



Newsletter – February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Spring Term 2, which with the glorious weather, was more like summer! I do hope you all managed to take advantage of the warmer days over half term.

February was filled to the brim with sporting events, excursions, visitors to the school and our cultural diversity week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Murray for organising an exciting and 'hands on' event. I would also like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to provide enrichment activities; it was truly memorable.

Throughout the week there was dancing, music, art and of course culinary delights. For me, it was all about us and our 'Reddings family' – a great opportunity to celebrate being part of The Reddings.

On Saturday 9th February I was exhibiting at the Herts for Learning Recruitment Fair at Parmiter's School. It was lovely to meet so many prospective teaching candidates and celebrate the work we do at The Reddings. It is at times like these that I realise I truly do have the best job ever.

This half term is crammed full of events such as World Book Day, PFTA film night, World Maths Day (which includes our annual games afternoon with parents), Mother's Day Sale and the ever popular Easter Egg tombola.

This is also the half term where teachers are busily writing school reports. These are the main reports, and will be with you after the Easter break in preparation for Parent Consultations (Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May).

Finally, I would like to welcome all the new families who have joined us in February. I hope you are settling into life at The Reddings and should you have any questions or queries the Office Team is readily available to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Prickett

Nursery Building Project

I am delighted to announce that the school has been successful with their National Lottery bid and have been awarded £10,000 to part-fund the additional section which will be home to our new community room.

Planning has been submitted and the school is awaiting planning permission. If this all goes to plan, the works will commence during the Easter holidays. The expected timescale is around six to eight weeks.

HAND SEND News

HAND SEND News is a free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities. The newsletter has information and advice for parents and carers, as well as courses, inclusive activities for children, support groups for parents and much more.

The link to this newsletter is:

<https://handsendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Nursery Application – September 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you can now apply for a Nursery place for September 2019. Forms are available from the school office, with the closing date of 15 March 2019. Offers will be made on 29 April 2019.

More excitingly, the Nursery class will have a brand new purpose-built building for September 2019, so should you know of any other families with nursery aged children, please invite them along to one of our nursery tours as I would love to welcome them to The Reddings.

Nursery tour dates:

7 March 2019 at 10 am
11 March 2019 at 10 am
13 March 2019 at 9.15 am

Please ensure you book a place on these tours at the school office.

Governor Writing Competition Update

The Governing Board met last week and deliberated over the submitted pieces of work. Each year group (Reception to Year 6) have three finalists and from these Mr Grunwald will be selecting three overall finalists. The results will be announced at our Celebration Assembly on 15th March and I am delighted to announce that John Mole (local poet) will be joining us. Parents and carers of all the finalists will be invited to our celebration assembly.

Safer Internet Day 2019

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on 5th February using a selection of classroom based stories and a whole school assembly. This year's theme was *Together for a Better Internet* and we discussed correct and safe use of communication methods as well as how to protect our data online. This has been very important recently since the rise of the Momo hoax has affected children nationally. If you have not received my letter about this, please ask at the office for a copy. Please be assured that we take e-safety very seriously and it is regularly taught in computing lessons.

Year 4 Trip to the National History Museum, London

Year 4 had a 'whale' of a time at the Natural History Museum to enrich our learning about earthquakes and volcanoes (we also managed to see the famous plesiosaur fossils excavated by Mary Anning and the new whale skeleton that replaced Dippy). The children were perfectly behaved and were praised by a member of the public in the gallery for their good manners. I must also mention how good the staff were at Apsley station and on the London Underground; they kept us safe and guided us through the challenging areas without any problems.

Mr Battersby



Sports News

Reddings B vs Lime Walk B

Early in the month the B team took on Lime walk in an excellent match! After going one goal behind, they fought back via a Prince goal that screamed into the top corner! There was some excellent football from both sides, and some outstanding goalkeeping from Jay (he kept the score at 1-1). Well done to everyone who played a great team performance! Player of the match was Prince.

Year 4 Speed Stacking

Last week the Year 4s went speed stacking at Longdean School After some fierce competition, one of the teams finished in 12 place out of 56 schools. Well done year 4!

Year 2 Sportshall Athletics

Year 2 visited the Laureate Academy and took part in the sportshall athletics competition. They put what they had learnt into practice in running relays, javelin throwing and speed bounce. From all of the schools that entered we finished in 3rd place. Well done Year 2!

Year 6 – Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 14th February, year 6 attended the Sportshall Athletics School Games at JFK school. The children participated in various track and field events including relay races, long jump, triple jump and javelin throwing. There were some impressive individual performances on display: God'sfavor, John, JJ, Meicha and Katy all ran with great agility and determination in their races while Rhys and Kenneth showed superb technique in the triple jump. What was most pleasing, however, was the behaviour of the class; they offered support and encouragement to both each other and the children of other schools and represented the school brilliantly. We await the final results of the event with great anticipation. Well done to all!

Spring Term 2019

Last Day of Spring Term
Easter Holiday
Bank Holidays

Friday 5th April 2019 – finish at 1.30 pm
Monday 8th April 2019 to Thursday 18th April 2019
Friday 19th and Monday 22nd April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Children's First Day Summer Term 1
Bank Holiday
Half Term Holiday
Children's First Day Summer Term 2
Last Day of Summer Term
INSET Days

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Monday 6th May 2019
Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019 – finish at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 23rd and 24th July 2019

Autumn Term 2019

INSET Day
Children's First Day Autumn Term 1
Autumn Half Term Holiday
INSET Day
Children's First Day Autumn Term 2
Last Day of Autumn Term
Christmas Holiday

Monday 2nd September 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Tuesday 5th November 2019
Friday 20th December 2019 – finish at 1.30 pm
Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2019

Spring Term 2020

INSET Day
Children's First Day Spring Term 1
INSET Day
Spring Half Term Holiday
Children's First Day Spring Term 2
Last Day of Spring Term
Easter Holiday

Monday 6th January 2020
Tuesday 7th January 2020
Friday 14th February 2020
Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020
Monday 24th February 2020
Friday 3rd April 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm
Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Children's First Day Summer Term 1
Bank Holiday
Half Term Holiday
Children's First Day Summer Term 2
Last Day of Summer Term
INSET Day
Occasional Day

Monday 20th April 2020
Monday 4th May 2020
Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Friday 17th July 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm
Monday 20th July 2020
Tuesday 21st July 2020