



Rednal Hill Junior School

Newsletter March 2018

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Information for Parents

We break up for the Easter holiday on Thursday 29th March and return to school on Monday 16th April 2018.

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. Although we started off very well, attendance has steadily slipped from its above national last term to 95.31% now. We know the months of December, January and February can take its toll and the staff and pupils have suffered with lots of illness, like most places, has suffered with flu and sickness bugs. However, your support in getting children to school on time and ready to learn is vital if we are to improve standards. As you know, we have started the **FAST-track** and letters have gone out. The school is preparing to take measures that will result in some parents being fined. This is not a measure that we want to take but recent legislation means we have no choice. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Miss Ellis. [Details available on our website](#)

Congratulations to 5SC, they are our attendance champions so far for academic year 2017-18

6LF 93.31%	6RH 95.15%	6SP 92.28%
5KJ 95.61%	5LBC 94.06%	5SC 97.18%
4CT 94.73%	4JB 96.67%	4VR 94.40%
3CF 96.30%	3DE 96.53%	3NE 96.54%

Child absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office on 0121 453 2520 before 10am to leave a voice message (option 1) or to speak to someone to inform 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.

Please respect our neighbours

If you are dropping off or picking up your child, please can you ensure that you do not park on a dropped curb or block a neighbours drive. If you do smoke, please do not dispose of your cigarette ends in the street. Thank you for your co-operation.

Swimming

Year 3 (3DE) will swim from Tuesday 17th April until the end of the academic year.

Year 5 swimming:

- 5KJ to swim W/B 16.04.2018 and W/B 23.04.2018
- 5LBC to swim W/B 30.04.2018 and W/B 07.05.2018
- 5SC to swim W/B 14.05.2018 and W/B 21.05.2018

Year 6 swimming:

- 6LF to swim W/B 04.06.2018 and W/B 11.06.2018
- 6RH to swim W/B 18.06 and W/B 25.06.2018
- 6SP to swim W/B 02.07.2018 and W/B 09.07.2018

Going forward, year 3 and year 5 will swim up till mid-May as above on the days mentioned and then Y6 will swim after SATs for two sessions a week

All swimming sessions are in the afternoon and start at 2pm

PE Kit

Reminder— all children need PE kits in school - blue/black shorts, plain t-shirt or house colour t-shirt, suitable trainers or pumps (not high tops or converse). Plain black/grey jogging bottoms or leggings for colder months.



Sports Before and After School Clubs—New term

Letters will be handed out for the new before and after school clubs when we return in the new term.

Autism Parents Meeting

Autism Parents Meeting with tea and coffee is scheduled for Tuesday 1st May 2:20 to 3:20. Parents from the Infant School will also be invited to this meeting and the Infant SENDCo, Amy Warden plans to join us too.

Special Educational Needs Children

Children who received Special Educational Needs support in school will be having their targets and plans reviewed during the weeks commencing 23rd April and 30th April. Please look out for meeting invitation letters from Mrs Jones in your child's school bag!

Term Dates, Training Days & Special Occasions



Class assemblies—All parent assemblies are

3CF 27/6/18	4CT 6/6/18	5KJ 16/5/18
3DE 13/6/18		5LBC 2/5/18
3NE 20/6/18	4VR 23/5/18	5SC 9/5/18

Parents' Evenings: 25/04/2017 & **Final parent drop-in** reviews 16 & 17/07/2018

Parent Chat: 12/06/2018, meetings are 9am-10am & 5pm-6pm. Come in for a tea or coffee and hear about our plans.

SATs week is **week beginning the 14th May**. See school calendar closer to the time for dates and times. All assessment weeks are highlighted on school calendar.

Sports Day is: Y3/4 Wednesday 27th June 9:15 - 10:45. Y5/6 Thursday 28th June 9:15 - 10:45.

Y6 Leavers' Production. There will be 2 shows - Tuesday 10th July at 2pm & Wednesday 11th July at 9:30am.

School Year 2017 – 2018	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
School will be closed on the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 7th May 2018 – Bank Holiday Friday 8th June 2018 – Staff Training Monday 23rd July 2018 – Staff Training Tuesday 24th July 2018 – Staff Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2018 Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 16th February 2018 – <i>Off 19th February to 23rd February.</i> Back to school Monday 26th February 2018 Easter Holidays: Break-up Thursday 29th March 2018 – <i>Off 30th March to 13th April</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term Starts: Monday 16th April 2018 Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 25th May 2018 – <i>Off 28th May to 1st June</i> Back to school Monday 4th June 2018 Main Summer Holidays: Break-up Friday 20th July 2018– <i>Off 23rd July to 3rd September</i>

School Year 2018 – 2019

School will be closed on the following days:
Monday 3rd September 2018 – Staff Training
Monday 5th November 2018 – Staff Training
Monday 7th January – Staff Training
Monday 6th May 2019 – Bank Holiday
Friday 7th June 2019 – Staff Training
Monday 22nd July 2019 – Staff Training

Autumn Term 2018	Spring Term 2019	Summer Term 2019
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