



## Newsletter – July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

What a year! I can honestly say how privileged I am to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school. All the staff have done a fantastic job to ensure the children at The Reddings have the very best learning experiences.

This year's curriculum has been jam packed with theme weeks, extra-curricular and enrichment activities which have been enjoyed by all.

July has been non-stop with sports festivals, transition days, PFTA events, District Sports and our Key Stage 2 production 'An Inspector Calls'.

With such a busy year it is no wonder we are all looking forward to the summer break. For many of us the talk is all about preparations for September, however, for some 'Reddings' family members September brings new challenges in new locations.

Firstly, our 2018 Year 6 leavers, this cohort of children have done themselves proud. They have worked hard, risen to new challenges and are well and truly ready for the next step of their learning journey – I'm sure you will join with me to wish them well and we look forward to them popping in from time to time to tell us their news.

Mrs Simpkins will also be leaving us. She stepped up to the role in January following staffing changes and has been a real asset to the team. Mrs Simpkins leaves us to 'tread the boards' and I'm sure will be a familiar face at The Reddings in the future.

Miss Smith, our Sports Apprentice, concludes her year with us. She has been a real asset to the team; not only in her sporting commitment but also working alongside children as part of the 'smart moves' and phonics programme. Miss Smith is off to university in September to study Sport and Exercise Science. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Smith for everything she has done for the children at The Reddings.

From September 2018, the Locality Space will no longer be hosted at The Reddings. This provision has been with us since 2007 and as the Local Authority behaviour provision has evolved will now be located at DESC/hub schools. Mr Hodgkinson has been with us for almost two years as the provision teacher and he is continuing his teaching journey in September.

Mrs Cooper (PSB Teaching Assistant) is also moving onto a new role as a Learning Support Practitioner. Mrs Cooper has supported many children within the Locality Space and will be a real loss to the DESC Behaviour Team. I know that Mrs Cooper's new school will be delighted with their appointment.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given me this year. Your ideas, feedback and suggestions are also fully appreciated and enable me to provide you with the tools to support your child at home.

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday. School returns on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Breakfast club from 8 am and doors open from 8.45 am.

## *Tracy Prickett*

### **Dinner Money**

The price of a school meal will increase to £2.45 from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 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.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) and click on the free school meals tab.



### **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. Uniform order forms are available from the School Office, please ensure you have the correct money when buying uniform.

Please ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Cashless/Paperless**

From September 2018 we are moving towards a cashless and paperless school. All letters/documents will be sent home via e-mail. If there is a reply slip to return, a paper copy will also be sent home; this method ensures that letters do not get lost on their way home.

We are also moving over to a cashless school which ensures money does not go missing before it reaches the school office. Payments for school meals, trips, breakfast club, lunch club, milk etc can be made on-line through School Gateway at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). All you need to register is your mobile number and e-mail address held by the school.

## 100% Attendance

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

Azaan – Year 2  
Prudence – Year 3  
Ella – Year 4  
Tia – Year 4

Caitlyn – Year 5  
Vagelis – Year 5  
Taylor – Year 5  
Keren – Year 5

## Sing Up

In July 2018 the school was awarded with the Silver 'Sing Up' award. Music has such a high profile at The Reddings and I am delighted that we have been recognised for our good practice. Thank you Mr Belgrave for collating the evidence – next year .....Gold!

## 2018 Achievement Outcomes

Children in Year 1 undertook formal phonics assessments. For the second year running the school achieved 83% which is above National outcomes.

Children at the end of Year 2 also undertook formal tests which were used as part of teacher assessments:

	2018	2017	+/-
Reading	78%	76%	+2
Writing	78%	69%	+9%
Maths	81%	62%	+19%

2018 National figures are yet to be released, however, based on 2017 National data 2018 attainment is above National figures.

Children at the end of Year 6 also undertook formal testing and writing, which is based on teacher assessment and was moderated by HfL.

