

Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit  
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# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been a huge pleasure to welcome back to school children from all our classes for the new Autumn Term. An especial welcome to the children in Windrush class, who have just begun school for the first time.

A very sincere thank you from the staff and myself for the huge amount of home learning which took place during lock down, and which has held the children in such good stead on their return to school.

I thank you too for your support of all the covid-19 arrangements in place at school – the staggered start and finish times of the school day, the use of separate entrances and exits, and also for what I know is a longer walk around the school for many of you as you drop your children off at various different doors.

I understand that this remains an anxious time for parents, and would like to reassure you that we are adhering closely to all the Covid-19 guidance we receive from the government, including updates which we receive on a daily basis. Our Covid-19 Risk Assessment is on our website, should you wish to look at it. The latest guidance now advises that Parents Evenings do not take place on the school site, and we will therefore be arranging for these to take place virtually. I will write shortly with dates when these are to take place during October, and also with details as to how you will sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher.

Finally, may I remind you that, alongside the various restrictions in place, the school also has responsibility for each child's safeguarding and welfare. As headteacher I am the named individual responsible for safeguarding and, should you have any concerns within this area, please telephone the office and ask to speak with me, or email me on [head.3238@radley-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3238@radley-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

As I close I wish both you and the children well for the coming year believing that, as we work in partnership with you, together we will achieve the very best for your child.

With my very best wishes,

Grace Slater

## Special Education Needs

Mrs Ilsley, our Special Education Needs Co-ordinator, is available throughout the year to discuss issues related to Special Education Needs. Please make an appointment through the office, if you would like to meet with her.

For those families with children on the Special Education Needs (SEN) Register special dates for your calendar are as follows:

**Week beginning 14 September 2020:** Parents of pupils who are on the SEN register will be invited to a virtual meeting with the class teacher for their initial interview of the academic year. Within this meeting parents can meet the class teacher, contribute towards their child's Pupil Profile and discuss 'Next Steps' for the term.

**Week beginning: 7 December 2020:** Parents are invited to a virtual meeting for the first review of the academic year. Discussion will be focused on the child's achievements from September to December.

**Week beginning: 22 March 2021:** Parents are invited to attend the second review for the academic year. Discussion will be focused on the child's achievements from January to March.

**Week beginning: 5 July 2021:** Parents are invited to attend the final review for the academic year. Discussion will be focused on the child's achievements from April to July. Transition will be discussed to the next class or stage, where this is applicable.

## PE Lessons

**Cherwell class** have PE on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**Isis class** have PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

**Thames class** will have PE on Thursday afternoons and in addition take part in the daily mile each day.

Please could children keep their PE kit in school during the week, in case of any changes or additional lessons are given.

## Forest School

Forest School is the name for an approach to educating children in an outdoor woodland environment on a regular basis. Sessions are led by our Forest School Leaders, Sonya Paige with the help of Julie Ganna-Powell on the school site for Reception children every Wednesday morning.

## Thames Class

### Y6 Parents

Parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, please ensure you apply for a secondary school place **by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020** via the Oxfordshire County Council website:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/admission-secondary-school/make-application>

Places will be confirmed on 1st March 2021.

## Term Topics

Term topic letters for Years 1 to 6 have been sent out via email to parents. These are also available to view on our school website [www.radleyprimary.uk](http://www.radleyprimary.uk) If you would like a paper copy, please email the school office before lunchtime [office@radleyprimary.uk](mailto:office@radleyprimary.uk) Thank you.

## School Uniform

### Update from School Trends

The coronavirus pandemic resulted in the closure of manufacturing for 3 months and this has severely impacted the delivery of stock items. This combined with shipping delays, port closures and reduced embroidery capacity has unfortunately resulted in unexpected delays.

Please be assured that the School Trends team are working 24/7 to catch up with all the uniform orders and would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding.

## Coronavirus Testing Advice

Should your child become unwell with a cold please keep them at home for two school days to help reduce the spread of the cold. We have been advised that children do not need a Covid-19 test unless they develop one of the symptoms of Coronavirus, please see symptoms listed below:

Coronavirus symptoms are:

- a high temperature,**
- a new, continuous cough,**
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

## **School Office**

### **Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club runs from 8am every morning in our school hall. The children are provided with a breakfast of toast and cereals and can enjoy playing with some new toys with their friends. If you would like your child to attend, please book and pay online via School Money [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk) at least 24 hours in advance.

### **School Meals**

School dinners are available each day at a cost of £2.40. If you would like your child to have a school dinner you will need to pre-order their meals online using School Money [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk). All dinners must be booked and paid for at least one week in advance by midnight on the preceding Thursday. The dinner registers are printed out on a Friday morning for the following week. This helps with food ordering and helps prevent food wastage.

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will still need to book online using School Money at least one week in advance by midnight on the preceding Thursday. You will be able to choose your child's meals for the week and will not be charged.

### **Holidays during Term Time**

In line with the latest government information the Headteacher is unable to grant any leave of absence during term time, apart from in the most exceptional of circumstances. Parents/carers should apply in writing to the Headteacher prior to the leave of absence in question, to be followed by a meeting. The Headteacher will determine the number of days a child can be away from school, if the leave is granted. Parents/carers who remove their children from school without authorisation, or who do not return their child to school on the agreed date following an authorised period of leave of absence, may face a Penalty Notice Warning which could lead to a fine or prosecution.

### **Newsletters**

Newsletters are sent via email each month. Please inform the school office if you do not receive the newsletter, or would like a paper copy. Thank you.

### **Text Messages**

Please don't reply to the text messages that are sent out by the school office as they can't be read! Thank you.

### **School Office**

Please note that the school office is closed on Friday afternoons. Any urgent messages can be left on the office answerphone for staff.

### **Afterschool Football Club**

Oxford United application forms have been sent out giving details of how to sign up for the club that will be on a Friday afterschool for children in Years 3 to 6. We regret that with Covid-19 restrictions in place, places have had to be limited. Children will only be allowed to attend the club if Oxford United have received a completed application form and payment. This will ensure that your child is on their register and that Oxford United have the correct contact details, for safeguarding reasons.

### Diary Dates

Week commencing 14th Sept	After school clubs begin
Friday 18th September	Oxford United Football Club begins for Y5 & Y6 (5 weeks)
Monday 28th September	Rags2Riches for Schools Collection (early am)
Friday 18th October	Flu Vaccinations 9am R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day—school closed
26th to 30th October	Half Term break—school closed
2nd November	Back to school