



## Newsletter – January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic week to conclude the first half of the Spring Term! It was lovely to see so many of you join us on Wednesday. I'm sure you have heard loads about this week with 'the Bus' being a particular highlight.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who submitted feedback via Parentview as part of the Ofsted process. Responses were positive and really reflect the school's practice. As always, should you have any concerns or suggestions please let us know either via the 'suggestions box' in the link or through the school office/email. The Ofsted report is currently in the writing process and the estimated time for publication is five to six weeks.

The school has recently purchased some exciting new resources which will support your child's learning at home. After half-term you will be receiving information on how to use these resources.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and get some time to be out and about spotting those first signs of Spring.

*Tracy Prickett*

**Ready to Learn focus : Attendance at school everyday**

### **Bronze Awards**

Milly (Yr 1)

### **Head Teacher Exemplar Pupil Award**

Kristiyan (Yr 5)

Faiza (Yr 4)

Kevin (Yr 4)

## Nursery Place for September 2017

**Have you applied for your child's nursery place?** If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you need to apply for their Nursery place online, at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions). The online system opens on 6 February 2017 and closes on 17 March 2017. If you do not apply on time you may not get the school of your choice. If you need any assistance in completing the application then please speak to the Office Team.

## Reminders

If your child brings their mobile phone to school this must be handed to the Office Team before they enter class for safe keeping. Your child will need to collect this from the school Office at the end of each day.

Please ensure you clearly mark all school uniform including PE kit and coats with your child's name. We regularly have many items of lost uniform that we are unable to return as they have not been named.

When parking behind the school in the service road, please be aware that children and adults, often with pushchairs, do need access along the pavement.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every morning from 8 am. This provision is no longer a drop-in facility and must be booked at the School Office in advance as certain days are now fully booked. Breakfast Club is £2.50 per session per child.

## Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately our Crossing Patrol, Sue Whetter, is leaving on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and currently the Road Safety Team have not recruited a replacement. Please be careful when crossing this extremely busy road and remind your children there is no crossing patrol if they walk to and from school on their own.



## Red Nose Day

Year 6 children will be selling Red Nose Day pens at lunchtimes and after school after half-term from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. There are three different pens available for sale at £1 each and all proceeds will be forwarded to Red Nose Day fundraising.



## Readathon Sponsored Read

We are running a Readathon Sponsored Read and we would love for all children to take part. A separate letter has been sent home today with full details, if you have any queries please speak to Mr Rawes our English Subject Specialist and Year 5 class teacher.

## Sainsbury Vouchers

Do you shop at Sainsburys? Active Kids vouchers can be collected from January 2017, the school greatly benefits from these vouchers with games for use during lunchtimes and more resources for PE lessons. The box to post your vouchers is displayed in the link corridor.



## Attendance

Did you know that if your child has an attendance statistic of 90% it is equivalent to missing half a day of school every week. This means that your child misses 4 weeks of school in an academic year.

If your child's attendance drops below 90% then the school is unable to authorise attendance unless the parent provides confirmation from a medical practitioner – some practitioners will charge the parents for this. I appreciate that we have had a lot of genuine illness at The Reddings and it is important that children fully recover. I am hoping that the half-term will enable all children to recover so that they will have high levels of attendance for the remainder of the Spring Term.

## Tag Rugby Year 3 and 4 Match Report

On Tuesday 10th January the Reddings took on Bovingdon Primary School in the final of tag rugby. The Reddings were looking to build on their fantastic run of wins during the group stage and started like a house on fire with a try inside the opening minute of the game. Both teams showed impressive handling in attack and both scored a number of tries in a frantic first half that saw Reddings going in at the break with a 6-5 lead thanks to tries from Kenneth, Vagelis and McKenzie. Bovingdon snatched back the lead with a double minute salvo of tries put the Reddings behind with 10 minutes left to play. Reddings then showed great character to fight back after a Paula try in the corner. It wasn't enough as a strong Bovingdon side pulled a win 12-9. This rounds off a fantastic season for the year 3/4 team and the team shows great potential looking to the future.

Try scorers: Kenneth, Vagelis, Taylor, McKenzie, Paula

Player of the match - Taylor



## **Year 5/6 Football Team – Match Report**

The Reddings vs Potten End – Final Score: 0-1

The football took on a strong Potten End side and showed a fantastic defensive display on a wet and boggy pitch. Potten End took the lead half way through the first half. Alex's fine display of shot stopping kept the score to 0-1 at half time. During the second half, Desmond and Lacey's defending was of the highest order keeping the Reddings in with a chance of nicking a late goal to tie level. Josiah, Emily and Krystal's energy in midfield kept Potten End on edge knowing we would be dangerous on the counter attack with Pharren's pace up front. A fantastic triple save from Alex kept it at 0-1 but it wasn't to be though as Potten End went on to score 2 late goals.

Player of the game: Alex

## **Netball Match – The Reddings School v Hobletts Manor School – Year 3/4**

The Reddings made a great start to the game, with some outstanding defensive play by all. They used their space very wisely and managed to move the ball quickly down the court. A fantastic shot was made by Olivia in year 4.

A good win, but still skills to work on.

Well done guys.

Final score : 1-0

Player of the match : Olivia Year 4.



## **Netball Match – The Reddings School v Hobletts Manor – Year 5/6**

Both teams were playing well with quick movement down the court from both sides, our shooting however in the first half was not as accurate and we were making some silly mistakes. Hobletts had worked hard on their defending and were able to pick up on our mistakes and with this took the lead. In the second half of the game we were more focused and were able to play to our strengths and take control of the game. Unfortunately we lost, but we had progressed throughout the game.

Well done guys.

Final score: 1-3

Player of the match: Krystal Powley, Year 6.

