



Newsletter – October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term – I do hope you all had an enjoyable half-term and managed to get out and about – especially as the weather was so good!

We launched the start of this half term with our languages and culture Theme Week. It was really great to raise the profile of 'Spanish' across the whole school and for our Key Stage Two children to understand just how widely Spanish is spoken in the World. I'm sure you heard all about the African mask painting workshop, there were some excellent pieces of art work created. On Friday we had our carousel workshop sessions and we were joined by over ninety parents! Thank you for completing the 'Praise Postcards', the comments you made are highly complimentary and I'm so glad that you enjoy these 'open house' sessions as much as we do. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Matharu, our Languages Subject Specialist, who organised the week for us.

Just before the half term break we had the Autumn Term Parent Consultations. It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to meet with Class Teachers. I'm hoping you found the session useful. If you were unable to attend the consultations, please speak to your child's Class Teacher as I'm sure they will be more than happy to spend some time with you.

You may have noticed that Cathy Agnihotri our Family Support Worker was at Parent Consultations along with Mrs Beaven, our Chair of Governors, and a team of Governors who were undertaking the Annual Governor parental questionnaire. The feedback has been analysed and the outcomes, including actions from your responses will be in the Governor newsletter.

As always, if you do have any comments, concerns or ideas do please let us know via the main office, phone or e-mail addresses.

Thank you for your continued support

Tracy Prickett

CULTURAL WEEK

During cultural week we took part in a range of activities this included a Spanish storytelling workshop where all children were very involved and played different characters, we also learnt about different countries around the world and had a Spanish lunch. We then dedicated a day to black history and learnt about how the world has changed over time and who made those changes. We celebrated by taking part in an African mask making workshop. On Friday we dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag and spent a day visiting each classroom and teacher to take part in a different activity. What a fantastic week!!



After School Clubs

All after school clubs finish at 4 pm, please ensure you collect your child on time.

Twitter

Our Twitter account is now live, please follow us on Twitter to get our latest news as it happens:

<https://twitter.com/Reddings846>

100% Attendance Autumn Term 1

Well done to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance during Autumn Term 1:

Isaac – EYFS1 Zakariah – EYFS1 Leena – EYFS1 Surina – EYFS1 Ollie – EYFS1 Bailey – EYFS1 Mellissa – EYFS1 Eva – EYFS2 Alexia – EYFS2 Sam – EYFS2 Holly – EYFS2 Evlyn – EYFS2 Sparsh – EYFS2 Natalia – EYFS2 Freya – EYFS2 Lillie – EYFS2 Levi-Rose – EYFS2 Milly – Year 1 Azaan – Year 1 Jack – Year 1 Chloe – Year 1 Riley – Year 1 Mason F – Year 1	Cole – Year 1 Isabella – Year 1 Karla – Year 1 Tommy – Year 1 Lexi-May – Year 1 Jasmine – Year 1 Aaruthura – Year 1 Brooke – Year 1 Vince – Year 2 Prudence – Year 2 Archie – Year 2 Frankie – Year 2 Joshua – Year 2 Alex – Year 2 Caleb – Year 2 Italia – Year 2 Isabelle – Year 2 Iustin – Year 2 Valeria – Year 2 Adam – Year 2 Isabella – Year 2 Lilly – Year 2 Max – Year 2 Carrie – Year 2	Andrew – Year 3 Tori – Year 3 Luca – Year 3 Lexie – Year 3 Tia – Year 3 Ailyah – Year 4 Ryan – Year 4 Paula – Year 4 Caitlyn – Year 4 Callum – Year 4 Vagelis – Year 4 Kevin – Year 4 Alesia – Year 4 Ella – Year 4	Louisa – Year 5 Sam – Year 5 Isabelle – Year 5 Elise – Year 5 Oakley – Year 5 Josiah – Year 5 Scarlett – Year 5 Emily – Year 5 Vinuujan – Year 5 Anastasia – Year 5 Kamile – Year 5 Summer – Year 5 Serban – Year 5 Lacey – Year 6 Finlay – Year 6 Noor – Year 6 Kristians – Year 6 Tamxin – Year 6 Nokukhanya – Year 6
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Ready to Learn Focus for the Half Term : Attending School Everyday

Childcare Sufficiency Survey

Hertfordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for children of all ages. We would like your feedback on the childcare options available for your family.

