



Newsletter – January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I would like to start by welcoming the new families who have joined our school this term; I hope you have been warmly welcomed and feel part of 'The Reddings Family'. I would also like to welcome Mrs Patel to our Office Team. Mrs Patel is in our office every afternoon until 4 pm.

2019 started with the opportunity to update our Vision, Values and Aims document. The Governing Board, in partnership with the senior team, had drafted the document in December in readiness for a period of consultation with staff, children and parents. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those of you who e-mailed me/attended the parent meeting. I am sure you will not be surprised to hear that we all believe this reflects our school and what we all strive to achieve; the children remain at the centre of everything we do.

Mrs Knibbs and Mrs Murphy, two of our Governors, joined us for our first assembly of 2019. They launched the Governors' writing competition which is based upon our whole school book 'Journey'. The children have been incredibly busy and last week final drafts were being finalised in preparation for judging to commence.

January has all been jam packed for staff with professional development opportunities. Mr O'Callaghan and I attended the PE conference which has given us both some exciting new ideas and 'next steps'. Mrs Haswell and I attended our Hertfordshire Steps Accredited Trainer annual refresher course. Mrs Fleet, Mrs Knibbs and I attended a 'knowing your school' course to support us in our preparations for our next Ofsted visit.

Last week, Norah Tattersall, our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner undertook her spring term review visit. During this time, she undertook a learning walk, a book look, met with the Chair of Governors and spent break-time and lunchtime chatting with the children. It was a most productive visit and we are already implementing our 'next steps'.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have spent a lot of time in classrooms as I undertake the formal drop-ins as part of the spring term monitoring schedule. This is one of my favourite monitoring activities as I get to spend time watching engaged, confident children rise to the challenge of what at times is quite complex learning. However; even when it is tricky I watch them 'give it a go' and keep going until they get it; determination and resilience are such important life-skills and I feel like a proud parent as I watch your children progress and grow term on term, year on year.

January 2019 marks the start of my thirteenth year of Headship at The Reddings. I can honestly say time flies when you are having fun!

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Prickett

'The Reddings in a nutshell'



We provide our learners and stakeholders with what they need to succeed: 'Success for all'.

Ready to Learn Spring Term 2019

The children have voted and unanimously agreed that the focus for the Spring Term should be:

'we are here everyday'

Congratulations to Year 5 who were the Autumn Term 2018 'Ready to Learn' class of the term.

Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who bought a poppy, the school raised a total of £60.60 with the total raised in Hemel Hempstead over £49,000 and still rising.

Parking

I'm pleased that so many of you are walking to school and to support our walkers can we please ensure that when parking in the service road behind the school we are not parking on what is already a very narrow pavement or blocking access through this road by double parking.

Reminder that classroom doors open at 8.45 am each morning and unaccompanied children should not be on site until this time. If you need to drop your child at school earlier than 8.45 am, please ensure they are booked into Breakfast Club, which is available every morning from 8 am at £2.50 per child. Bookings can be made via the School Office and payment online via Schoolgateway.

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 dates:

- 6 February 2019 at 11 am
- 12 February 2019 at 9.15 am
- 27 February 2019 at 9.15 am
- 5 March 2019 at 9.15 am
- 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.

Sports News

Football Match Report - Reddings 5 – 0 St Albert the Great

A terrific team effort from the 5/6 mixed football team. The match was a close fought encounter from the beginning of the first half until McKenzie broke the deadlock with a precise finish when one on one with the goal keeper just before half time. The second half began with constant St Albert pressure but a breakaway goal from Tori made it 2-0 and it was then when the heavens began to open! Tori quickly struck for her second goal of the game which was matched by a God's favor double. A tremendous team effort from all of the team but player of the game went to Tori. We have one more game coming up and also a B team match on the horizon, watch this space.

Spring Term 2019

INSET Day

Spring Half Term Holiday

Children's First Day Spring Term 2

Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holiday

Bank Holidays

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Monday 25th February 2019

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