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THE END OF AN ERA FOR REDHILL AND MRS HARRISON

After an incredible 43 years at Redhill, Mrs Harrison has decided to retire at the end of this half term. For her final seven weeks at the school, she will only be working on a Monday in the Year 3 class and her last day will be Monday 14th December. Whilst we will be incredibly sad to see her leave after such a long time at the school, we are all really excited for her to start a very well-deserved retirement with her family! We'll miss you, Mrs Harrison!

THE START OF A NEW ERA IN RECEPTION

We are really pleased to announce that, after a successful recruitment process before the half term break, we have hired Mrs Hayward as our new Reception class teacher and our EYFS/KS1 lead! She will bring a wealth of experience with her when she starts in January and will be working closely with Miss Williams in the coming weeks to ensure the smoothest possible transition.

JEWELLERY AND EAR PIERCINGS

We have had lots of children coming to school with newly pierced ears over the last half term. Whilst these are lovely, it is important to remind parents that children cannot participate in any PE lessons or sports at the school unless they are able to safely remove their piercings themselves. This is why we ask parents to, wherever possible, get new piercings at the beginning of summer holidays so that they have time to heal and time to practice removing the piercings before school.

Furthermore, only children from year 2 and above should have watches on in school and we ask that these watches are not smart watches which can connect to the internet in any way. Sports watches with step counters are acceptable, for example, but Apple watches or similar are not.

COMMUNICATING ABSENCES

If for any reason your child is absent from school, please ensure that this is communicated directly to the school office and not to teachers via Class Dojo. This is the same for absences from any after school clubs too – please let the office know if your child is not attending their after-school club so that we can complete the registers accurately.

TRIPS, ASSEMBLIES AND CHRISTMAS DATES!

11th November – Year 6 trip to the National Arboretum for Remembrance Day
13th November – Children in Need non-uniform day
16th November – Book Fair after school in hall
26th November – Year 1 class assembly
27th November – Christmas Hamper donation non-uniform day
1st December – Year 1 school trip to the Pantomime
7th December – Year 4 and 6 Carol Concert
8th December – Year 3 and 5 Carol Concert
9th and 10th December – Infant Nativity Performances
15th December – Junior Christmas Parties
16th December – Christmas Dinner
17th December – Infant Christmas Parties
18th December – Last day of term
4th January – INSET Day – school closed
5th January – Back to school after Christmas Holidays

MOVING/TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS

This is some information regarding moving or transferring schools which we are legally required to share:

It is important that parents keep the Headteacher informed when they are considering changing schools, as we have a duty to inform the Local Authority of any child that we believe has left our school and has not provided forwarding information on their destination and educational provision. If we are unable to establish your child's new school, we would have to refer them as a missing child to the Children Missing from Education team. As a result, your child's name may be kept on a missing register and efforts will be made to trace them. It is also important to know about the new school so that we can send on your child's records.

At the point when you have decided to change school, please ask the school office for a Pupil Exit Form.

If you are concerned that the details of your destination should not be shared with anyone but the headteachers, please discuss this with them. They will be able to ensure that access to your new address details is restricted appropriately.

CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children in Need is coming soon and we are looking forward to getting in volved and raising money for charitable causes around the UK!

The theme for this year's event is 'Challenge Yourself and move-a-mile'! The school council have been busy gathering ideas for how we can have a fun day in school, get some exercise, challenge ourselves to do something awesome and raise money along the way.

On Friday 13th November, all children are invited to dress-down in whatever colourful and fun clothes they like and take part in a 1 mile dance-a-run-a-shuffle-athon chal lenge! Each class will take it in turn to tackle the 1 mile course measured out in and around school and will get the chance to run, dance and shuffle their way around the course.

Voluntary donations will be welcomed and all proceeds will be sent to BBC Children In Need.

We are all looking forward to a fun day and thank you in advance for sup porting us in our fundraising efforts.

BOOK FAIR

On Monday 16th November, we will be holding a Scholastic book fair in the hall after school. There will be a wide selection of books available to purchase and a percentage of all sales will be donated to the school by Scholastic to support us in buying more books for our classrooms and our library.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Christmas Post boxes will open on Monday 30th November. Children can bring in Christmas cards from home for their friends and pop them in the festive post boxes in the infant and junior corridor. Our Year 6s will become 'Christmas elves' and deliver them to classrooms. Please make sure your child remembers to address each envelope with a full name and class number to help ensure safe delivery!.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Infants and Juniors are invited to come to school in their party clothes, but please remember a warm coat will be needed for playtimes!
Further information will be sent out to parents via class dojo a little closer to the party dates.