Your support in completing the survey will assist Hertfordshire County Council in the planning of childcare places throughout the country. Please complete the survey before 23rd December 2016 at surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/sufficiencyparentsurvey/.

Suggestion Postcards

Thank you to the parents and children who have dropped Suggestion Postcards into the box in the link. We shall be raising awareness of 'anti-bullying' week, however, this is very much part of the daily practice and culture of our school. We are having in February our 'Staying Safe' theme week where 'bullying' will be a focus and ensuring our children feel confident to come and talk to us. Mrs Gill is our lead for pastoral well-being so if you do have any concerns she is there to listen.

Staff Update

I'm sure many of you have seen Mrs Hill working within our Year 3 classroom. Mrs Hill is covering Mr O'Callaghan's Planning, Preparation and Assessment time on a Thursday morning. We are in fact welcoming Mrs Hill back to The Reddings' family as she undertook her final year teaching practise with us.

I also want to let you know that Mr Prickett will be commencing a new career from January. As you are aware Mr Prickett's passion is football coaching and he has secured a full time coaching position at Watford Football Club. The competition was very high for this post with over 250 applications so we are incredibly proud that he secured his role. We are of course very sad to see Mr Prickett go as he has made a significant impact on the school both as the PSB Teacher and more recently in increasing participation, opportunities and outcomes in PE. Achieving and maintaining the 'Gold' PE Award would not have been achieved without his relentless drive and ambition for all our children to be actively involved in sport.

PE will continue to be a priority focus at The Reddings and we shall be seeking to appoint for this Academic Year.

A collection is being made for a leaving gift. If you would like to contribute please drop contributions off in a sealed envelope in the School Office.

Thursday 17th November 2016 – ‘Wear Purple’

On Thursday 17th November the school turns ‘Purple’ as we fundraise for the SCBU Unit at Watford General Hospital. This is a fundraiser agreed by the School Council and is close to my heart.

George and Toby (my terrible two at two) spent the first seven weeks of their lives there. The SCBU is more than just a job, it is a vocation and the team working tirelessly to do everything they can to ensure these early babies get the very best start in life.

So on 17th November please support us raising as much as we can by wearing purple and donating £1.



Table Tennis Competition

On Tuesday 4th October Jess, Lacey, Nokukhanya and Emily represented The Reddings at the annual Dacorum Girls table tennis competition. The team seamlessly flew through the heat stages qualifying for the final – a place in the District final was at stake. Despite a valiant team effort from The Reddings, Greenway proved a powerful force and they achieved the District place.

The girls need to be proud of their ‘runners-up’ place as they played to the very best of their ability.

Well done girls – you were a delight to watch and behaviour was exemplary as always!



KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2016/SPRING TERM 2017

15 th November 2016	Basketball Tournament at Cavendish School
16 th November 2016	Year 4 Trip – Verulamium Museum
17 th November 2016	Non Uniform Day – Wear Purple Raising Money for Watford SCBU
22 nd November 2016	Year 6 Trip – Christmas Lights in London
25 th November 2016	Year 6 Assembly
28 th November 2016	Year 2 Sports Festival at Sportspace (morning only)
28 th November 2016	Years 1, 2 and 3 Flu Vaccinations
5 th December 2016	Year 3 Trip – Celtic Harmony Camp
6 th December 2016	Girls Football Match against Lime Walk School
7 th & 8 th December 2016	KS1 Christmas Production
8 th December 2016	EYFS Christmas Production
13 th December 2016	KS2 Festival of Carols
13 th December 2016	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party
14 th December 2016	KS2 Christmas Party
15 th December 2016	Peter Pan Pantomime for the Whole School
19 th December 2016	Christmas Craft Activities for Parents (morning session)
20 th December 2016	Christmas Jumper Day and Whole School Christmas Lunch
21 st December 2016	Last Day of Autumn Term – school finishes at 1.30 pm
5 th January 2017	First Day of Spring Term
30 th January 2017	Chinese New Year Lunch
10 th February 2017	INSET Day
13 th to 17 th February 2017	Spring Half-Term