



Rednal Hill Junior School

Spring 1 Newsletter 2020

Information for Parents

We break up for the spring half-term on Friday 14th February and return to school on Monday 24th February.

Parents/Carers Conduct with Staff

It saddens me to have to report this but we have had a few incidents recently of parents/carers being loud and aggressive with staff, either face to face or over the phone. May I remind all parents/carers that while we value our strong relationships, we absolutely DO NOT TOLERATE staff being treated in this way. For persistent offenders the school will take action by contacting the appropriate authorities and/or sadly, consider banning the offending adult (via the appropriate channels) from entering/speaking with the school. A copy of our Parent Code of Conduct is available via the website or from the school office.

Attendance

The school is committed to improving its attendance. Your support in getting children to school on time and ready to learn is vital if we are to improve standards. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Miss Ellis. [Details available on our website.](#)

Points won so far towards the class attendance prize

3KS in front at this point!

6CD 11	6LBC 12	6LF 7
5RH 21	5SC 11	5VR 10
4JB 16	4JF 13	4SG 16
<u>3KS 22</u>	3NC 10	3NE 17

Revised prizes for this year:

- Certificates for 100% children (per term)
- A raffle prize of a bike at the end of each term for children above 96%
- A raffle prize of a 'family outing' at the end of each term for children whose attendance has improved by at least 5% on the previous term..

Don't forget there's still the all expenses paid trip for the best attended class! See points above!

Autism Parents Meeting

Our next Autism Parents' Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 2:00 pm—3.00 pm.

This meeting is very much open to all and your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis of Autism for you to attend. If you are interested, please do come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Lost Property - names on all items

We are receiving items in our lost property that cannot be returned to the children as there is no name written on the items. Can we please remind you to ensure that your child's name and class is written on all items they bring into school: jumpers, coats, bags, lunch boxes etc.



School Dinners

If you pay for your child's school dinners, please note that it is £11.50 per week or if you prefer to pay for the whole of next term it is £69.00



EU Citizens

If we have any parents who are EU citizens, they and their family members must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020. The EU Settlement Scheme gives EU citizens the immigration status they need to continue to live, work and study in the UK. <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>



Illness and First Day Call

If your child is ill, please can you ring the school by 9:00 am and leave an absence message (option 1). If your child is off school as they have been vomiting or have vomiting & diarrhoea, they are to be kept off school until they have not been sick (or have had diarrhoea) for at least 48 hours.



If you don't ring us to inform us that your child will be off school, we have to follow our attendance procedures. This will mean a First Day Call and/or a Home Visit. Please see our attendance policy on our website for further information.

Parking

We have received complaints again about parents parking their cars and blocking drives. Please can we remind all parents not to block our neighbours drives and not to park on the yellow zigzags outside the school.

Making Doctors/Dentist appointments

We would request that doctors and/or dentist's appointments are booked out of the school day unless they are emergency appointments.

Outstanding money owing

As we approach our financial year end, please could we remind all parents to ensure that they are up to date with payments for school dinners, trips and Before/After School Club. If you owe money can you please arrange to pay as soon as possible. You can pay online using School Money or by card/cheque/cash at the school office.

PE Kits/swimming costumes/water bottles

An increasing number of children are forgetting their PE kits/swimming costumes/musical instruments/water bottles etc. Please can you ensure your child attends school with all the items they need.



Sports Relief Day

Sports Relief Day will be on Friday 13th March and the children can come to school in their sports clothes.



Sing Up Day



Join singers around the world in celebrating the power music has on our lives. This year we're especially excited to let you know that we're collaborating with Trinity College London (and supporting schools) and taking part in **Sing Up Day** to achieve the Arts Award Discover Certificate.

Replacing paper letters with e-mails



In a bid to be more environmentally friendly, we are going to gradually start replacing paper letters with emails. We will start doing this after half-term, so please keep an eye

on your inboxes! Spare copies of letters (and this newsletter) will be available in the main entrance so that you can help yourself if you think you've missed something.

We have sent out letters to families who we do not have an email address for asking for your contact details. If you have received one of these letters, we'd really appreciate it if you could send back the reply slip.

We sent out an email to everyone who we have an email address for last week to check we've got the right contact information. If you did not receive this email, please check your junk mail in the first instance. If you still can't find it or the address we have for you is not the one you want us to use for school correspondence, please let us know by popping into the office, giving us a call or emailing us at enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com (remember to include your child's name and class and the email address you want us to replace).

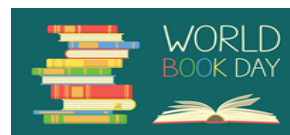


Anti bacterial hand wash in school

Due to allergies and COSHH we ask that children do not bring in any hand cleaning products. The school provides products that are safe and suitable for all to use.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 5th March, the children can dress up as their favourite book character—we are looking forward to seeing the children in their fantastic costume



Typing Scores

Children from years 4, 5 and 6 have been taking their routine typing skills tests and the word per minute scores the children have been achieving recently have been record breaking!

