



Newsletter

12th September 2023



Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

Message from Mrs Bradbury...

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely summer. Last week, I was really impressed by the children. In swelteringly hot conditions, they showed enormous enthusiasm and all really tried hard to meet the expectations of their new year groups. As ever at Redscope, we have launched straight into our learning. Curriculum letters will be sent out so that you know what your child will be learning and can be involved in the home learning tasks. We can't wait to hold our first 'collect from class' session of the year. This will be on **Monday 25th September**. Doors will be open from 3:00pm and will be a chance for you to see inside your child's classroom and collect the children from there.

Summer Challenge

Thank you to everyone who had a go at our 'Redscope Summer Challenge 2023'. We have had wonderful feedback and so many children and families have enjoyed taking part. It has been lovely to chat with the pupils who took part and hear all about the different activities and how they completed the challenge. Reeva really impressed us by making a scrap book of all her adventures which was wonderful to see. Medals/ badges will be ordered on Wednesday 13th September so please make sure you hand your challenge sheet in before then. Our special celebration assembly will be when the medals arrive.

Summer Transformation

Over the summer, expensive building work has taken place at our school. Thanks to winning two successful CIF bids (ringfenced money to improve the condition of the building), school has benefitted from a completely new and energy efficient heating system, energy efficient lighting and new exit doors onto each of the playgrounds. This term, further upgrades will take place to our internal fire doors.

Sad News

As you may have heard, over the summer break Mrs Morley has passed away. Sheila was part of our school for over 30 years, volunteering after working as a dinner lady. Over the years, she has helped with countless trips and visits and done weekly sessions in Mrs Ryott's class. Her passing has come as a shock to the school community, especially because as recently as June and July she accompanied the Y3 children to One Voice and Clifton Park Museum. Mrs Morley was someone who was relentlessly positive and who grasped life with both hands. In her 70's, she ziplined at Haworth in full medieval costume! We will be celebrating her life with a special event, yearly award and also beginning our book of gratitude. Sheila always appreciated what she had and looked for the positives in life – of which there were many to be found. Each week, our classes will be asked to record three things that they are grateful for or happy about to be put into a special book by our lead learners.

Water Bottles



Just a reminder that your child's water bottle (that they have in the classroom) should have water in it not juice. If your child dislikes drinking water then it is fine to put cut up slices of fruit (e.g. orange/ lemon) or frozen fruits (e.g. frozen raspberries and blackcurrants) inside the drink.

Playtime Snacks

In Early Years, Clever Kittens, Reception and Classes 3,4,5 and 6, free fruit and vegetable snacks are provided by the government. Parents do not need to provide snacks for these children.

In Key Stage 2 (Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14), unfortunately the Government does not provide snacks but children can bring one from home. If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or Babybel
- Yoghurt drink/ squeezable yoghurt (not one that needs a spoon)
- Yoghurt coated dried fruits
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks and malt loaf are also good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.
- We are a healthy school and have a **common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, cereal bars, sweets or crisps**. Please do not send your child with nut products as we have a number of children through school who are allergic.

Lunchtime

In Reception Class and Classes 3,4,5 and 6, the government provides healthy free dinners for all pupils. Pupils in Key Stage 2 may pay for a school dinner (£2.60 per day) or bring a packed lunch.

If your child does bring a packed lunch, we ask that all the items are cold and that you keep it as healthy as possible. **Chocolate bar treats should be saved for at home and not brought to school. If you would like your child to have a sweet treat then please pack fruit, yogurts, sugar free jelly or a biscuit.**

At lunchtime, children may bring fruit juice, milk, water or diluted sugar-free squash.

The NHS has some fantastic lunchbox ideas.



[Cheesy coleslaw with wholemeal pitta](#)



[Creamy hummus dip with pitta bread and vegetable sticks](#)



[Egg mayonnaise and lettuce bap](#)

Rainbow Club - After School Childcare

Our after-school childcare facility is officially open. If you require a place, please see or email the school office for further details.



Home time – 4:30 £5.50 per child, per day includes a snack e.g. toast

Home time – 5:30 £10 per child, per day includes a snack e.g. beans on toast

The facility will run from our Early Years building throughout term time. The club have special theme days and excellent activities to give your child a wonderful experience whilst providing much needed childcare for working families.

Late Marks

New government guidance states that registers must close 30 minutes after the start of the school day. After this point, we are unable to use the L code.

KS2 (Classes 14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7) and Y2 (Classes 5,6) begin the day at 8:40

Y1, REY and Foundation Stage begin at 8:45

In all classes, the first lesson of the day begins at 8:55 and is either maths (Y1-6) or phonics (in Foundation Stage). The first part of the lesson is the teaching input so arriving late or not attending will have a significant impact on your child's learning.

Key Dates (new or changed items are in a colour)

Date	Event
Thursday 14 th September	Y6 Residential Meeting- 3:30 Lower Hall
Monday 25 th September	Collect from class
Monday 2 nd October	Y6 residential to Crowden
Monday 9 th October	Launch of 'Purple Mash' – Everyone to wear something purple (can just be one item or a whole outfit)
Friday 20 th October	Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th	October half term
Monday 30 th October	INSET day
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need- Pennies for Pudsey
Monday 25 th December – Friday 5 th January	Christmas break
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	February Half term
19 th February	INSET day
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter break
Monday 6 th May	May Day – school closed
Mon 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 3 rd May	INSET day
13 th May – 16 th May	Y6 SATs – Please do not book a holiday during this week or in the half term before if your child is in Y6.
3 rd June – 14 th June	Multiplication screening check for Y4 pupils. Please do not book a holiday during this time of the half term before if your child is in Y4.
W/C 10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check. Please do not book a holiday during this time or the half term before if your child is in Year 1.
Wed 24 th July	Summer Break

