



REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8.9.23

Redland School is 50 Years Old: 1973-2023

This term, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school. All the classes are learning about different decades from the 1970s to the present day, and there will even be some retro puddings on offer at lunchtimes later in the term! The children will shortly be presented with a special badge to mark this event. More information about our 50th celebrations will be sent home this term.



Summer Reading Challenge

Tracy Hager from Chippenham Library has asked us to remind everyone that **Saturday 9th September** is the final day to finish the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. Tracy says there is still time to sign up as long as you can write down the book titles that you have been reading over the summer, and tell her a bit about them.

School Times

8.20am - Playground gates open
8.30am - Bell rings and children enter school
8.35am - Playground gates close
8.40am - Registration
3.00pm - End of school day
Anyone arriving late will need to go to the office entrance and sign in on the electronic system.

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to Redland, and welcome to our new families. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer, with time to rest and relax. It has been really fantastic to see all the children back in school, and they have coped so well with the hot weather this week! Our new children in Reception have settled well into their classes and are getting used to the new school routines. We have all been really impressed with how well the children have managed their new lunchtime routine, and the lunchtime staff have commented on how polite the children have been and how well they have used their knives and forks.

Please have a look at the [class pages](https://www.redland.wilts.sch.uk/) on the school website <https://www.redland.wilts.sch.uk/> where you can find a range of information including a link to this term's curriculum letter, detailing what the children will be learning in class. Letters are also being sent home outlining routines and expectations for individual classes.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes
Mrs Joy

Free School Meals

Please remember, if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, your child/children may be eligible for income based free school meals: Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Universal Credit. There is a short form which would need to be completed which is available from the school office. Please come and see us for more information.

Each year, we receive some funding from Chippenham Borough Lands Charity which is intended to support families who are experiencing financial hardship. These funds are available to all who may need it – please contact us in the office if you would like to discuss this further.

Year 3 School Meals

A reminder that when children move into Year 3, they are no longer entitled to the Universal Free School Meal government scheme. Lunches cost £2.50 per day and can be ordered through the school money website. Children entitled to income based free school meals (see box above) can still receive free lunches. If you have any questions about this, please give the office staff a call. Thank you.

FORS (FRIENDS OF REDLAND SCHOOL) NEWS

We are really looking forward to a new school year with lots of exciting things ahead. We have our annual general meeting on 20th September at 8pm.

If you would like to join us for our 2023 AGM please email forsevents@outlook.com so we can have enough refreshments for all and give you location details. Bring along ideas for the year ahead, maybe a friend too! We can't wait to see you there!

TD Days 2023-2024

Monday 29th January 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024
Monday 10th June 2024
Wednesday 24th July 2024

Future Dates

September

Tues 12th – Lee Abbey meeting for parents at 3.15pm in hall.
Thurs 14th – Outdoor Learning sessions start (please see separate letter)
Tues 19th – Phonics Meeting for parents of Reception children at 2.15pm in hall
Weds 20th – FORS AGM
Mon 25th to Fri 29th – Lee Abbey Residential Trip for Year 6
Tues 26th - Curriculum Meeting for parents of Reception children at 2.15pm in hall

October

Mon 2nd – Open Morning for parents with children starting Reception in 2024
Weds 4th - Open Morning for parents with children starting Reception in 2024
Thurs 5th – Yr 6 Bikeability Group 1
Fri 6th - Yr 6 Bikeability Group 1
Thurs 12th - Yr 6 Bikeability Group 2
Fri 13th - Yr 6 Bikeability Group 2
Fri 13th – Flu Vaccinations
Weds 18th – Last day of term



WELCOME BACK !