

# Ardeley St Lawrence Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Head Teacher: Mrs. Barbara Young



## Spring Newsletter Number 9

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week got off to a lovely start with our Monday Collective Worship, where we continued to explore the meaning of Lent in the build up to Easter. The children were keen to participate and share their understanding of the story of Lent and the 40 days and nights in the desert. It was uplifting hearing them share some of the characteristics that they felt made them unique and special. It was a very upbeat way to start the week that continued through to Thursday when so many of the children came to school dressed in their colour of choice as their way of participating in World Book Day. The school was awash with vibrant colours. Thank you parents for your support in making this happen! The children certainly looked very happy in their colourful attire.

And now, for news from the classes...

**Mrs Young**

### From Years 1 & 2

This week Year 1 and 2 have continued (as always) to work hard and impress us with their kindness, wisdom and respect. In Maths, the Year 1s have continued to solve problems whilst the Year 2s have been busy doubling and halving 2 digit numbers! In English we have been creating a class non-fiction book. We would love to share it with you and will work out a way of doing this! This week we celebrated World Book Day. The class have a passion for reading and love using our class library. We enjoyed the whole school story 'The day the crayons quit'. They class looked brilliant as a rainbow of crayons!



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We are on the lookout for small boxes to use for a class project. If you have any small cardboard boxes or plastic take away boxes, please send them in over the next few weeks 😊. Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Weston**

## News from Years 3 & 4

This week in LKS2 we have been continuing to look at Leon and the Place Between and have done some lovely extended writing about The Place Between and all things magical! It has been amazing to see how much the children have engaged with the text and are enjoying it!

Elsewhere in Geography we have been looking at the parts of a river. I was so impressed by how much key vocabulary the children can remember and how well they responded to their learning.

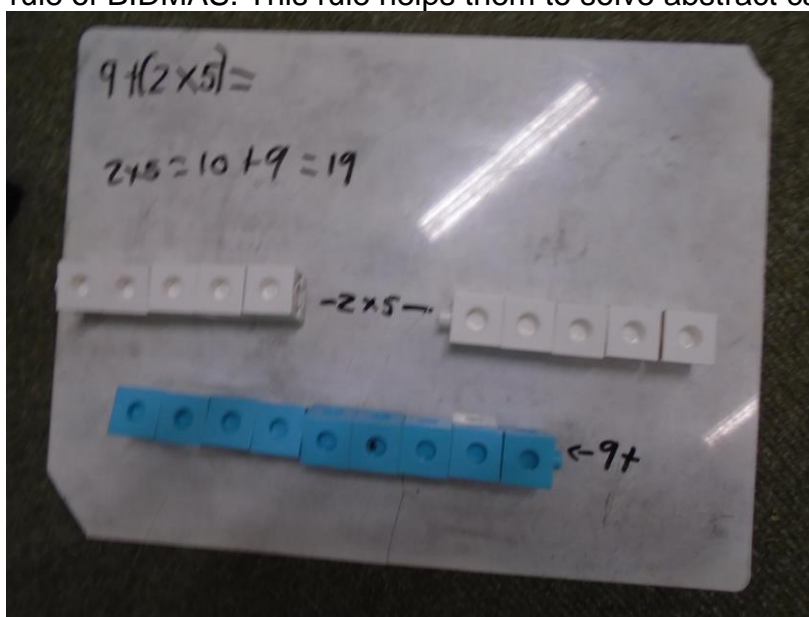
The children had an amazing time on World Book day, dressed in their favourite colours! They enjoyed doing some writing all about The Day the Crayons Quit and we also did some science investigations based on the text as well!

We have had a fantastic week in LKS2. I hope you all have a restful weekend!

**Miss Sheldon**

## News from Years 5 & 6

This week in UKS2 the children have continued their learning about algebra and have been introduced to the rule of BIDMAS. This rule helps them to solve abstract calculations.



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In English we have been writing our own version of our class story: Wisp. The children have peer edited their work together.



