



## Newsletter – July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Where has this Academic Year gone? It seems only yesterday we were welcoming a new team of teachers into 'The Reddings Family'.

With a buzz of everyone excited about the well-earned summer break and preparing for a new Academic Year, there is a hint of sadness in the air as our Year 6 cohort flee the nest and head in the direction of their new schools.

Having been at the school since 2003 I have seen these young people grow and shine. These children have faced many challenges on their learning journey, notwithstanding being the first to give the new Key Stage 2 tests 'a go'. The determination and work ethic of these young people are second to none and they are well placed to tackle the new learning and social challenges they will face – Year 6, I am very proud of you all!

This is an opportunity to thank the teaching and non-teaching team who work relentlessly hard to make The Reddings the place we know and love.

We say goodbye to Mrs Simmons, who has been our temporary PSB teacher since January, and wish her good luck in the future.

Finally I would like to thank you for your continued support. It is always lovely to know that we are very much a family.

Have a fabulous Summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.

*Tracy Prickett*

### Key Dates – Autumn Term 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 – Autumn Term Commences at 8.55 am

14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 'Welcome to Year ....' – 3.20 pm to 4 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 – PFTA Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Reports to Parents

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Parent Consultations

## Dinner Money

The price of a school meal will increase to £2.35 from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be entitled to receive free school meals under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit, Employment Allowance or Child Tax Credit you are entitled to free school meals and free school milk. Free School Meal entitlement gives the school additional funds through 'Pupil Premium' which enables us to provide a range of activities and learning 'top ups'.

If you think you may qualify you will need to apply either by telephone on 0300 123 4048 or online at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals).



## School Uniform

As our thoughts turn to a new start in September it is expected that children have a school sweatshirt/cardigan with a logo, a school book bag, a water bottle and a pair of indoor shoes. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter as this ensures your child is 'Ready to Learn'. School hoodies are also available to wear for sporting activities.

## On-Line Payments and Correspondence by E-mail

You can now make payments on line for dinner money, milk, breakfast club and school trips at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and also receive all letters by e-mail and text message alerts. All you need to register is your mobile number and e-mail address held by the school. Using this method means no lost letters or missing money and receiving messages about cancelled clubs etc to your mobile phone.

## 100% Attendance

Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole Academic Year:

Lillie – EYFS1  
Azaan – EYFS2  
Cole – EYFS2  
Dorcas – Year 2  
Andrew – Year 2

Meicha – Year 3  
Kenneth – Year 3  
Vinuujan – Year 4

Kristians – Year 5  
Tamxin – Year 5  
Krystal – Year 5  
Luana – Year 6  
Zandile – Year 6

There were 55 children who achieved 100% attendance in the Summer Term. A big thank you to parents as attending school everyday really makes a huge difference.

## Information from NHS

Local NHS advises parents to be prepared for minor injuries and illnesses this summer. As the summer holidays are approaching, a bit of planning can help you be prepared for summer fun and the inevitable knocks, scrapes, stings and grazes that adventurous play brings. Most minor injuries can be treated at home with a first aid kit, so now is a good time to check you have everything you need. Ask your local pharmacy for advice if you're unsure. Pharmacists can give you advice about the types of low-cost, over the counter treatments that are right for your child.

If you need further medical help or advice, but it's not a 999 emergency, it's now really easy to find the help you need in England or Scotland, even if you're away from home. The NHS 111 free telephone service is staffed by local teams of fully trained advisors, supported by experienced clinicians. They will ask questions to assess your symptoms, then direct you to the local service that you need. That could include making you an emergency doctor's appointment, finding the nearest urgent care centre, minor injuries unit, late-opening pharmacy, despatching an ambulance in an emergency or sending you to A&E.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines.

## Change4Life 10 minute shake up is back!

This Summer Change4Life with Disney returns with 10 Minute Shake Up activities inspired by the new Disney Pixar Finding Dory film.

The campaign encourages children to 'Just Keep Moving' to help reach the 60 minutes of exercise they need each day through 10 minutes bursts of moderate to vigorous activity.

Children have brought home Dory flyers last week encouraging them to stay active over the summer holidays. Please ensure your children stay active during the summer holidays.

More information and ideas for your 10 minute shake up can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/campaigns/ten-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>.

## Year 2's visit to Box Moor Trust

Year 2 had an amazing day at the Box Moor Trust where it was linked in with their plants activities in science. We were incredibly luck with the weather as it only poured down for the half an hour when we were having lunch.

