



Start of Term Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and that your children have enjoyed the first couple of weeks of the new school year. I would like to welcome all the children joining Nursery and Reception classes and to all the new families joining in other year groups across the school – a warm welcome to you as you join our Reddings family.

To begin the year, all classes have been studying the book *Window* by Jeannie Baker. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading some of the work that the children have produced; clearly everyone is working hard and has started the term positively.

As well as welcoming new families, there are some new members to the staff team. Mrs Johnson and Mrs McAleer are working in Year 1 and Mr Macnaughton has joined the team as our Sports Apprentice. It already feels as if they have always been here at The Reddings.

Miss Biggadike, who was working with Mr Rawes last year, is teaching Year 4. Both Miss Biggadike and Year 4 seem very happy in their new classroom!

Our INSET day focused on curriculum development as this is one of our key priorities for the year. Teachers are currently mapping out and booking a whole host of visits and visitors to ensure learning is fun and memorable.

The theme days/weeks and key dates for your diary are included within this update.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Prickett

Ready to Learn

At our first celebration assembly, the children voted that 'here every day' should be the focus for this term. It is really important that children do arrive at school 'Ready to Learn' which means:

- Children come to school every day
- Children arrive on time (by 8.55 am)
- Children have a pair of indoor shoes
- Children have their PE kit
- Children have their Readings book/reading record and book bag

Attendance statistics last year were the highest they had been for several years, which was reflected in the quality of work the children produced. It would be great to achieve even higher this year.

PFTA

The PFTA committee is already planning a whole host of exciting events and I know that Father Christmas has been booked for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November 2019. If you are interested in helping at any event, please speak to Mr Battersby (Year 6 teacher) as the more help we get, the more events we can hold.

Community Space

As part of the new Nursery building there is a community room. We would like to run/host many parent groups. If you have an idea or would just like to use the space to have a coffee and a catch up just let us know. We aim to have set the room up for use from the start of October.

TERM DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

<i>Autumn Half Term Holiday</i> INSET Day Children's First Day Autumn Term 2 Last Day of Autumn Term Christmas Holiday	<i>Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019</i> Monday 4th November 2019 Tuesday 5th November 2019 Friday 20th December 2019 – finish at 1.30 pm Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2019
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Spring Term 2020

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	Monday 6th January 2020 Tuesday 7th January 2020 Friday 14th February 2020 <i>Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020</i> Monday 24th February 2020 Friday 3rd April 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020
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Summer Term 2020

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 Day Occasional Day	Monday 20th April 2020 Friday 8th May 2020 <i>Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020</i> Monday 1st June 2020 Friday 17th July 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm Monday 20th July 2020 Tuesday 21st July 2020
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