We are looking at the UK in geography and have started to focus on the main features of the four UK countries. Do you know the tallest mountain in the UK? The longest river?

**Mrs Templeton**

### News from Early Years

This week Early Years have been learning about endangered animals. We have found out about orang-utans, rhinos, lions and polar bears and pandas.

Nursery pupils have grown daffodils and painted them beautifully.



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The class enjoyed World Book Day and don't they look great dressed in one colour!



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## The School Office



Unfortunately Miss Mullins is currently off due to illness. The nature of her illness is confidential to her, and not a matter for public discussion. Mrs Sendall, works part time, and therefore, the School Office is unavoidably unmanned at various points during the school day. If you need to get in touch, you can call and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we are able. Alternatively, **for a quicker response**, you can email the school at the [admin@ardeley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ardeley.herts.sch.uk) The mail box is being **regularly** monitored during school hours, and so someone will respond and let you know they have received your message, and taken whatever action necessary.

May I just remind those few parents who need it, that all of the staff (and indeed volunteers working on behalf of the school) at Ardeley are working very hard to ensure that the children enjoy an enriching and happy experience at their school. It is not helpful to the wellbeing of the Ardeley team, if they are on the receiving end of what can only be politely described as rude and hurtful comments either in person or on social media. We teach the children to use their words wisely as words can cause damage, and that if they have nothing kind to say, then often it is better to say nothing rather than cause hurt and upset.

Can I ask please, that if there are any concerns, that you either raise the issue in a respectful manner with the relevant member of staff, or make an appointment to see me and we can have a talk about it.

I would take this moment to draw your attention to the Parent Code of Conduct (available on the school website). I have copied an extract below for your reference:

### Conduct

**We welcome visitors to our building and act to ensure it remains a safe place for children, staff and other members of our school community. We expect that parents will respect children, parent and staff confidentiality and communicate any concerns, queries and questions in a calm and controlled manner. However, should anyone act in an abusive or threatening manner they will be required to leave the building; any meeting or telephone call will be brought to a close. Ardeley St Lawrence Primary School will not tolerate incidents of swearing, verbal abuse, aggressive body language, threatening behaviour or racist/sexist/homophobic comments.**

We may not always get things right, but it is never for the want of trying. As a practising Christian School, please can all parents be mindful of the 5 Ardeley Values of **Love and Compassion, Respect & Reverence, Wisdom, Hope and Friendship**.

Thank you.

**Mrs Young**



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## FAS EVENTS:



FAS are organising a team to help tidy up the children's allotment area on the school field on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 5pm. If you would like to lend a hand in whatever way, they would love your help!



There will be a designated safe area for the children to pot seeds and decorate pebbles and pots for the finishing touches to the allotment. There will be plenty of tea and coffee and perhaps a bacon butty or two, to help things go with a swing!

Contact **Nat** on **07903444008** or the School Office for more details.

FAS are always looking for volunteers – you don't have to commit masses of time, just every now and again will do. Please get in touch and see how you can help, every little counts as they say!

## The FAS Team



## Wrap Around Clubs: A saga and a half...



### Breakfast Club:

Unfortunately, we have yet to find someone who would like to take on the role of Breakfast Club Leader. We are still searching and asking around. It would help us no end if you could help spread the word too. We are even prepared to pay petrol money (to a maximum of 10 miles)! Whoever it is, does not have to commit to doing it every day – just one or two would help! Until we have a preplacement, we can only offer a limited service as outlined below.

