

Following my message on Facebook and the presence of our PCSO Ashleighe Charlton, the number of children being late for school on a morning has definitely improved over the last two weeks. Thank you for this. We will be continuing to monitor this. Missing just 5 minutes a day of their education can have a significant effect on a child and their learning.

Well done to Class 2 who won our class of the month in September for their attendance with **98.34%.**

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Thank you

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Bike and Scooter Safety**

Lots of our children now come to school on their bike or a scooter which we like to encourage but there are a couple of important reminders that I need to bring to your attention.

Your child’s safety whilst travelling to and from school and the storage of their bicycle or scooter at school remains the responsibility of the parent.

It is also expected that **AL**L children **MUST** wear a cycling helmet when riding a bike or scooter. We will be writing to parents/carers of children we see coming to school without a helmet on and your child may no longer be able to travel this way. Their safety is important to us.

**Sickness “48 hour rule”**

The school has recently been hit by a terrible sickness bug over the last two weeks. In the Health Protection Agency document, **“Guidelines for the Control of Infection and Communicable Disease in School and Early Years Settings**”, the guidance is:

**Diarrhoea and Vomiting exclusion**

*Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the ‘48 hour rule’) and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.*

If your child is sick at school or at home, they should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting.

**It is very important that your contact details are accurate and kept updated with the school office. On a number of occasions we have found it very difficult to make contact with parents or carers because their numbers have changed.**

Keep up to date with all events in school by checking the calendar section which is regularly updated on our school website <http://redhallprimary.org.uk>

* 1st December – EYFS Assembly
* 2nd December – 2YO and Early Years visit to Carmel to watch ‘Luna’ a theatre performance.
* 14th December – Christmas Panto at Billingham for Year 1 – 6
* 15th December – Christmas Dinner
* **16th December – Last Day of Term – Christmas Jumper Day**

**A letter with a list of all our school’s Christmas dates will be coming out to parents/carers soon.**

* 17th October – Y6 Residential to Kingswood
* **21st October – Half Term**
* **31st October – Back to School**
* 8th November – Y3 Visit to the Toby Carvery
* 9th November – Y4 Visit to the Toby Carvery
* 18th November – Konflux Theatre Working with Reception and Key Stage 1 – Theme – Anti Bullying
* 21st November – Konflux Theatre working with Year 5 and 6 – Theme – Anti Bullying



**Packed Lunches**

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and comes to school with a packed lunch, please ensure that it includes some healthy options, including sandwiches that your child likes.

**DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD WITH SWEETS AS PART OF THEIR LUNCH AS THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO EAT THEM.**

Apart from messy foods when opened, like yoghurts, we will encourage children to keep wrappers and unfinished food in their box so parents can keep an eye on what they are and aren’t eating



**“GOLD AWARD WINNERS”**

For the 3rd year in a row, Red Hall Primary School has achieved the Sainsbury’s School Games Gold Award for recognition of our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport. This is all down to our fantastic PE and Outdoor Learning team and the commitment of Miss Snowdon and Mr Beadle to sport.

**Ms Julie Davidson**

**7TH October, 2016**



**Marvellous Me!**

If you haven’t joined yet, please ask at the office for a joining code!

Ms Julie Davidson

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