



Red Kite Special Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th September

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year and to all our new families joining Red Kite too. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are enjoying being back in a routine again. We are all feeling very excited for the new school year ahead.

We are welcoming 22 new pupils to our Red Kite Family, 13 pupils into our Meadows Primary department and 9 new pupils into our Woods Secondary department.

New Staff

We are really pleased to welcome the following new staff to our Red Kite Family. They are -



Helen – Badgers Teacher



Frankie – Caterpillars LSA



Fern – Ladybirds LSA



Kayleigh – Butterflies LSA



Josie – Fieldmice LSA



Catherine – Poppies LSA



Kirsty – Healthcare Assistant

Healthcare Team

We also welcome Debbie Emerton to Red Kite as our new Senior Special School Nurse. Debbie will be in school on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Speech and Language

We have changed our provider for Speech and Language support and we will be using Magic Words Therapy this year. We will have a speech and language therapist in school working with us for one day a week. She will work closely with Emma, our Communication Lead.

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Dates for the diary for Term 1

Date	Event
Tues 16th September	9am - HCA drop in, in The Kettle
Thurs 18th September	9am - Red Kite Friends and Family Coffee Morning in The Kettle
Wed 24th September	9am - Parents ASD Workshop in The Kettle
Wed 1st October	9am – 10am Parents Forum
Wed 8th October	Thrive Parent Workshop in The Kettle (Sensory Processing)
Fri 10th October	'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day
Tues 14th October	9am – School Nurse Parent drop in, in The Kettle
Wed 15th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Thurs 16th October	9am - Red Kite Friends and Family Coffee Morning in The Kettle
Mon 20th – Thurs 23rd Oct	Family Learning Week – more details to follow
Thurs 23rd October	Halloween Disco Primary 3.45pm – 4.30pm Secondary 5pm – 5.45pm
Fri 24th October	Break up for half term

Transport

We are working hard to find ways to make the start and end of the day run smoother. This year we are allocating all transport providers with a letter that will be displayed in the dashboard of the vehicle. This will allow us to radio to classes to let them know when vehicles have arrived. We have already noticed a difference this week.

Communication

We really want our methods of communication to be both effective and purposeful. We have reviewed our current methods of communication and made some adjustments.

We are continuing with the use of Class Dojo. Here is a reminder of the expectations for staff.

Frequency	Details
Daily	For pupils on transport only. To cover what the child/young person has been learning, relevant medical information, personal hygiene notes if applicable.
Weekly	Individual post for all pupils on their own profile To cover what the child/young person has been learning, or their progress or achievements that week.
Weekly	Post on the class page about the curriculum learning.

For pupils being collected, we will continue with our personal handover which will be by a member of the class team wherever possible.

We will continue to inform you if your child or young person has had an accident/injury in school and in the case of a medical emergency. Here is a reminder of the expectations for staff

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Notifications for Parents/Carers

Timeframe	Details	Who
Immediate phone call home/999	Serious accident or injury or a medical emergency	Senior Leader/Medical Team/Office Staff
Immediate call home after first aid has been administered.	Head Injury Human bite Injury that has broken the skin	Class teacher after they have gained details of what happened, if not present when it occurred.
Shared at hand over at the end of the day or phone call if on transport before they arrive home.	Any minor accident or injury e.g. graze.	Member of the class team.

I will continue with my Headteacher newsletter but instead of sending this out fortnightly, I will send one at the start and then one at the end of the term.

We are going to introduce a new termly class overview from teachers which will tell you all about the planned learning taking place that term. We will introduce this from the start of Term 2.

We are also going to introduce a new termly Safeguarding Newsletter which Sam will send out at that start of each term too.

Parents Forum

Our parent's forums will continue. These forums are a great opportunity for us to work together to shape the school. We will hold these termly and identify a different focus for each one.

Our first one this year is on **Wednesday 1st October** at 9am. Please email emma.campbell@redkite.school if you are able to come along and join us. It would be lovely to see some of our new families getting involved too.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you for contributing to our last questionnaire before the summer break. We really appreciate your feedback and these are our actions.

Short Term Actions

- Introduce a system for sharing Priority Now Targets with families on a regular basis.
- Ensure we share key dates in advance when there are parent events e.g. Family Learning Weeks and times of activities.
- Review the offer for snacks and when items pupils make in cookery are eaten.

Long Term Actions

- Work towards our Silver Healthy Schools Award with a focus on healthy eating.
- Arrange parents' evenings during the year linked to the curriculum.

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Leadership Structure

Here is a reminder of our leadership structure.

Senior Leadership Team				
Karen – Headteacher				
Rachel – Deputy Head				
Suzy – AHT (Meadows)	Nikki – AHT (Woods)	Kate - AHT (Lookout)	Sam – DSL/Parent Support Advisor	Louise –School Business Manager
Wider Leadership Team				
Debbie – Meadows Primary Department Lead	Kim – Woods Secondary Department Lead (Pathway 1/2)	Michael – Woods Secondary Department Lead (Pathway 3)	Jess – Lookout Department Lead	
Michael - Sports Premium/Behaviour	Abbie - SEMH Lead/Behaviour		Ania - Careers Lead	

Annual Reviews

We are working hard to schedule all of our annual reviews for the year and sending you a *save the date* letter. With 148 pupils now on roll this is not an easy job to organise both with statutory timelines to adhere to and available rooms to hold all the meetings. We ask that you try to be available on the date we have scheduled and only ask for this to be changed in extenuating circumstances.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Best wishes

Karen

Karen Smith

Headteacher

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