**After School Club:** This week we can off the following provision:


	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club</b>	8am – 9am	8am – 9am	8am – 9am	8am – 9am	8am – 9am
<b>Club Location</b>	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room
<b>Lead Adult</b>	Mrs Kerwan	Mrs Kerwan	Mrs Kerwan	Mrs Tilby-Baker	Mrs Tilby-Baker
<b>After School Club</b>	<b>NO CLUBS</b> <b>Due to severe weather warning</b>	<b>NO CLUB</b> <b>Due to severe weather warning</b>	<b>NO CLUB</b> <b>Due to severe weather warning</b>	<b>3:20pm – 4:20</b> <b>May be cancelled due to weather</b>	<b>3:20pm – 4:20 pm</b> <b>May be cancelled due to weather</b>
<b>Lead Adult</b>				Creative fun with Mrs Tilby-Baker	Chill Friday! with Miss Sheldon
<b>Club</b>	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room



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Location					
Collection point		Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room	Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room	Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room	Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room

The usual fees for each club will apply. If you would like to use any of these provisions, please contact the school in the usual way.

Please note the **After School Club Mobile Number** for you to use when your child is attending an After School Club out of hours, is **07592 730850**. Club Leaders will be reminded to have the mobile with them.

### COLD WEATHER WARNING!

We have received a Severe Cold Weather Alert from Hertfordshire County Council. We have been told that there is AT LEAST a 60% probability of severe weather/ icy conditions/ heavy snow between Monday and Wednesday next week.

As a precaution, we have decided to **cancel After School Clubs** during this period. We *may* cancel Thursday and Friday's too if the weather is bad. We appreciate that this will cause inconvenience to our working parents and are sorry, but we need to put the health and safety of both the children and staff first in these circumstances.

If the weather is as bad as is being predicted, and it impacts on the ability of staff to get safely into school, so that we are unable to open, we will send an emergency email out to you as quickly as possible to let you know. The school email [admin@ardeley.hert.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ardeley.hert.sch.uk) will be constantly monitored for communication from you, and we will try to respond in a timely manner.

**It will always be our intention to keep the school open as much as possible and we will try hard to make this happen.**

### Latest News from the Governors and Friends of Ardeley School:

**Correction, Mr Chris Evans**, was a Parish County Council Governor and not a Parent Governor as was stated in last week's newsletter. He was also the Chair of FAS.



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Merits:

INDIGO:

Y5&6 Not awarded this week

Y3&4 Not awarded this week

Y1&2: Mason Muncer

Blue:

Y5&6 Not awarded this week

Y3&4 Not awarded this week

Y1&2: Poppy Lavery, Indie Hill, Isaac Robbins

GREEN

Y5&6 Not awarded this week

Y3&4 Amelie Jacobs, Charlotte York, Lilly-Rose Thompson, Milo Adams,

Zach Chumbley

Y1&2 Grace Koop, George Scrivens, Laceigh-Rose Goldsmith-Wright, Bradley Chumbley



## *Star Readers of the Week:*

Years **5 & 6** Amelia Dalal  
**EYFS** Charlie Heuer

Years **3 & 4** Lilly-Rose Thompson Years **1 & 2** Indie Hill



## *Star Writers of the Week:*

Years **5 & 6** Lillie Stapleton  
**EYFS** Jude Martin

Years **3 & 4** Rohan Romana Years **1 & 2** Hermione



## *Star Mathematicians of the Week:*

Years **5 & 6** Not awarded Years **3 & 4** Gabriel Daodu Years **1 & 2** Isaac Robbins

**EYFS:** Emilia Knight



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## Star of the Week:



Years 5 & 6 Bradley Large Years 3 & 4 Jack Osbourne Years 1 & 2 Arthur Ware EYFS  
Lauren Smith



Bear Boxes have gone to: **EYFS:** Ronnie  
**KS1:** Grace  
**Lower KS2:** Annabelle  
**Upper KS2:** Bradley

Happy Reading children!



