



3rd November 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and I hope you had a restful half term break. As the new Principal for the school, I would like to take this opportunity to say how honoured and excited I am to work with the pupils, staff, parents and the community to ensure the children receive a fulfilled and exciting education during their time at Redwell. I also welcome Mrs Sharpe as the new Vice Principal and I look forward to working with her and Mr Anderson closely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have downloaded our new communication app, Arbor. If you have not had the opportunity to download this already, please can we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. The link to the app is <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008790297-Poster-and-communication-templates-for-the-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App>. All communication will be sent via the app and/or email from now on.

During the autumn term, we have a few dates for you to be aware of:

- **Parents evening** will be held on 8th and 10th November – this will be a telephone call and information on how to book your time slot will be sent out today, alongside instructions on how to book via the Arbor app.
- **Pantomime** for Years 1-6 will be on 15th & 16th December - please see the attached letter for this event. This can be paid for via the Arbor app.
- **Visiting pantomime** for EYFS will be on 15th December – please see the attached letter for this event. This can be paid for via the Arbor app.
- **Christmas fare** is cancelled - unfortunately this has been cancelled due to Covid limitations, but we hope to re-instate the summer fair in 2022.
- **Christmas performances** - We hope to run the EYFS and Year One Christmas performances with a parent audience, however should Covid restrictions stop us from having an audience then these performances will be recorded and shared with you via social media and email communication.

In-School Curriculum Enhancement Visits

In line with DfE recommendations, all 'in-school' visits that require a parental donation will be asked for via the Arbor app, however if you do not wish to make a donation there will be an option just to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend. However, if we do not gain enough donations to run the event, unfortunately, due to restricted school budgets, the event will be cancelled.

Celebration Assembly

From Friday 12th November, we will be inviting parents to attend their child's celebration assembly. This will be limited to one adult per child and masks are to be worn at all times. If your child is chosen for celebration assembly, you will be sent a message with an invitation for you to attend.



Parent Council

Mrs Kelf will be responsible, alongside the SLT team, in setting up and running our new Parent Council for this year. Unfortunately this has been put on hold for the last two years due to Covid. Attached is a form for you to complete and return if you would be interested in joining our Parent Council. We will require 2 parents per year group and you may represent more than one year group if you have children in different years. This is a good opportunity to be involved in school discussions and we value the input parents have given to us over the past years. In addition, it can be a useful platform to represent parent feedback on behalf of your child's year group.

Covid Update

Please find attached a copy of our updated risk assessment, where you will notice some additional recommendations from the local authority that we have been asked to adhere to.

1. If a child tests positive using a LFT, that a PCR test is sought as soon as possible and that the child remains at home until the result of the PCR is known
2. On receipt of a positive PCR test, that any school age siblings of the case also seek an urgent PCR test and remain at home until the result is known - and if negative, take a daily LFT for 10 days thereafter to ensure no transmission into other school years/other school settings occurs

Thank you once again for your continued support and I look forward to speaking to you on the playground. If you do have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at head@redwellprimary.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Claire Head
Principal