



A message from Mrs Bates...

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and made the most of the good weather that we had – mostly! It has been great to welcome all the children back to school this week. A warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us at the start of this term.

I have been impressed how well the children have settled back into routines and their new classes. I had the pleasure of being visited in my new office by two Year 2 children who have already been showing what superstars they are and who were the first children in school to get one of my new stickers. We felt this was a great excuse to document this special occasion in a photo!



Writing my first newsletter to you all as Headteacher feels quite strange. However, I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of our school and am excited about this new chapter and very much looking forward to continuing to make The Round House a great place for your children to learn and flourish.

Mr Clipsham and Mrs Rodgers will be joining me as part of the senior leadership team as Assistant Headteachers. We will be on the gates at the beginning and end of the day so please feel free to come and speak to us if you have concerns, issues or questions.

Diary Dates

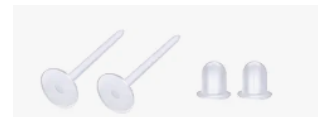
Year 5 and 6 Bikeability
9th/10th/11th/12th September

Year 2 History Off the Page
12th September

Year 1 History Off the Page
13th September

Reminders

Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE lessons due to health and safety reasons. If your child had their ears pierced in the holidays and is not yet able to remove earrings, we would ask you to consider getting plastic retainers, similar to the picture below, that can be put in during PE lessons. These are available cheaply on Amazon.



PE is an important part of the curriculum that all children need to be taking part in. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Please see the information poster below regarding the changes to school attendance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Penalty Notice Fines are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 13th August 2024.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD
Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

NATIONAL THRESHOLD
There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)
The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third and any other Offence (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice case will be issued and the straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result of up to £2,500. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS safeguard a child's education'.

School Timings

The school gates open at 8.30am and the classroom doors at 8.35am. All children need to be in school by 8.45am when the registers close. We would encourage children to arrive as close to 8.35am as possible as important learning takes place from the start of the school day. Gates will be closed promptly at 8.45am. There has been very limited lateness this week, which is great. Thank you for getting your children here on time; it makes a difference.

Reading at The Round House

Children will be bringing home their reading records/reading journals this week, with their phonic, colour band or AR reading book.

Entries written in the record need to be the school reading book (no other home reading for pleasure books). Older children in KS2 can fill in all this information, ready for their adult to check and sign.

The school expectation is **5 days of reading each week, of at least 10 minutes each day.** Thanks for helping your child get back into their home reading - it is always appreciated so much here at school and will make such a difference to their reading ability.

We would also love to see your 'Round House Reads Anywhere, Everywhere' photos. Send the picture to office@roundhouse.cambs.sch.uk with the message title **Summer photo shoot.**

You can also print the photo and send it in for the display with your child's name on the back so we can return it - this would be super helpful!

Friends of The Round House Primary Academy



We have a newly formed PTA and they are looking to plan events to raise money for the school and children. They are holding a meeting at Loves Farm House on 6th September at 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping and are free, pop along and join them! Join the Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/543827875715819/>