



Spring Term Update

Welcome back to what can only be described as a chilly start to the Spring Term. I just wanted to update you with a few events that are occurring at The Reddings this term.

On Wednesday 17th January we are holding a parent information session assessment. These sessions, the first at 3.20 pm and the second at 3.45 pm, are class based and are specific to each year group. Teachers will be sharing with you the expectation for the end of year, with a focus on reading, writing and maths. We also intend to give you some hints and tips on how you can support your child at home.

Further dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Information
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day	We are dressing up!
Wednesday 7 th March 2018 from 2.30 pm	Board Games afternoon	Parents are welcome to join us as we play a range of board games in the classrooms
Friday 9 th March	Mother's Day assemblies Mother's Day Sale	There will be two assemblies the first at 9 am (EYFS and KS1), the second at 2.30 pm (KS2). All parents/grandparents are invited to join us.
26 th to 28 th March (3 days)	World Religions and Festivals theme week	This week is an opportunity to celebrate our school's diversity and for us all to learn more about the many faiths we have in school.
Tuesday 27 th March 2018	Open house session for parents 9 am to 10 am	The open house session will have an art and religious theme
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Egg Tombola	Our annual fundraising event led by the PFTA
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	School concludes at 1.30 pm

We need your help

As we start to plan our World Religions and Festivals theme week we would like to have visitors to come and share with us how different faiths celebrate key festivals. If you would like to join us please speak to Mrs Fleet or Mrs Haswell – the more the merrier! School will of course purchase any required resources.

As part of this week we are also planning to head out and about to places of worship which are local to our community.

Ready to Learn Spring Term 2018

I am delighted to announce that Year 3 were the Ready to Learn class of Autumn Term 2017. As part of my assembly last week the school voted and have selected that the Ready to Learn focus for the Spring Term should remain as 'we are here every day'.

Polite Request

Every Wednesday teachers have a staff meeting that starts at 3.30 pm. To enable this meeting to start on time we request that you avoid this time to 'catch up' with teachers. The curriculum flyers have been distributed to you and on there you will find the teacher's e-mail address. Should you need to mention something afterschool on a Wednesday please e-mail the teacher. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Mrs Gill, our Pastoral and Safeguarding lead teaching assistant will be flying 'The Reddings' nest on Friday 2nd February. She has been given the opportunity to work for Children's Services as a Child Practitioner. These opportunities do not come up very often and is the next step in her career. This is a huge gain for Children's Services and a loss for us all at The Reddings.

Mrs Gill has been with us for over ten years and during her time has been an EYFS teaching assistant, a Primary Support Base outreach support worker and most recently her teaching assistant role evolved into pastoral care, well-being and safeguarding. Mrs Gill makes The Reddings a dynamic and exciting place to be. If she isn't with her 'bear' cards, you will find her leading a sports activity or even driving the minibus!

Mrs Gill is irreplaceable, however, we know how valuable her role is at The Reddings and so the recruitment process has started to appoint a new team member to the pastoral lead role. I know that you will join with me to wish Mrs Gill every success in her new venture.

For those children who are currently working closely with Mrs Gill we are putting in an 'exit' programme to support them to be resilient in this time of change. Should you have any further questions do speak with Mrs Gill or Mrs Murphy.

The school would like to purchase a gift for Mrs Gill, should any of you wish to make a donation/sign the card, please pop into the school office from Monday 12th January.

Walk to School Week

Thank you to all the staff, children and parents who have made this week a huge success.

Nursery Applications

If you have a child or know of someone with a child who is eligible to start Nursery in September 2018, application forms are available from the School Office. If your child turned 3 in the Autumn Term (September 2017 to December 2017) you have the opportunity for your child to start school in April 2018 which means your child will have four terms in our Nursery setting. If you have any further questions please speak to Mrs Fleet.

Nursery tours are currently in progress with further dates to be published on the website.