



Rednal Hill Junior School

Newsletter December 2017



Information for Parents

We break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December and return to school on Monday 8th January.

The Juniors would like to wish Mrs. Le Gros all the very best for the future and give a warm welcome to the incoming infant Head, Miss. Pendleton.

Website

We've been developing the website and it now carries parent help videos for mathematics. The help videos can be found in parent information/Supporting Learning at Home/Mathematics Guidance.

Attendance

The school is committed to improving its attendance. We have a target of 98% and need to improve on the less than 95% we achieved last year. This term has seen an increase to 96% and this is a real improvement on this time last year. Your support in getting children to school on time and ready to learn is vital. As you know, we have started the SPOTLIGHT campaign and letters have gone out. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Miss Ellis.

Congratulations to 5SC are our attendance champions for Autumn 2017-18

6LF 94.89%	6RH 94.44%	6SP 94.31%
5KJ 96.19%	5LBC 95.59%	5SC 98.04%
4CT 95.33%	4JB 96.87%	4VR 95.24%
3CF 96.09%	3DE 97.66%	3NE 96.98%

Child Absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office on 0121 453 2520 before 10am to speak to someone or to leave a voice message informing us why your child is absent from school.

If you are booking medical or dental appointments, please could we request that these appointments are booked for after 3.20pm so that children's lessons and attendance are not adversely affected.

Paying for School Dinners

May we remind parents that payment for school dinners should be made in advance, i.e. on Monday mornings. If you have problems paying on line, please see a member of the Reception staff.

Lost Property

Please can you ensure that you write your child's

name on all items (clothing, lunch boxes etc) so we can easily locate the owner of any lost property. The new pink lost property bin is located in the school waiting area.

Mr Hewitt & 5LBC

Mr Hewitt will be back with us 3 days a week from the start of January (Mon, Tue & Wed) and class sharing 5LBC with Mrs Barnes-Cooper (Wed, Thu & Fri). Mr Hewitt has been involved with 5LBC for a number of months and we're sure it will be an extremely smooth transition. Any questions please see Mr Hewitt or Miss Barnes-Cooper.



West Midlands Amputee Rehabilitation Centre in Selly Oak have asked for donations from people to supply them with old children's slippers, trainers, shoes, sandals and wellies. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please can you bring them into school. They have to be from walking shoe sizes 12 months up to size 13. These shoes can not be slip-ons.

We are delighted to inform you that we have raised the following amounts for these causes:

Children in Need—£262.50

Red Nose Day—£340.00



Please be aware that children are not allowed in the playground before and after school on their bikes. We had a near accident when an older child almost knocked a child over racing through the playground, and other children are riding up the embankment onto the field. Please can you tell your children, past and present, that bikes are not allowed past the bike sheds.



Dance Club

WE STILL HAVE PLACES!!
Every Tuesday & Thursday Lunchtime

For further details, please see Mrs Hayes or Amayah Bashford 6SP



If a child has a small injury that requires first aid, they will receive a pink or blue slip from us to inform you of that injury. The blue slip will inform you of any head injury and offers advice about monitoring your child. If your child appears unwell following injury or if it is a more serious injury we will contact you immediately.

The pink slip will be for any other first aid received.

The slips will inform you that your child has received first aid for minor injuries. A text will be sent out to inform you that your child will be bringing a first aid letter home. If your child requires first aid at the end of the day, you will not receive a text and a member of staff will send the slip out with your child.

Please be aware that for anything other than a minor injury or if we have any cause for concern, we will contact you by phone.

Important dates for the coming year:

Parents' evenings: 17/01/2018, 25/04/2017 & final parent drop-in reviews 16 /07/2018 & 17/07/2018

Term Dates and Training Days

School Year 2017 – 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will be closed on the following days: Monday 7th May 2018 – Bank Holiday Friday 8th June 2018 – Staff Training Monday 23rd July 2018 – Staff Training Tuesday 24th July 2018 – Staff Training 	Autumn Term 2017 <p>Term Starts: Wednesday 6th September 2017</p> <p>Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 20th October 2017 –</p> <p>Back to school Monday 30th October 2017</p> <p>Christmas Holidays: Break-up Friday 22nd December 2017</p>
Spring Term 2018 <p>Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2018</p> <p>Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 16th February 2018 –</p> <p>Back to school Monday 26th February 2018</p> <p>Easter Holidays: Break-up Thursday 29th March 2018</p>	Summer Term 2018 <p>Term Starts: Monday 16th April 2018</p> <p>Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 25^h May 2018 –</p> <p>Back to school Monday 4th June 2018</p> <p>Main Summer Holidays: Break-up Friday 20th July 2018</p>

Dates for school year 2018-2019 below. No decisions on teacher days are available at the moment.

Autumn Term 2018 <p>Term Starts: Monday 3 September 2018</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018</p>	Spring Term 2019 <p>Term Starts: Monday 7 January 2019</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019</p>
Summer Term 2019 <p>Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019</p> <p>Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2019</p>	<p>The end date for the summer holiday in 2019 will be advised by July 2018 when the term dates for the school year September 2019 to 2020 are known.</p>