



Newsletter May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Where has the time gone? One minute we are commencing the term and in the blink of an eye it is half way through.

This has been an incredibly busy half term, which has included: parent consultations, two parent maths workshops, a maths week, an open house session, Year 6 SATs, Year 2 SATs and Key Stage 2 formal assessments.

We also need to include what I can only describe as the most successful 'Walk to School' week in the history of The Reddings. Despite the inclement weather more and more of you joined the walking bus. Due to the success of this we are considering making this a weekly feature and incorporating this as part of 'the daily mile' – more news to follow.

I would like to thank Mr Hodgkinson, Mr O'Callaghan, Mr Battersby, Mr Rawes, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Cill, Mrs Norris, Mrs Gruber, Mrs Pelopida and Mrs Lloyd for giving up their time to enable this to be a huge success.

I would also like to mention the Year 6 class. The Government has made the end of Key Stage 2 tests incredibly challenging, however, each and every member of Year 6 stepped up to the challenge, did the very best they could and gave everything 'a go'. As a school, we are extremely proud of our well rounded, resilient young ladies and gentleman. They are well and truly 'secondary school' ready. A special treat has been organised to recognise their efforts.

As we head towards the second half of term we have further exciting events to look forward to; highlights include 'Out and About Week', Sports Day and our Young Enterprise Week with a gardening/outdoor theme.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we work hard to implement the changes to head back towards a 'Good' Ofsted judgement.

Thank you for your continued support

Tracy Prickett

Ready to Learn Summer Term 2 : We Are Punctual

Walk to School Week 2017

This week we successfully took part in the annual Herts CC Walk to School Week. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who took part in a wonderful week proving that the children of The Reddings will go the extra mile.

The week kicked off with the children learning about the important considerations when walking to school, such as a better environment, road safety, healthy heart rates and team work, which were all discussed in our in class assemblies.

Mr Hodgkinson, Mr O'Callaghan, Mr Battersby and Mr Rawes took up their new posts each day as Walking Bus Station Leaders and could be seen in their fluorescent jackets at four different corners of the local area. From day one the number of walkers was high and by the end of the week over 60% of the children used one of the walking bus stations. This was a BRILLIANT effort from all the children and great fun was had on our walks to school.

The children proudly wore their badges provided by Herts CC and we hope to receive an invite from Buster (the Walk to School mascot) in the forthcoming weeks. On Friday we ended the week with a wonderful assembly celebrating all our achievements.

A child from EYFS, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, won spot prizes in the assembly raffle for their full participation in the week. The big winners were Year 3 with Mr O'Callaghan, winning the trophy with 63%, just tipping Mr Rawes in Year 5 by 1%.

Overall it was a fantastic week helping everyone to get to school on time and creating a safe and healthy environment for all involved. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated. Remember: winning is not just about a prize, it is about enhancing our skills and using them in our everyday lives!

Keep safe!



Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards Summer Term 1 2017

Ursula – Year 4 (Bronze Award)

Kiera-Lynne – Year 4 (Bronze Award)

Ayesha – Year 4 (Bronze Award)

100% Attendance : 1st September 2016 to 22nd May 2017

Mellissa – EYFS1

Eva – EYFS2

Holly – EYFS2

Azaan – Year 1

Chloe – Year 1

Riley – Year

Joshua – Year 2

Isabelle – Year 2

Carrie – Year 2

Tia – Year 3

Ryan F – Year 4

Paula – Year 4

Isabelle – Year 5

Josiah – Year 5

Emily – Year 5

Vinujan – Year 5

Kristians – Year 6

Tamxin – Year 6

Head Teacher Exemplar Learners Summer Term 1 2017

Olivia – Year 4

Hadi – Year 6



School Meals

Dinner money should be paid on the Monday of each week in advance of your child receiving a school meal. We collect dinner money on behalf of Herts Catering and unfortunately any debts accrued by parents are the responsibility of the school and have to be paid for from school funds. School is now facing a significant cut to their funding and it is important that all school meals are paid on time.

Lost Property – Glasses

Has your child lost their glasses? We have a black/blue pair of glasses plus a black/green pair of glasses in the office. If you think they may belong to your child please come to the school office.

