



Newsletter – December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

One minute we are all returning from our summer break and the next it is Christmas – where has the Autumn term gone?

December was fun-packed and filled to the brim. At the beginning of the month, members from the Governing Board undertook a 'deep dive' with members of the SLT. The focus was on art, design and technology. Governors met with groups of children and were highly impressed with how eloquent and dynamic they were about their learning and what they would like to improve their learning even further!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Early Years/Key Stage 1 Christmas production of 'Born in a Barn'. I am always really proud when I watch our youngest members of the school showing confidence and enthusiasm. The children worked incredibly hard and gave us a show to remember.

The Christmas celebrations continued with Year 5 leading our annual Christingle service and Key Stage 2 celebrating Christmas through carols and poems. The children sang with gusto and poems were beautifully read, giving us the opportunity to think about the true meaning of Christmas.

I would like to share the following poem with you all that Reece in Year 5 shared with us:

There's more to Christmas

There's more, much more to Christmas
Than candle light and cheer
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brighten's all the year
It's thoughtfulness and kindness
It's hope reborn again
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill to men!

So as we rush around over the next few days, making preparations and welcoming family members let us all remember to be thoughtful and kind; not just for Christmas but for every day.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8.45 am.

Tracy Prickett

The Reddings at 60!

When we return in January, The Reddings will be celebrating its 60th birthday. It seems only a short time ago we turned 50. We shall be celebrating the event through a historical approach. Should you know of anyone who attended the school in the 1960s or was living in Bennetts End at this time, we would love to hear from you. It would be great if you could join us so we can ask you some questions about school life/Hemel Hempstead in the 1960s!

We are also planning a celebration for families, staff and Governors (past and present) for the summer term. More details to follow.

School Prospectus

I am delighted to share with you our new school prospectus. Work commenced on this during the summer holidays and the final proof arrived in my inbox this week.

Reception Application – September 2020

Reminder that applications for children to start Reception in September 2020 close on 15th January 2020. Any applications made after this date are considered as late and you may not be offered your first choice school. Please apply online at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>.

Nursery Application – September 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you can now apply for a Nursery place for September 2019. Forms are available from the School Office, with the closing date being 13 March 2020.

Office Updates

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8 am to 8.45 am where children are provided with breakfast and can play games, for £2.75 per child per session. If you would like your child to attend, please book in advance. Forms are available from the School Office.

Parents who use the Schoolcomms app, please remember if you leave the app open, all e-mails and texts will go straight into your app. All correspondence is sent out initially via e-mail, and hard copies are sent home if reply slips are attached.

A new club letter for lunchtime clubs available in the spring term has already been sent out earlier this week. Please follow the instructions contained in the letter to book your child onto the clubs.

School Newsletter Press Release

We're excited to have been selected to participate in Fishkeeper Fry 2020, a national learning programme developed by Maidenhead Aquatics, from the beginning of January to help teach children about the joys and benefits of fishkeeping whilst bringing some of their key science themes to life for them in the classroom.

Supported by our local Maidenhead Aquatics store, we will be following an 8-week programme during school time, designed to teach the children how to set up an aquarium properly and care for their fish in the classroom. All the equipment for the programme and all the learning resources have been provided to us completely free of charge by Maidenhead Aquatics and their supporting partner Fluval. You can find out more about the programme and what the children will be getting up to here: <https://www.fishkeeper.co.uk/fishkeeper-fry-parents>.



**GREAT
ORMOND
STREET
HOSPITAL
CHARITY**

Fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

A number of the children in our school have been, or continue to be supported by Great Ormond Street Hospital. We held retiring collections at the end of our EYFS/KSI Productions, Christingle and the KS2 carol concert to raise money for this charity that is so close to our hearts. We are delighted to announce that we raised £164.64. Thank you all for your generosity.

Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas raffle raised an amazing £196. The winners of the Christmas raffle are:

Christmas Hamper	Adam (Reception)
Watch	Jessie (Yr 4)
Necklace and Earrings	Amelia (Yr 5)
Wine	Jamie (Rec)
Books	Aneeka (Yr 6)
Candle Gift Box	Millie (Yr 4)
Puzzle	Eliana (Rec)
Slime	Shaan (Rec)
Sweets	George (Rec)
Writing Set	Mrs Waller
Paper Clip Set	Luca (Yr 6)
Christmas Craft Set	Shaan (Rec)
Christmas Craft Set	Haya (Yr 5)
Candle	Carrie (Yr 5)
Mug	Daniel (Yr 3)
Bubble Bath	Jamie (Rec)
Sweets	Adam (Rec)

Girls Football vs Galley Hill

On the 9th December the girls put on their performance of the season so far! The girls travelled away to Galley Hill and ran away with a 7-2 victory. There were outstanding performances from all the girls and it was impossible to choose a player of the game. We saw hat-tricks from Tori AND Freya! Mavis scored the other goal with a thunderbolt of a strike. Well done to all the girls involved.

Bronze Awards:

Year 3	Mateo	Year 5	Liam
	Deena		Calista

Silver Awards:

Year 5	Carrie
	Max
	Dylan
	Adam
	Valeria
	Caleb
	Alex G
	Raisa

100% Attendance Autumn Term

The following children have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term:-

EYFS1	Abdan Phoebe Joseph Amina Freddie	Year 1	Emilia Ali Azadar John Ha jra Robert	Year 3	Azan Eva David Ar jun Tyler JosiahHolly Kaela Deena Aarya Freya Mateo	Year 5	Vince Alex Raisa Kamila Karolina Joshua Isabelle Tayah Adam
EYFS2	Kara Alfie Logan Eliana Dylan	Year 2	Victoria-Jane Isaac Leena Surina Maya Hooria Lilly Zayn Jorgi	Year 4	Dylan Jesie Mariana Brooke	Year 6	Jay Prince Aahana Luca Ella Nancy Ibrahim Tia

Spring Term 2020

INSET Day	Monday 6 th January 2020
Children's First Day Spring Term 1	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
INSET Day	Friday 14 th February 2020
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February 2020 to Friday 21 st February 2020
Children's First Day Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February 2020
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 3 rd April 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 6 th April 2020 to Friday 17 th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Children's First Day Summer Term 1	Monday 20 th April 2020
Bank Holiday	Friday 8 th May 2020
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May 2020 to Friday 29 th May 2020
Children's First Day Summer Term 2	Monday 1 st June 2020
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm
INSET Day	Monday 20 th July 2020
Occasional Day	Tuesday 21 st July 2020