

RL Roundup

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been lots going on over the last few weeks and lots to look forward to. We have sent the parent calendar out a number of times via Dojo but we have added the upcoming key dates for you to this newsletter also. This week is Children in Need and you will find details on the newsletter. As always, donations are voluntary but we know that this is a cause that a lot of parents and families are very keen to support.

Thank you to all those families who have attended parent conference this term. Parental support and engagement with school is key in helping children achieve their best. We have seen a real increase in parent attendance at events this year which is wonderful. In particular the Inclusion coffee morning. The Online Safety workshops were less well attended and we will be running these again for parents. All of our sessions are designed with parents needs and requests in mind. Online safety concerns in the home are something we are often supporting our parents with and so these sessions are designed to support parents in keeping their children safe online. The online world is ever changing and can be a dangerous place. We want to help all parents be proactive in terms of online safety rather than having to deal with incidents that happen online.

Finally, in the coming weeks you will receive a letter advertising a Parent Governor position. If you are passionate about education and would like to contribute to the ongoing success of the school for all pupils now and in the future then we would love to have you on board. Keep an eye peeled for the letter.

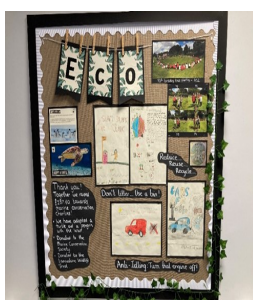
Thank you for your continued support.



ECO schools



Over the Summer break, Red Lane applied for the Eco Schools Green Flag accreditation and I am happy to announce that we were successful! We are now officially an Eco School for 2023-2024. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school's Eco Council and all pupils and staff who took part in Eco Enrichment throughout the year. Their fabulous work provided so many quality pieces of evidence for our application. I look forward to continuing this journey with Eco Council over the coming weeks and months.



Eco Councils Eco Tip:

"TV on and nobody watching? Switch it off! Reduce energy usage and save money as a result."



Term Time Holidays

Holidays in Term Time Holidays must not be taken during term time as this has an extremely detrimental effect on your child's education. The long-term cost to your child's education of going on holiday in term time, far outweighs the short term gain of the holiday at the time. The £60 fixed penalty notice is the least of the costs; it is the impact on your child's future educational success that presents the greatest cost. Children miss vital learning that cannot be repeated. It is widely acknowledged that mental health and personal well-being flourish when children have good routines and engage with their learning. Holidays in term time are disruptive on both counts. I urge you to prioritise the long-term benefits of regular school attendance, over the short term impact of a holiday in term time.

Appointments

We ask that medical appointments are made outside of school hours where possible. Where it is not possible to avoid this in school time you must notify the office beforehand. Taking your child out in school time not only disrupts the class but also impacts their learning and attendance. If there are concerns regarding the amount of time your child is missing then proof of all future appointments will be requested.



PRICE LIST

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING

ALL UNIFORM 3 FOR £1
POLOS 1 FOR £1
COATS £1 (MAX 2)
BLAZERS £3

ACCESSORIES

SHOES 50P
SCHOOL BAGS 50P

NEW UNIFORM & ACCESSORIES

NEW BAGS £1.50 (MAX 1)
NEW POLOS PER PACK £1
FOOTBALL SHIN PADS £1
NEW SUMMER DRESSES 2 FOR £1 (MAX 2)
NEW EXPENSIVE UNIFORM ITEMS £3 (MAX 2)
SOCKS/TIGHTS 50P (MAX 1 PER CHILD)
UNDERWEAR 50P (MAX 1 PER CHILD)
PE PUMPS £1 (MAX 1 PER CHILD)

NEW OTHER

STATIONERY 4 X £2 (MAX 1 PER FAMILY)
LUNCH BOXES £1 (MAX 2)
SANITARY ITEMS FREE
TOILETRIES 3 FOR £1

DROP OFF POINT

MAIN RECEPTION
KINGS CHURCH BOLTON
THE MILL, BL2 6QE
9AM - 5PM, MON - FRI



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Good time keeping means...

...making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the school bell rings!

Did you know? - being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!*

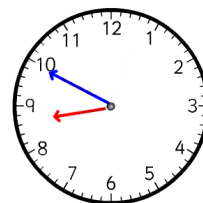


Every Schoolday Counts

but every minute is equally important!

* Over one full academic year

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STARTS AT
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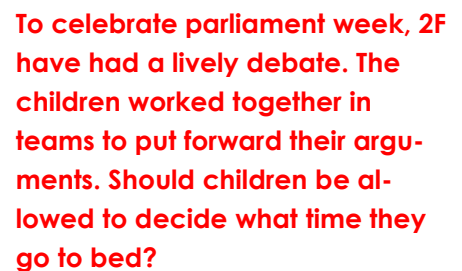
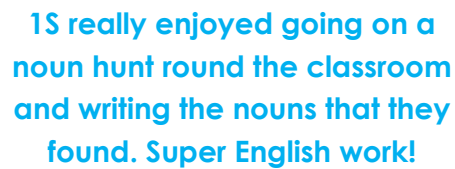
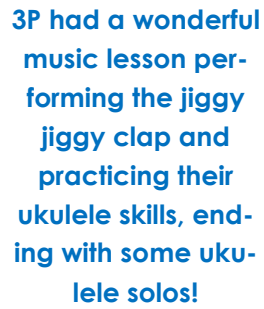