Student Life - Men
Frame by Calvin Klein Collection



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much for returning the completed questionnaire; there were over 100 returned forms.

One of the questions that had a slight decrease was around home learning. For me to be able to unpick this further I have attached a form with a couple of questions which will enable us to implement relevant changes as appropriate for the Autumn Term.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss this as part of the next Headship Team/parent meeting on Wednesday 14th June with Mrs Cornish and myself, at 2.30 pm in the dining room.

MyMaths Drop In Club



The school recently changed to the online maths website, MyMaths.co.uk.

It is becoming quite common for teachers to set home learning tasks using this website to help your children progress. As you may have discovered, MyMaths does not currently work on tablets without the Puffin Academy app installed, and even when it is, it can sometimes be unreliable.

To avoid the children becoming anxious about finishing their home learning tasks on time, we have started a lunchtime drop-in club for any children who need to use a computer, for whatever reason, to complete their work. This takes place on Tuesday lunchtimes with myself, from 12.30pm-12.55pm. It operates on a needs basis, so the children simply need to attend while they finish their work and then they can return outside. If you have any questions, please contact me through the office.

Mr Battersby

Maths Subject Specialist

Absences from School

If your child is unable to attend school, please ring the school on 01442 406500 and leave a message on the absence line (option 1) or alternatively you can inform a member of the Office team.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 8 am every morning. Please ensure your children do not arrive before this time as there is no adult supervision available; you must therefore stay with your children on the playground until 8 am when the doors to the dining room will be opened. If you would like your children to attend Breakfast Club, please speak to Mrs Thorpe in the Office. All bookings must be made in advance.

Playground Language

Before and after school, our playground provides a safe place for parents/carers and children to wait, meet and mingle. Recently, the office has been informed that several parents have been overheard using inappropriate and offensive language in their conversations. Can we please remind you that our primary concern is for the welfare of our children, and such language will not be tolerated.

Dacorum Young Artists' Competition

For the second year running, Miss Murray entered a selection of art work at least one piece by every child in year 5, into the Dacorum Young Artists' competition. All entries were exhibited at Astley Cooper School on Saturday 6th May. Although we did not receive a placing in the top three overall winners, the judges selected a pastel and crayon picture by Sophia Berrington as The Reddings Best in School winner.

Sophia (along with Isabelle) attended the exhibition, and was presented with a plaque. All entrants received a certificate. The children should be very proud of their works of art, which were based either on The Iron Man or on paintings by L S Lowry. In addition, we received a special whole-school award for the high level of enthusiasm demonstrated through our entries, for which we were awarded some art supplies!

Well done to all the children in year 5, for completing some excellent art work, and particular congratulations to Sophia!



Sophia with her winning entry.



A selection of pictures which were on display at the competition.

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival

On Thursday 18th May 2017, the Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team went to Camelot Rugby Club to take part in a Tag Rugby festival with some of the other school in Dacorum. The Reddings school shone throughout the day scoring a total of 22 tries in just 4 matches! Well done to all of the children who played in the festival. The stand out player of the day was Kenneth, who scored a total of 9 tries and assisted in many of the other tries.

If you would be interested in playing tag rugby outside of school see the Camelot Rugby Club website on <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/camelotrugby>



Year 3 Tri Golf Festival

On Wednesday 3rd May, Year 3 took the bus over to Cavendish school to take part in a tri golf competition. They looked to hone in on the golfing skills they had learned through doing tri-golf in PE this term. This seemed to be a massive help, as Year 3 did very well finishing runner up in the whole tournament! Well done Year 3!



Name:

Home Learning:

My child/children are in:
(please circle all that apply)

EYFS1
EYFS2

Year 1
Year 2

Year 3
Year 4

Year 5
Year 6

I think my child/children receive too much home learning.

I think my child/children receive enough home learning for their particular age group.

I think my child/children should receive on a weekly basis:
(please tick all those that apply)

Daily reading
Times tables
Maths set on MyMaths
Maths sheets/book
English writing task
Home Learning Project
(termly)

<input type="checkbox"/>

Spellings/phonics
Handwriting practice
Topic research task
Science
Reading comprehension
Practical activities

<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return by Friday 9th June 2017.