

Friday 02 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see everyone on Monday back after the half term break. We've had a busy week! There have been many exciting learning opportunities taking place, pupils especially enjoying Forest Schools this week (despite the inclement weather!) and working together on maintaining the school garden and of course looking after the chickens!

It has also been really good to see so many pupils getting involved with After School Clubs the first sessions of which started this week. Music, Swimming, Art, Football and Multi skill clubs took place, which pupils really enjoyed. There are still a few places left in Art and Multi skills – so please let the office know if you would like your son/ daughter to participate.

We finished the week, as we always do, with our whole school assembly, this week being 'Redwood's Got Talent'. It was amazing! We had numerous performances from pupils across the school demonstrating the wealth of talent we have here! Well done to everyone who took part!

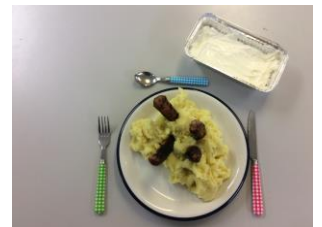
Have a good weekend
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Spotlight on Dockyard Class

Welcome to Dockyard. We have been really busy with lots of fun activities over the last few weeks. Some of us went on a residential trip to Little Canada where we took part in abseiling, the matrix, the climbing wall and lots more. We have also been working really hard in our lessons. In DT we have been making lots of different items including a wallet, some PFC bookends and a massive pin board.

We have also been busy in food studies creating our own design of two course meal for our BTEC Level 2 Jamie's Home Cooking Skills. Some of us found it rather difficult to get the timings right for cooking two courses but most of got finished in time!!

We are looking forward to visiting the different colleges in the local area and are hoping they can offer us what we are looking for and help us with our future studies.



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Parents Evening:

As you will know, we are holding our Parents Evening and Future Pathways Event on Wednesday 14th November from 3:30pm-6:00pm. Just a reminder that the instructions on how to book your appointments are available at <https://redwoodpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>.

If you did not receive this letter and would like to book a slot, then please give the school office a ring on 02392377500 and they will be happy to assist you with booking an appointment. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our parents evening.



Future Pathways Evening:

We look forward to welcoming you to Parents Evening on Wednesday 14th November. Running alongside this, we will also be hosting a Future Pathways event from 4pm-6:30pm in the school hall to which all parents/ carers and pupils are invited. This is a good opportunity to meet with representatives from a range of local further education providers (that includes colleges) about the options available to pupils once they move on from Redwood Park at the end of Year 11. Even if your son or daughter is not yet in Year 11 we would suggest that you still come along, either before or after your appointment with your son or daughters tutor to see what the options are for training and Post 16 courses. Mandy Haddigan, our specialist careers adviser, who provides Redwood Park's information, advice and guidance will also be available at the event and available to support. Look forward to seeing you there!

Coffee Morning:

Our next parent coffee morning is going to be on Friday 23rd November. We will send out a flyer with further details about the morning nearer the time. We are putting together some 'e-safety' information for parents to discuss at the coffee morning which will focus on social networking and 'Apps' and will help you to support your children in staying safe online. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Update of Information forms:

We recently sent home 'Update of Information' forms on behalf of School Transport. If your child comes to school on Portsmouth City Council transport and you haven't returned this form, then please do so by the end of next week. It is important that Transport receive this information on a yearly basis in order to continue to transport pupils to and from school.



November 2018		
Wednesday	14 th	Parents evening and future Pathways
Monday	19 th	Staff Development Day – no school for pupils
Friday	23 rd	Parents Coffee Morning
December 2018		
Monday - Friday	17 th - 21 st	Christmas Activities Week
Wednesday	19 th	Christmas Lunch
Friday	21 st	Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term – 1pm finish
January 2019		
Monday	7 th	Back to school

Please see the 'Events' section of our website for future dates