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~ Welcome back everyone! ~

To our wonderful Red Hall family,

What a joy it has been to welcome all our wonderful children back to Red Hall Primary School for the start of this exciting new academic year! I do hope you all had the most brilliant summer filled with precious memories and family adventures. Thank goodness we were blessed with some absolutely lovely weather to make those summer days extra special.

I'm delighted to share that our incredible staff team also enjoyed a wonderfully restful summer, spending quality time with their own families and friends. They've all returned refreshed and ready to pour their hearts into making this academic year absolutely amazing for your children

I know I certainly did, and found that turning 50 in August is not all that bad!!

Staffing Updates

Red Hall Baby Boom!

Congratulations to Miss Rafferty and Miss Waters who are both expecting their first babies towards the end of the Autumn Term, and also to Mrs Brown who is expecting her second baby in February.

In other news, Ms Weighell from the office got married in August and is now Mrs James.

Uniform

Walking through our school today, my heart has been completely full seeing every single child looking absolutely gorgeous in their uniforms.

Just a reminder to you all that from September we moved to our Active Uniform here at Red Hall. Our teachers just love to be able to take the children outside, whatever the weather and get them moving around in their learning. Wearing these uniform means children are comfortable and ready for whatever is planned each day.

This consists of:

- **A red sweatshirt or hoody (overhead or zipped).**
- **A white polo shirt (not t-shirt).**
- **Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings (these must be all black, no stripes or tracksuit designs).**
- **ALL black or ALL white trainers.**
- **And in the warmer weather, children can wear black shorts or skorts.**

PLEASE make sure every single item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. This simple step makes such a difference when we're trying to reunite lost jumpers and cardigans with their rightful owners! If you ever need any support with uniform matters, please don't hesitate to have a chat with Ms Clemmons - she's always happy to help.

Outdoor Play and Learning

As you know, we absolutely pride ourselves on the incredible outdoor opportunities we provide for our children - those precious moments where they can simply be children, exploring and playing freely. For this to happen safely, your child absolutely **MUST** have wellies in school, along with a waterproof coat and a complete change of clothes in their bags for those wet and muddy activities. Without these essentials, we simply cannot allow children to venture onto the field or into our wonderful woodland areas where they might get wet or muddy.

If your child has waterproofs at home, they can also be brought into school. Although we try to make sure we can supply children with these ourselves, if they want to wear their own to cover all their uniforms during outdoor play then please also send these in.

I understand the weather has been beautifully warm, and you might not feel these items are necessary just yet, but we need them in school ready for when the weather inevitably changes. Please ensure your child comes equipped with everything they need.

Key Dates for your Diary – further information around trips and visits will follow

- Our whole school PE Days remain on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Reception have PE on Wednesdays.
- Swimming for Y5 on Thursdays.
- Swimming for Y6 on Fridays.
- 22nd September – Welcome to Y6 meeting for parents/carers at 3.20pm
- 14th October - Y5 trip to Hopetown
- 15th October – Y2 – Y6, all expenses paid trip to Sunderland Empire to watch Mary Poppins

Family Support

Ms Clemmons is our Child and Family Wellbeing Lead and is here to support you and your child with anything that concerns you beyond their classroom education. You will find her out on the yards every morning or you can arrange an appointment to meet with her by calling into the school office.

Ms Clemmons, with the support from Learning and Skills will be running Arts and Crafts sessions for Parents/Carers from Monday 22nd September – Monday 20th October.

Darlington Parent Carer's Forum will be holding drop ins for parents/carers within our school on the following dates;

Thursday 18th September 2025	at 9am to 10am
Thursday 16th October 2025	at 9.30 am to 10.30am
Thursday 20th November 2025	at 9am to 10am

Finally, don't forget that our breakfast club runs every morning from 8.15am, completely free of charge - what a wonderful way to start each day! We would love to see more children there.

Julie Davidson
Executive Head

And finally...

Just a reminder that we are always here for you; to listen to you and support you as best we can. Our staff work so hard to create a safe and welcoming environment for our children and the wider community. Last year we had many incidents of parents and carers being highly disrespectful to members of staff. Please try to remember that we are human too and we deserve to be spoken to with respect.

We look forward to another school year working with you all and we cannot wait to share all the amazing memories we make with your children this year.

Many thanks,

Your Red Hall Family xx