*Happy Birthday wishes goes to :*

**Theo Brierley**



## What's Going On...

Date	Event	Time	Class
<b>March</b>			
14.03.2023	Parent Consultations	<b>Details to follow</b>	Whole School
15.03.2023	Parent Consultations	<b>Details to follow</b>	Whole School
17.03.2023	Mother's Day Celebration Afternoon	<b>2pm School Hall</b>	Whole School
20.03.2023	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Course	All week	Year 5 & 6
24.03.2023	Comic Relief School Council Disco	<b>3:20 – 4:30pm</b>	Whole School
26.03.2023	FAS Allotment Teamwork Tidy	<b>10 am – 5 pm</b>	
<b>April</b>			
03.04.2023 – 14.04.2023	Easter Holidays	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole school
17.04.2023	Return to School	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>May</b>			
08.05.2023	His Majesty's Coronation Bank Holiday	<b>Closed All DAY</b>	Whole school
09.05.2023	SATS Week all week Tuesday to Friday incl.	<b>No holidays permitted please</b>	
29.05.2023 – 02.06.2023	Half Term Holidays	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole school
<b>June</b>			
05.06.2023	Return to School	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
24.06.2023	FAS School Fete		Whole School



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<b>July</b>			
<b>13.07.2023</b>	Transition Day	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>19.07.2023</b>	Last Day of School Summer Holidays start	<b>All Day</b>	Whole School
<b>20.07.2023</b>	Inset Day	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>21.07.2023</b>	Occasional Day	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>August</b>	Summer Holidays	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>NEW TERM DATES 2023-2024</b>			
<b>September</b>			
<b>01.09.2023</b>	INSET DAY	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>04.09.2023</b>	INSET DAY	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>05.09.2023</b>	School Open – Pupils	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>October</b>			
<b>23.10.2023</b>	First day of half term	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>30.10.2023</b>	Last day of half term	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>31.10.2023</b>	Return to school – Pupils	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>November</b>			
<b>24.11.2023</b>	Occasional Day	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>December</b>			
<b>21.12.2023</b>	Christmas Holiday Starts	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>January 2024</b>			
<b>04.01.2024</b>	Return to school – Pupils	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>February</b>			
<b>19.02.2024</b>	Half term Holidays	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>26.02.2024</b>	Return to school – Pupils	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>March</b>			
<b>15.03.2024</b>	INSET DAY	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>29.03.2024</b>	Bank Holiday & Easter Holiday	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>April</b>			
<b>15.04.2024</b>	Return to school – Pupils	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>May</b>			
<b>06.05.2024</b>	Bank Holiday	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>27.05.2024</b>	Half Term	<b>School Closed</b>	Whole School
<b>June</b>			
<b>03.06.2024</b>	Return to school – Pupils	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>July</b>			
<b>11.07.2024</b>	Transition Day	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School
<b>19.07.2024</b>	Last day of school	<b>School Open</b>	Whole School

**Dear Parents and Friends of Ardeley School,**

Please see the information below regarding new workshops for children, young people and parents, sent on behalf of Herts Mind Network.

Starting from next week Herts Mind Network will be running a series of online workshops for children and young people on how to use the internet safely while being kind online. The three workshops include:



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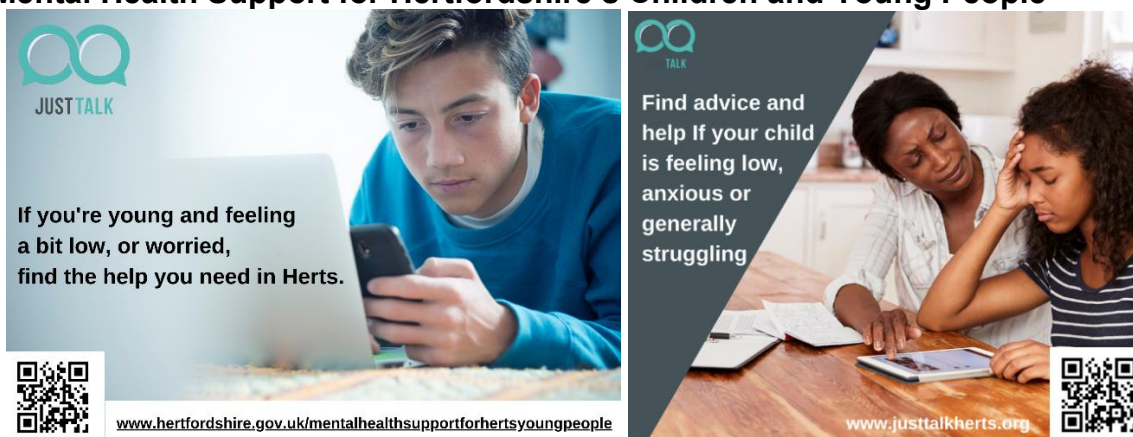
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1. Be Kind Online
2. Connecting Online
3. Self-Kindness