The children learned to identify different plants, collect samples, hugged trees, participated in a play about how bees pollinate flowers, made forest crowns and avoided horse poo.

The children came back to school much wiser and fitter from learning and walking all day. I'm sure they all had a good night's sleep when they got home.



## Ruislip Lido – Year 1

Year 1 went to Ruislip Lido on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Luckily it was a beautiful and glorious day and the sun definitely had its hat on! We had a fantastic day filled with a long walk, fun in the sand and lots of climbing in the play area. Year 1 thought this was the best trip ever!



<p><b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b></p> <p><i>Half Term Holiday</i></p> <p><i>Inset Day</i></p> <p><b>Christmas Holidays</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016*</b></p> <p><i>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</i></p> <p><i>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016</i> <i>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016</i></p> <p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b></p>
<p><b>SPRING TERM 2017</b></p> <p><i>Half Term Holiday</i></p> <p><i>Inset Day</i></p> <p><b>Easter Holidays</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017*</b></p> <p><i>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i></p> <p><i>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i></p> <p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b></p>
<p><b>SUMMER TERM 2017</b></p> <p><i>Half Term Holiday</i></p> <p><b>Bank Holidays</b></p> <p><i>Inset Day</i></p> <p><i>Occasional Day</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017*</b></p> <p><i>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017</i></p> <p><b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b></p> <p><i>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017</i> <i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017</i></p> <p><i>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017</i></p>

## **Teaching Assistants**

Listed below are the main teaching assistants for each class, hopefully this will help the children transfer smoothly in September:

### **EYFS1/EYFS2**



### **EYFS2 AND HLTA – Miss Prentice**



### **EYFS2 – Mrs Waller**



### **EYFS2 – Mrs Allum**



**Year 1 – Miss Collier**



**Year 2 – Mrs Gruber**



**Year 3 – Mrs Wadmore**



**Year 4 – Mrs Redgwell**



**Year 5/Pastoral & Behaviour – Mrs Gill**



**Year 6 – Mrs Pelopida**



## **SPORTS ROUND UP**

### **District Athletics**

A very young and inexperienced Athletics team entered the annual Dacorum Athletics competition, hoping to emulate the success of previous years by bringing home the Athletics shield.

All of the athletes competed to the best of their abilities and some were fortunate enough to place in the races.

Congratulations to:

Buntu - 3rd place Yr 6 80m Boys

Aiya - 3rd Place Yr 6 80m Girls

Lacey - 3rd Place Yr 5 80m Girls

Buntu, William, Tristan Bradley - 3rd Place 80m relay - Yr 6 Boys

Josiah, Desmond, Oakley, Kamron - 3rd place 80m relay - Yr 5Boys

Bradley - Runner up Yr 6 boys 400m

Luana - Runner up Yr 6 Girls 400m

Krystal, Lacey, Emily, Alicja - Yr 5 Girls 80m relay

Congratulations to the following who were crowned district champions:

Krystal- Yr 5 Girls 400m Champion

Luana, Aiya, Erin, Zandile -Yr 6 girls 80m Relay Champions

Our team total was 107 points, which unfortunately was not a big enough total to regain the trophy, narrowly losing by 6 points.

Although disappointed not to regain the trophy, the team and staff were very proud of their performances and, as ever, we will look to bounce back next year.



## Wheelie Wednesday

Following on from the success of last year's 'Ride to School' event the school expanded an afternoon of competition to all things wheel based. If it had a wheel and the learners had to propel it, there was a contest for it.

Led and officiated by Year 6 events ranged from Unicycle skills (unsurprisingly there were no entries for this event), Heely races and Scooter skills, to the ever popular bike pursuit on the field velodrome. Well done to everyone who entered and Year 6 for their fantastic organisation and leadership skills.



## Dacorum Rounders Tournament:

The annual Dacorum Rounders Tournament allows The Reddings to compete against some of their bigger school rivals in the finale to the Rounders season. In the group stage the team played very well with some excellent hitting securing a 16.5 - 8.5 win over St Alberts, followed by a narrow 6.5 - 7 loss against Kings Langley, in a game the team really should have won. The final group game was another close affair with Alex hitting the winning Rounder in the last ball to see the The Reddings win 7 - 6.5 against Potten End. Winning the group on Rounders scored we then drew Bovingdon. In a tight semi final the team were edged out 6.5 - 3.5.

Although we were unable to make the final, the team played very well, in extremely hot conditions and were rightly proud of making the semi final. Better luck next year!

Team - Tristan, Luana, Madiha, Alex, Kamron, Zandile, Aleksa, Kye, Desmond

