

Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit
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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Dear Parents,

Having completed our first week back after Half Term, we are looking forward to an exciting few weeks ahead for the children

Firstly, Children in Need Day is on Friday 13 November at the end of this week, and we would like to support this in school with a non-uniform day, where the children can wear Active Wear. This could be sports kit or jogging bottoms / leggings with a T shirt instead of school uniform. Any donations made will be given to this cause. Leading up to Friday the children are working on a programme of wellbeing activities on a 'Five to Thrive' programme led by Joe Wicks, Dr Radha and Blue Peter.

Next week 16 – 20 November is national Anti-Bullying Week and, during this week, some of the children's work and assemblies will reflect this theme. Of our three over-arching values of Relationships, Respect and Resilience, the one we are thinking about this term is Relationships and what it means to be a good friend, and is especially relevant to this year's anti-bullying theme of 'United Against Bullying'.

Thank you most sincerely for all the generous donations of food received at Harvest time, which have now been collected by the Abingdon Food Bank.

I finish by saying that there is currently a vacancy on the board of trustees of the Old School House, adjacent to the Old School. Should you be in a position to stand as a trustee and would like to know more, there are further details at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

With my best wishes,

Grace Slater
Headteacher

School Office

School Dinners

Our supplier is no longer offering Linda McCartney vegetarian products. Therefore we will need to use Quorn in the following vegetarian options:

Veggie All Day Breakfast
Veggie hot dogs
Veggie sausage rolls
Tex Mex Taco Bowl

Please book your child's school dinners on a **Thursday in advance** via School Money www.eduspot.co.uk. This enables the cook to order the food and the registers to be printed out on a Friday morning, ready for the following week. Thank you.

School Christmas Dinner

This will take place on Wednesday 16 December and is the normal price of a school meal. Please book online as normal via www.eduspot.co.uk Please note that there are no jacket potatoes available on this day.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 13 November.

Children can donate £1.00 for this privilege via School Money. All the money raised will be given to Children in Need.



Early Years Education Funding for 30 Hours

Radley Foundation Stage Unit offers 15 hours of funded Early Years Education. For working parents a further 15 hours of government funding is available. Children can start the long term after their third birthday (September, January or April). Our current session times are mornings 9.05am to 11.45am and all day from 9.05am to 2.50pm, Monday to Friday during term time. Breakfast club is also available from 8am at an additional charge.

You can register your child when they are two years old for our Foundation Stage Unit. Please email the school office for a registration form office@radleyprimary.uk

Starting School – September 2021

Parents of children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for their children. Parents must apply for a school place for their child even if the child attends a nursery class at the school listed as a preference.

Please apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from the school office. The closing date for on-time applications is 15 January 2021. The Primary offer date for on-time applications is 16 April 2021.

School Policies

These are available to view on our school website and are updated regularly.

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools from Central Government so that support is given to disadvantaged pupils to close the attainment gap between them and their peers. We use this funding in a variety of ways which include providing additional one to one or group tuition, investing in resources that boost children's learning in school, financial support for residential visits, as well as other benefits.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Or if your child:

Has been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales

Has been adopted from care in England or Wales

Has left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

If you think you may be eligible, please contact the school office for a form to complete.

Currently the government fund all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 to have free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium.

If your child qualifies for free school meals, it's important that you inform the school office – even if your child brings a packed lunch – as this enables us to claim pupil premium for them. Thank you.

School House Trustee vacancy

We have a vacancy on the School House trustees, and we would very much like someone from the school community to join us.

The School House was left in trust to benefit the education of children in the village, and is able to make grants to the Primary School with the income it generates. This is an easy way to support the School!

Trustees are required to make sure the property is kept in good condition. In practice, meetings are conducted by email, and this requires a relatively low time commitment. If you would like to help the School in this way, please contact Rev. Rob (01235554739 / robertglenny@gmail.com) or the school office for details.

Friends of Radley Primary School

I am delighted to report that The Friends of Radley Primary School has purchased a number of resources for the school. Teachers provided a 'wish list' for each class and we hope that they will enrich the children's learning and development.

As the items arrive, we will share them with our school community via the school Newsletter and the Friends of Radley Primary School Facebook page.

So far, three sets of Dienes and a new set of Numicon have arrived for Isis class.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support The Friends in these difficult times. A particular thank you to our Treasurer Carol Bousahla, for overseeing the Rags2Riches collection and our annual Christmas card fundraiser and to Gareth Mulcahy for his ongoing support as Chair of Governors.

Julia Watson
Chair

Diary Dates

Friday 13th November	Non Uniform Day in aid of Children in Need
16th to 20th November	National Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16th December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December	End of Term—school finishes at 1.30pm
21st December—1st January inc.	Christmas break
Monday 4th January 2021	Spring Term begins—Back to school