For each workshop, Herts Mind Network will be delivering three sessions: one for children aged 5-10 and parents, one for children and young people aged 11-14, and one for young people aged 15-18.

Please find attached a leaflet for each workshop, containing all the details about the workshops and how to get access to them. To book a workshop please follow the booking link here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hertfordshire-mind-network-26443271185>

### Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People



**JUST TALK**

If you're young and feeling a bit low, or worried, find the help you need in Herts.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople)

**TALK**

Find advice and help If your child is feeling low, anxious or generally struggling

[www.justtalkherts.org](http://www.justtalkherts.org)

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUTH Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungepeople)



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 <b>WEEK ONE</b> Served Week Commencing:                 • 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March				
<b>MONDAY</b> BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice Italian Pasta Bake (V) with Crusty Bread CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V)	<b>TUESDAY</b> Pork Sausages with Diced Potato (V) Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V)	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap	<b>THURSDAY</b> Cottage Pie Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Diced Potatoes CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll	<b>FRIDAY</b> Battered Fish Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich
<b>WEEK TWO</b> Served Week Commencing:                 • 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March				
<b>MONDAY</b> Pork Sausages in Gravy with Creamed Potatoes Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (V) CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich	<b>TUESDAY</b> Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes Mild Vegetable Curry (V) with Rice CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Lentil Roast (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap	<b>THURSDAY</b> Beef Burger (V) Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread with Potato Wedges or Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V)	<b>FRIDAY</b> Crispy Coated Salmon Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V)
<b>WEEK THREE</b> Served Week Commencing:                 • 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March				
<b>MONDAY</b> Pork Sausages With Diced Potatoes Cheese Pinwheel (V) with Diced Potatoes CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V)	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mild Chicken Curry with Rice Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes and Baked Beans (V) Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing Tomato Bolognese (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V)	<b>THURSDAY</b> Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V) CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap	<b>FRIDAY</b> Fish Fillet Fingers Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich

Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (V) = Vegan

WPC: 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111 • 01924 441111



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**RED NOSE DAY SCHOOL COUNCIL DISCO! 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 3:20pm – 4:30 pm**

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Hello Everyone,

We would like to say a big thank you to the whole school for raising money last year for Children in Need and Elf Day.

As School Council Members we take pride in listening to our peers and asking them what they want to see happen in the school. We got lots of ideas back and a popular one was to have a school disco. We loved this idea because it means we can be together as a whole school and thought what better way to celebrate Red Nose Day and help raise money than by having a disco!

**Therefore on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023, School Council will be holding a whole school disco raising money for Comic Relief.**

The disco will start straight after school and will go on until 4:30 pm. Crisps and drinks will be provided for children to enjoy towards the end of the disco. **Please collect your child from the school hall side door at 4:30pm.**

Tickets will be a donation of your choice to the charity. The school day will be non-uniform so that we are ready to party! Please **no party clothes or shoes** at school as they may get muddy during break time!

**If you would like to join the party please bring in your confirmation slip by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and your donations can be brought in up to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

Thank you for your continued support,

**School Council and Miss Weston ☺**



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School Council, Comic Relief Disco! Let's Party!



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 3:20 pm – 4:30 pm

Crisps and Drinks provided

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ would like  
to attend the Red Nose Day disco on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

My child does/\*not have any food allergies.

If your child does have a food allergy please state them here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Here is my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will need to collect my child at 4:30pm



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