



Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, on behalf of all the staff, I want to say welcome to you all for the start of the Autumn term. It has been lovely to see how well the children have adapted to the changes in place, but even more so, to see how happy they are to be back at school.

I also want to say a big thank you for being so patient with the changes that the school have had to put in place to deal with these exceptional times. I know that for some of you there is a lot of extra walking so that we can maintain a one-way system and minimise congestion throughout the school site. It really is most appreciated and I think that the systems that are in place are working well and that this is in a big part down to you all for working with us.

Despite everything, work continues in the school to upgrade our site. Sadly, the work that was due to take place over the summer to replace the fence around the Early Years outdoor space did not get completed on time and is ongoing. We are hoping that it will be finished in the next few days but apologise for the delay, especially to the Reception children who have been staring out of the window wondering why they couldn't use it! Thankfully the building team are now in a place to make it secure whilst they are not there, so that our children can now access the garden safely.

In the next few days, work will also begin on the screening for the serving hatch in the dining hall. It has taken time to find a supplier of Perspex at a reasonable cost and now this has been done, we can start to work on that. Currently the children have been served by the staff as if they were in a restaurant, which I think they quite like, we are not sure that this is something we want them to get used to, so will be pushing for the Perspex to be put up as soon as possible!

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Fleet

Home Learning

For home learning, we would like to concentrate on the key skill of reading so that parents have the time to read with their children and older children have the time to read by themselves as appropriate.

Flyers will also be coming out to you in the next couple of weeks that will explain more about the curriculum that your child will be experiencing this term.

Staffing

It is also at this time of year that we say goodbye and hello to staff.

As a lot of you will already know, we said goodbye to Mrs Thorpe from the office, at the end of the Summer term. She has gone to work in a secondary school much nearer to her home and I know that whilst she was sad to say goodbye, she will not miss the commute! We wish her well with her new job.

We say Hello to Miss Grossman who is our year 3 teacher and she has already settled really well into life at The Reddings.

Mr Hobbs joins us as our Sport's Apprentice and he has already worked with every class over the week, teaching PE as well as supporting in class.

Miss Cao is working in Reception for this term and supporting some of our youngest children into school.

Mrs Moore is also new and will be joining us from today to support in the dining hall.

Pupil Absence

If your child is ill, please refer to the recent schoolcomms about what to do.

If your child has a runny nose with no other symptoms then they are fine to come to school. If they have a cough, temperature, sore throat or headache, please do not send them in and refer to your GP or 119.

If you or any of your household or close contacts have any of the symptoms of Coronavirus; a new and continuous cough, a fever, loss or change to your sense of taste or smell, please let us know immediately and do not bring them to school and contact 119 to organise a test.

Stars of the Week

Year 1 - Eliana

Year 2 - John

Year 3 - Ollie

Year 4 - Sofia

Year 5 - Lexi-May

Year 6 - Frankie

Nursery

It has been so lovely having children and parents in and getting used to their new classroom and teachers. We are excited for the children to be starting properly with us next week and although I am sure the children may be a bit anxious to start with, I know that they are going to have a fantastic time in Nursery.

Reception

Reception have settled so well into class getting used to their new routines. They are all happy and enjoying being at school. No tears!

Year 1

It is lovely to see all the children in year 1 arriving at school smiling and ready to learn each day. They have settled in very well and are delighted to be back at school with their friends.

We have been having lots of fun exploring the book Tuesday, which is a very interesting adventure story with no words! PE has been a hit, with the children enjoying developing their throwing and catching skills and burning off lots of energy.

There are also many amazing artists in year 1! The children have so far enjoyed learning all about Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh. They have also thoroughly enjoyed investigating what happens when we mix primary colours and have been amazed by the new colours they have made.

We are super excited about all the great learning we have to look forward to during the rest of the term.

Year 2

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to life in their new classroom. Everyone has settled in remarkably quickly and we adjusted to the new way of working. So far, we have enjoyed our whole class guided reading lessons, exploring the book Tuesday in English lessons and sharpening up our maths skills through games looking specifically at place value. We have also begun our topic in which we are learning all about China! Most importantly, everyone appears to be over the moon to be back at school with their friends and all of the children are back enjoying their learning.

Year 3

Year 3 have settled into school really well this week. They are all very happy to be back and are enjoying learning lots of new information and skills. This week we started our topic on the Stone Age and the children got the chance to explore some cave paintings and have a go at creating their own, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Year 4

Since we have been back, over the last week, I have been so impressed by the resilience, kindness and dedication Year 4 have shown. We have created a lovely, calm, and happy classroom environment that I am proud to be a part of. All of the children are so happy to see their friends again and begin their Year 4 learning. Even though there is a huge jump from Year 3 to Year 4, they have all taken to it so well and are continuing to impress Mrs Wadmore and I even more every day. I am looking forward to the year ahead and cannot wait for all the progress we are going to make and all the fun we are going to have. Well done Year 4! Keep up the hard work!

Year 5

What a fantastic start to the year with so many of us back. We have completed some excellent work in English, maths and PE, with ongoing enthusiasm to our Anglo-Saxon activities. The children are settling into the new routines, with so much hand washing! Here's hoping we continue so well.

Year 6

I am pleased to report that Year 6 have begun the year with great purpose, drive and determination. Everyone has settled in remarkably quickly and we have very much hit the ground running. So far, we have enjoyed our whole class guided reading lessons, exploring the book Tuesday in English lessons and sharpening up our maths skills through games. Most importantly, everyone appears to be happy and healthy and we look forward to a very productive and enjoyable year full of brilliant learning while having a few laughs along the way!

Autumn Term 2020

INSET Day Children's First Day Autumn Term 1 Autumn Half Term Holiday INSET Day Children's First Day Autumn Term 2 Last Day of Autumn Term Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 Thursday 3 rd September 2020 Monday 26 th October 2020 to Friday 30 th October 2020 Monday 2 nd November 2020 Tuesday 3 rd November 2020 Friday 18 th December 2020 – finish at 1.30 pm Monday 21 st December 2020 to Friday 1 st January 2021
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Spring Term 2021

INSET Day Children's First Day Spring Term 1 INSET Day Spring Half Term Holiday Children's First Day Spring Term 2 Last Day of Spring Term Easter Holiday	Monday 4 th January 2021 Tuesday 5 th January 2021 Friday 12 th February 2021 Monday 15 th February 2021 to Friday 19 th February 2021 Monday 22 nd February 2021 Friday 26 th March 2021 – finish at 1.30 pm Monday 29 th March 2021 to Friday 9 th April 2021
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Summer Term 2021

Children's First Day Summer Term 1 Bank Holiday Half Term Holiday Children's First Day Summer Term 2 Last Day of Summer Term INSET Day Occasional Day	Monday 12 th April 2021 Monday 3 rd May 2021 Monday 3 rd May 2021 to Friday 4 th June 2021 Monday 7 th June 2021 Tuesday 20 th July 2021 – finish at 1.30 pm Wednesday 21 st July 2021 Thursday 22 nd July 2021
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