Equates to:



[@RedLaneSch](https://twitter.com/RedLaneSch)

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it's needed. This guide focuses on one of many topics which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern for parents. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKi, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Knowing which online games are safe and suitable for your child is a key part of setting boundaries. Some titles are designed to be played by children, while others are more complex and may contain mature themes. Some games, which are rated for children, may contain some mature themes. It's important to check the game's rating and to talk to your child about the game's content. You can also use parental controls to restrict the types of games your child can play.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, played in moderation. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and parents should set limits on how much their child can spend on gaming. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games, so it's important that you talk to your child about the age ratings on games. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming. Encourage your child to take breaks from gaming.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X

On 28 October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. This sparked a host of changes to the platform, not all of which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as X). With further adjustments reported, the platform has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

Twitter has announced plans to remove its blocking feature, which allows users to block anyone who harasses them. This means that users who are blocked will still be able to see your profile and send you direct messages, which could be a risk for some users.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's best age-appropriate content creators have been removed from the platform, which means that there is a risk of children seeing inappropriate content. This is a concern for parents and carers.

BLUE TICK SALE

Twitter has announced a sale of blue ticks, which are a way of verifying an account. This means that anyone can buy a blue tick, which could be a risk for children.

PROTECT PRIVACY

Twitter has announced that it will be removing its privacy settings, which means that anyone can see your posts. This is a concern for parents and carers.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

Twitter has announced that it will be removing its reporting feature, which means that users who are harassed will not be able to report the person who is harassing them. This is a concern for parents and carers.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Twitter has announced that it will be removing its verification feature, which means that anyone can impersonate a verified account. This is a concern for parents and carers.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Twitter has announced that it will be removing its follow feature, which means that anyone can follow you. This is a concern for parents and carers.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

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Advice for Parents & Carers

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PARENT FORUM

Since September it has been lovely to see the parent events well attended and thank you so much for the completed feedback forms. We have had over 400 forms returned and they are overwhelmingly positive. The Parent's Forum, which is a great opportunity for parents to meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team and discuss ways to improve the school or to understand the difference between parent's view and the school's perspective on the decisions we make. Over the past year, the positive discussions at parents forum have led to changes in school such as: the appointment of road safety ambassadors, changes to clubs to give a wider choice and cover year groups from KS1 and KS2, communication links through Dojo and the text SMS service with digital letters wherever possible to just name a few.

Last Friday we held our first parents forum of the year, thank you to the parents in attendance: the meeting raised some excellent points. Here are some that can be solved instantly with your help:

- Dogs are not allowed on the school premises.
- If you are sending in birthday treats, we can not hand out hard lollies as these are a choking hazard.
- Smoking and vaping are not allowed on the school premises.
- Please do not park illegally when dropping off or picking up your child/children.

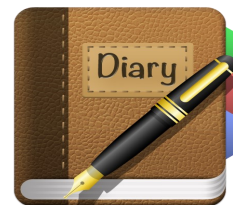
Other points raised that we are currently looking into are:

- A zebra crossing at the bottom of the school (Winchester Way/Deepdale Road).
- The water/puddles on Winchester Way and the drainage from our fields.
- Fine tuning our communication to ensure parents have plenty of notice for school events. (The vast majority of these are on the Parents Overview which was sent in September or can be accessed on the school Story section of Dojo or on the Parents section of the website).
- How to positively promote good attendance

Keep an eye out on the next Newsletter to see where we are up to with these issues and watch out for the date of the next Parent's Forum in Spring Term.



Diary Dates



Christmas

Friday 24th November – non uniform day – Christmas fair donations: coloured items
Thursday 30th November - non uniform day – Christmas fair donations: chocolate/sweets
Tuesday 5th December – Rec D Nativity – 2.30pm
Wednesday 6th December - Rec J Nativity – 2.30pm
Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper day
Friday 8th December - Christmas fair
Monday 11th December – Nursery singing 11.30 & 3.00
Wednesday 13th December – 2B & 1M play - 2.30 & 6.00pm
Thursday 14th December – 2F & 1S play - 2.30 & 6.00pm
Monday 18th December – KS2 Christmas Dinner & Crafts
Tuesday 19th December – KS1 Christmas Dinner & Crafts
Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Carol Concert 6.00pm
Wednesday 20th December – Rec –Y6 Trip to Panto!
Friday 22nd December – Party Day & school closes @ 1.30pm



Class Assemblies Thursdays @3pm

23rd November – 4H
7th December – 4S
18th January – 3B
1st February – 1S
8th February – 3P
7th March – 1M
21st March – 2B
25th April – Rec J
9th May – Rec D
23rd May – 5M
13th June – 5T
4th July – 2F

Fri 19th July – Y6 leavers
Time TBC

Reading workshops

Parents are invited to find out more about Reading. Your child may attend this session with you.

- Tuesday 28th November – Reception & Key Stage 1 (3.30pm)
- Thursday 30th November – Key Stage 2 (3.30pm)

Charity/ Awareness Days

- Children In Need – Friday 17th November—donation
- Christmas Jumper day - Thursday 7th December –no donation

On Tuesday 12th December, we invite children in KS2 to come to school in their cosy clothes whilst we read some Christmas stories. Hot chocolate and refreshments included. More details to come soon.