	2018	2017	+/-
Reading	73%	46%	+27%
GAPS - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	90%	63%	+27%
Writing	57%	46%	+11%
Maths	80%	46%	+34%

National figures show the school is broadly in line with reading and above in maths and GAPS.

Since our Ofsted inspection in February 2017, the school has been on a journey. The school was judged on the 2016 outcomes and results have been on an upward trend over the past 18 months. The changes the school has made, coupled with the hard work and commitment of the teaching and support team, has really made the difference.

Writing will continue as our main improvement drive to align the outcomes in reading and writing in KS2 for 2019 and beyond.

## DHC Sports Afternoon

On 9<sup>th</sup> July I had the privilege to take the athletics team from Year 5 and Year 6 to compete in the annual Dacorum District sports event.

There were some excellent individual and team performances with God'sfavor, Josiah and Alicja comfortably winning their 80 m sprints. Meicha rose to the challenge of the 400 m distance racing finishing second. As we headed towards the relays injuries struck so God'sfavor and Taylor stepped up to the plate. The Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys put in an amazing performance, finishing third (which included a baton drop!). To finish the event in style, the mixed relay, involving correct baton change overs, was won by The Reddings team: Oakley, Alicja, Taylor and Caitlyn.



A great team performance with the school placing 6 (out of 22 schools). Congratulations to: Keira, God'sfavor, Alicja, Josiah, Meicha, Kenneth, Emily, Pharren, Katy, Olivia, Rhys, Taylor, Isabelle, Sophia, Vagelis, Oakley and Caitlyn.

## Dacorum Sports Awards

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 3 students were nominated at the Dacorum Sports School Networks Awards for Excellence in many different areas of sport. A huge well done to Tori who picked up a high accreditation for the lower KS2 athlete of the year! Also, massive congratulations to Keane who was also awarded high accreditation for being a bronze ambassador for the school. Well done to Emily as well who was nominated for Upper KS2 athlete of the year. Well done to all of the children who were nominated as that it is a fantastic achievement.



## KS2 Production – An Inspector Calls

After many months of hard work and excellent progress in the classroom, July brought the opportunity for KS2 to showcase their singing, dancing and acting talents in An Inspector Calls. Despite the incredibly hot conditions in the hall during rehearsals and only having two weeks to put it all together, the children performed marvellously and should be commended for their patience, resilience and endeavour throughout. A special mention must be made to Louisa, who performed the role of Miss Schneider brilliantly, and also to Kamile who was drafted in as a very last-minute understudy and performed wonderfully under testing circumstances. We are all very proud of our KS2 learners – well done!

## Fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis

Kerry, our Crossing Patrol, will be undertaking her 5 kilometre walk in Saturday to raise money for cystic fibrosis. She would like to express her thanks to all who have donated towards this cause, she has raised over £84+ from the school community and an overall total of £600 being sent to the charity.

### TERM DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

#### *Autumn Term 2018*

<b>INSET Day</b> <b>Children's First Day Autumn Term 1</b> <i>Autumn Half Term Holiday</i> <b>Children's First Day Autumn Term 2</b> <b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b> <b>Occasional Day</b> <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018</b> <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b> <i>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</i> <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b> <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – finish at 1.30 pm</b> <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b> <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
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#### *Spring Term 2019*

<b>INSET Day</b> <b>Children's First Day Spring Term 1</b> <b>INSET Day</b> <i>Spring Half Term Holiday</i> <b>Children's First Day Spring Term 2</b> <b>Last Day of Spring Term</b> <b>Easter Holiday</b> <b>Bank Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</i> <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – finish at 1.30 pm</b> <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b> <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</b>
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#### *Summer Term 2019*

<b>Children's First Day Summer Term 1</b> <b>Bank Holiday</b> <i>Half Term Holiday</i> <b>Children's First Day Summer Term 2</b> <b>Last Day of Summer Term</b> <b>INSET Days</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b> <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b> <i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019</i> <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019</b> <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 – finish at 1.30 pm</b> <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>
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