Year 3 have been taking part in typing games and will be ready to take part in our fun Speed Builder test soon.

Our current typing champions are:

- 6CD Aimee - 64 wpm
- 6LBC Sophia - 61 wpm
- 6LF Lily - 64 wpm
- 5RH Maisie - 37 wpm
- 5VR Oliver - 43 wpm
- 5SC Ella - 37 wpm
- 4JB Chloe B - 42 wpm
- 4SG Archie - 33 wpm
- 4JF Isaac - 28 wpm



Apple Store Trips

This year, we have planned workshops for all classes in the school, at the Apple store in Birmingham. Year 5 and 4 have recently enjoyed their workshops, where they used a range of apps to support the learning in their topics. We look forward to the Year 3 and 6 trips later in the year.



With the half term holidays approaching, Apple are keen to invite children and parents into the store to take part in free daily workshops. Visit www.apple.com/uk/today for more details.

Children's Mobile Phones

Year 3 and year 4 **must not** bring their phones into school. Year 5 and year 6 are to deposit their phones with their teachers when they arrive in school.

School Uniform

Can we remind parents and carers that children must be dressed in appropriate school uniform at all times, details available on the school website.



Rubery Schools Community Swap Shop

We have attached details of the Rubery Schools Community Swap Shop—they collect unwanted school uniforms and then help families who have registered an interest—there is no charge for this. Our school office also collects uniforms on behalf of this swap shop, so if you would like to donate, please drop in any spare uniform you may have.

Children collected late at the end of the day

Whilst we appreciate that there may be exceptional circumstances whereby you are unable to collect your child on time, children whose parents are regularly late collecting them will be put into the After School Club and charged accordingly.

Tuck Guidelines



Snacks are available from our tuck shop at break-time but if children wish to bring in something from home, healthy snacks can include: fruit, vegetables, dried fruits, cereal bars, crackers, etc.

Eco Council Project

Eco Council would like to inform you about their exciting new project—they are making "ecobricks" after half term. Every 2 litre bottle filled with single use plastics will be used in various recycling projects happening around the school and further afield.



Term Dates, Training Days & Special Occasions

Class assemblies (2:50pm start) & INSPIRE Workshops (9:10am to 10:20 am & 2:00pm to 3:10pm approx.)

for 2019-2020



	3NC	3NE	3KS	4JB	4JF	4SG
Assembly	10-06-2020	01-04-2020	20-05-2020			06-05-2020
INSPIRE	16-03-2020 pm	18-03-2020 pm	17-03-2020 pm	05-03-2020 pm	03-03-2020 pm	06-03-2020 pm
	5RH	5SC	5VR	6LBC	6LF	6CD
Assembly				07 & 08-07-2020	07 & 08-07-2020	07 & 08-07-2020
INSPIRE	10-03-2020 pm	12-03-2020 pm	09-03-2020 pm			

Events 2019-2020

<p><u>Parents Evenings/Parent Drop-ins:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 & 14-07-2020 (drop-in times to follow) <p><u>Parent breakfast & chat:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28-02-2020 at 9am (Foundation Friday) 16-06-2020 at 9am (focus to follow) <p><u>Condoever</u> Condoever week is W/B 30-03-2020</p> <p><u>Sports Days</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 & Y4's sports day 24-06-2020 Y5 & Y6's sports day 25-06-2020 <p>both will start as soon after 9am as possible.</p>	<p><u>Transition day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01-07-2020 <p><u>Y6 Leavers' Production:</u> There will be 2 shows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 07-07-2020 at 2pm Wednesday 08-07-2020 at 9:30am. <p><u>Final live reports</u> released on 10-07-2020, these will include SATs Results.</p>	<p>School Year 2019– 2020</p> <p>School will be closed on the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 8th May 2020 – Bank Holiday Monday 1st June 2020 Monday 20th July 2020
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Term dates 2019-2020

<p>Autumn Term 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2019 Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 25th October 2019- Off 28th October to 1st November Back to school Monday 4th November 2019 Christmas Holiday Break-up Friday 20th December 2019 - Off 23rd December to 3rd January 	<p>Spring Term 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January 2020 Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 14th February 2020 - Off 17th February to 21st February Back to school Monday 24th February 2020 Easter Holidays Break-up: Friday 3rd April 2020 - Off 6th April to 17th April 	<p>Summer Term 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term Starts: Monday 20th April 2020 Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 22nd May 2020 - Off 25th May to 29th May Back to school Tuesday 2nd June 2020 Summer Holidays Break-up: Friday 17th July 2020
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