. To complete the application please log on to www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions

If you miss this deadline, your child may not get a school place. Please also note that a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gritten to our Office Team as Attendance Officer, following Miss King's departure. She joins us from Wanstead High with a wealth of experience. Please continue to email into the absence email to report absences promptly should your child be unwell.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Rogan who joins our Early Years team as Class Teacher and Mrs Begum who is joining us as a Learning Support Assistant.

Census Day—Thursday 19 January 2023

The funding that our school receives to educate and feed our children is calculated by the London Borough of Redbridge three times a year. Simply put, the number of children who are on roll on that day, the number of families who are Pupil Premium and the number of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who have a school dinner on that day enables the Borough to calculate how much money we, as a school, should receive.

Census Day for the Spring Term is on Thursday 19 January 2023.

What can you do to help?

Sign your child up to have a school meal on **Thursday 19th January!** There is a special and extra delicious menu planned for the day (attached). It is especially important that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have a school meal if at all possible - you can always send in an extra snack for them to have afterwards if you are worried that they won't eat enough at lunchtime that day. If your child is in those year groups and you do not sign them up for a school lunch on Thursday 19th January, the school will not get any funding for any meals for them for the term and the cost of their meals will have to be covered out of school funds.

Please log onto your child's Feeding Hungry Minds account and book lunch for Thursday 19 January.



Winter PE Kit

During the winter months we continue to do PE lessons outside, unless it is raining or snowing. This is especially important for children this year to give them more space to run and to get out into the fresh air. Please ensure your child wears their full winter PE kit including a full length tracksuit and trainers so that they are warm enough outside. As Mr Hussain says there is no such thing as bad weather...just the wrong clothing!

Please Be Considerate

Can we ask that parents do not park over local residents' driveways in the drop off/pick up times in **Northumberland Avenue**. We have taken a lot of care over the years to build a good relationship with our local community. Please take an extra moment to find an appropriate place to park or walk/cycle where you can.

Safer Internet Day 2023

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the **7th of February 2023**, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.

This year we are hoping to answer the following questions:

- What issues really matter to children?
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

You can find out more about this year's theme here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

**Safer
Internet
Day 2023** | **Tuesday
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

On The Ball Holiday Club

On the Ball are returning to Aldersbrook Primary School once again to deliver a fun filled, action packed multi sports activity camp during the February Half Term from 13th - 17th February. Running daily from **8am - 6pm**, our Ofsted registered camps provide a fantastic way for children to stay active and entertained during the school holidays. Our camps are open to **Reception - Year 6** children. We put fun and enjoyment at the heart of everything that we offer, so even if your child is not the sportiest, we are sure that they will still have a great time! We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free credits. To book or for more information please visit <https://www.ontheballsportscamps.com/>

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