



Newsletter – October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

As the darker evenings draw near, October becomes November and The Reddings School is as busy as ever!

Many children across the school have represented the school in a variety of sports festivals and competitions and as always we have received many positive comments on how well our children conduct themselves when out and about.

It has also been the time when I have been spending time in lessons. I always feel like a very proud parent as I watch your children in action; they confidently tackle new learning challenges and they are clearly thriving in their new classes.

We have also welcomed many visitors to our school. The prospective Reception/Nursery tours have commenced and the parents have been highly complementary about our provision.

Tania Rawle, the recently appointed head of Standards and Accessibility (Local Authority) also paid us a visit. She too was impressed with the school's work as we strive to regain our Ofsted 'Good' judgement. Tania is joining Noah Tattersall on Monday 12th November as part of our Standards Review visit.

The PFTA have been incredibly busy and many children have enjoyed the film night and 'dusk to twilight' disco. I would also like to thank you for your generous donations for our Christmas Fayre.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to the PFTA for their donation which has enabled us to purchase and install a C-Touch screen in the 'new build'. Their contribution enabled the school to purchase a second screen which means that all classes from Reception to Year 6 are benefitting from these new resources.



The PFTA continue to fundraise to improve our IT infrastructure and your support is highly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Prickett

Goodbyes

At the end of Autumn Term I we said goodbye to Mrs Bevan who has worked at the school for nearly 10 years. Mrs Bevan has undertaken numerous roles throughout the school including being a teaching assistant, MSA, cleaner and a member of the Office Team.

We are currently recruiting for a new member of the team, so please be mindful that the office will have reduced staffing levels; especially in the afternoons, potentially until the end of this term.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Autumn Term parent consultations. I hope you found the time productive and useful.

I am sure you would agree that in a very short space of time your child has made some great progress in their learning.

Clean Air Pledge

A couple of years ago the school signed up to the clean air pledge where we would walk/cycle/scoot to school and to turn off our engines when parked. 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. Many parents are walking with prams/pushchairs and as a Mummy myself of twins there was nothing more irritating than being forced to walk in the road when cars were parked on pavements; thank you for being mindful in this matter.



Food Allergies

A reminder that if your child brings in a home packed lunch or snack, this must not contain nuts as we have several children in the school with a nut allergy.

Be Bright Be Seen Campaign

As the days are getting shorter we would like to remind everyone of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make you more visible to traffic. High visibility clothing and accessories can be purchased from many outlets and these help children and adults to be seen, and often include items such as reflective armbands, snap bands, clip on reflectors and zip clips. Please note that it is fluorescent for daytime and reflective for night time.

Ready to Learn focus of the half term : 'We are here every day'

Autumn Term 2018

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| Occasional Day Christmas Holiday | Friday 21st December 2018 Monday 24 th December 2018 to Friday 4 th January 2019 |
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Spring Term 2019

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| INSET Day Children's First Day Spring Term 1 INSET Day <i>Spring Half Term Holiday</i> Children's First Day Spring Term 2 Last Day of Spring Term Easter Holiday Bank Holidays | Monday 7th January 2019 Tuesday 8th January 2019 Friday 15th February 2019 <i>Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019</i> 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 |
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Summer Term 2019

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

Year 1 Inter-Schools Sport Competition

On Wednesday 7th November I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 1 to Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre. Over the afternoon the children participated in a range of sporting events which required determination, patience and teamwork. The Year 1 children rose to that challenge and enjoyed learning new skills.



Bronze Ambassadors Training

Our Bronze ambassadors for sport (Kenneth and Meicha) went to Lauret Academy to work on their leadership skills with all of the other bronze ambassadors across Dacorum and St Albans. Our health leaders (Taylor and Tori) also attended and looked at how we can become a healthier school by staying active and promoting healthy eating. These children will be leading the sports crew to give many opportunities for competitive sports throughout the year.

Tag Rugby Festival Year 5

Fourteen Year 5 children attended Kings Langley School to take part in a tag rugby festival against various schools from Dacorum. Both the A and B teams performed fantastically well with the A team scoring over 20 tries in just 4 games and the B team picked up 2 wins! Well done Year 5's!