

Newsletter 12



Week beginning 29th June 2020

Dear families...

We hope that you have all had a positive a week and are coping well in the circumstances.

Next Academic Year

Over the past week we have heard the Prime Minister announce to the country that all pupils 'will' be returning to school in September - this is a change from the earlier statement which said 'it's the Government's intention' for pupils to return. As yet we have received no additional details or guidance from the DFE or wider Government on the practicalities. In this instance we will continue to work behind the scenes to ready ourselves for the new academic year. We will hopefully inform you, over the next week or so, of our plans for September once the guidance is released.

No wider opening for Years 3-4-5

Although the government has indicated that the guidance around social distancing will be relaxed on the 4th July, we at school have made the decision to not bring further year groups back to school before the Summer holidays. We are at present running with near maximum numbers in our 'pods' with attending Year 6 pupils, children of key workers and pupils who are identified as vulnerable, and are unable to facilitate the return of any more year groups in the last three weeks. We will however, be looking to invite further identified 'vulnerable' children into school over the remaining weeks to support their gradual transition back into school, with the aim to make this less challenging for them in September. Mrs. Jones and the Pastoral team are making contact with families in relation to this aim. It is regrettable that we will be unable to welcome all pupils back before the Summer, but safety of pupils and staff have always been at the forefront of any decision we have made and this must continue in the current circumstances.

Saying Goodbye to class teaching staff for children not returning before the Summer holidays & preparing for transition

The Year 6 team and Mrs Allan are busy working on a video project to facilitate a positive send-off for Year 6 children given the current situation. However, we're aware that many children are wanting to see their current teachers before the end of the school year, and will be disappointed that there will be no opportunity to return to their Year 3, 4 or 5 current class and spend some time with their teachers and friends. Class teachers that are currently working in school plan to be available in the large playground during the report/belonging pick-up 1:30-2:30pm sessions (detailed below), and this would provide an opportunity for children to see their teachers 'in person', albeit 'at a social distance' before the end of the year. We are also planning for, where staffing allows, to enable classes to have a 'reunion afternoon' with their previous teacher in September in the class' previous classroom.

To support transition for children's new classes in September, we will be releasing the class transitional videos for Year 3, 4 and 5 classes on Friday 3rd July. You will receive these videos by e-mail, and they will also be available to view on the school's website. There will be a message from your child's current class teacher, and also an introductory message from your child's new class teacher, as well as messages from teaching assistants. We hope that your child finds their class video reassuring, and they may wish to take up the opportunity to send in a video message to their current class teacher (to be explained in next Friday's e-mail). Class teachers will continue to make phone calls to children and families over the remaining weeks, and if you feel that your child would benefit from any additional support with transition please mention this during the call and we can see what we can do to help.

Reminders about picking up reports, book amnesty and the return of pupils personal belongings

The following times have been allocated for the distribution of reports. Please note, can you also return any outstanding reading books. We'll also use this opportunity to return to you children's PE kits, bags, jumpers, pencil cases, etc. etc.

- Year 3 - 8:00-9:00am & 1:30-2:30pm on Tuesday 7th July
- Year 4 - 8:00-9:00am & 1:30-2:30pm on Wednesday 8th July
- Year 5 - 8:00-9:00am & 1:30-2:30pm on Thursday 9th July
- Year 6 - 8:00-9:00am & 1:30-2:30pm Friday 10th July

All items are to be **collected/returned from the large playground** at the aforementioned times. Can you please **deposit reading and library books in the containers** that will be available. **Personal belongings will be bagged** and labelled. If you find there are any items missing, can you please e-mail: enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com

If your child is already in school can you please send in any books that need returning with them. Children in school will be able to take home their reports from the 7th July and teachers will organise this when children are in. Personal belongings will also be returned in the same way.

Hellos and goodbyes from staff



We are sadly saying goodbye to the following staff at the end of term:

- Mrs. Dodd (Y6 teacher)
- Mrs. Barnes-Cooper (Y6 teacher)
- Mr. Crofts (Sports Coach)
- Mrs. Doyle (Senior Office Manager)
- Mrs. Baker (School Business Manager)
- Mrs. Carthy (Teaching Assistant)

We'd like to wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their commitment, passion and drive for the children of Rednal Hill Junior School, they will all be greatly missed.

We would like to say a huge Rednal hello to our new members of staff.

New to the teaching team are:

				
Miss. Yarwood (3AY)	Miss. Oates (4EO)	Miss. Brown (5NB)	Mrs. Harris (5TH)	Miss. Maddams (6SM)

We also have some new additions to our office and finance team:

	
Ms. Bailey (School Business Manager)	Mrs. Hall (Senior Office Manager)

And finally..... We have the following staff returning from maternity:

- Miss. Weir
- Miss. Coles

School Office

Can we remind you all, if you wish to speak to someone in school, you will need to phone the school office or email via the office email. Sadly this means we will not be able, for the moment, to welcome you into the school building.

e-mail: enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com or Telephone: 0121 453 2520

Home Learning pictures & videos

Please also keep sending in any home learning pictures or videos for our newsletter/website to enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com.

To help us identify this work, please mark the subject as 'Home Learning'. **Please note that pictures sent in may well find their way onto the school's website or newsletter with children's names etc.** If you'd like to send in pictures of home learning but don't want your child's details attached to the picture, can you please specify this in the e-mail.

Term Dates for 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020	Spring Term 2021	Summer Term 2021
Term Starts: Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Term Starts: Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Term Starts: Monday 19 th April 2021
Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 23 rd October 2020 - Off 26th October to 2nd November	Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 12 th February 2021 - Off 15th February to 19th February 2021	Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 28 th May 2021 - Off 31st May to 7th June
Back to school Tuesday 3 rd November 2020	Back to school Monday 22 nd February 2021	Back to school Tuesday 8 th June 2021
Christmas Holiday Break-up Friday 18 th December 2020 - Off 21st December to 4th January 2021	Easter Holidays Break-up: Thursday 1 st April 2021 - Off 2nd April to 16th April 2021	Summer Holidays Break-up: Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Training days for next year:

Tuesday 1st of September (Safeguarding & Curriculum)

Wednesday 2nd of September (P4C INSET day 1)

Monday 2nd November (P4C INSET day 2)

Monday 4th January (TBD)

Monday 7th June (TBD)

Amelia Pewtner

Madison Pewtner



What's been happening at home?

Reece & Louise Wyatt-Brookes



More what's been happening at home?

SOLAR SYSTEM

- Mercury
2,439,400 km radius
- Venus
6,051.8 km radius
- Earth
6,371 km radius
- Mars
3,389.6 km radius
- Jupiter
69,911 km radius
- Saturn
58,232 km radius
- Uranus
25,362
- Neptune
24,622 km radius
- Pluto
2,439.7 km radius

THE SUN

The sun is a yellow dwarf star, a hot ball of glowing gases at the heart of our solar system. It's gravity holds the planets together, to the sun's orbit.

Here is the order the planets take to orbit the sun (in earth days).

- Mercury - 88 days
- Venus - 225 days
- Earth - 365 days
- Mars - 687 days
- Jupiter - 4,333 days
- Saturn - 10,754 days
- Uranus - 29,687 days
- Neptune - 60,190 days

The Phases of the Moon

Half of the moon's surface is always illuminated by sunlight. However, just how much of that light we can see from our point of view on Earth and this moon every phase.

Here are the eight phases of the moon.

Waning crescent, new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, waning gibbous, waning crescent.

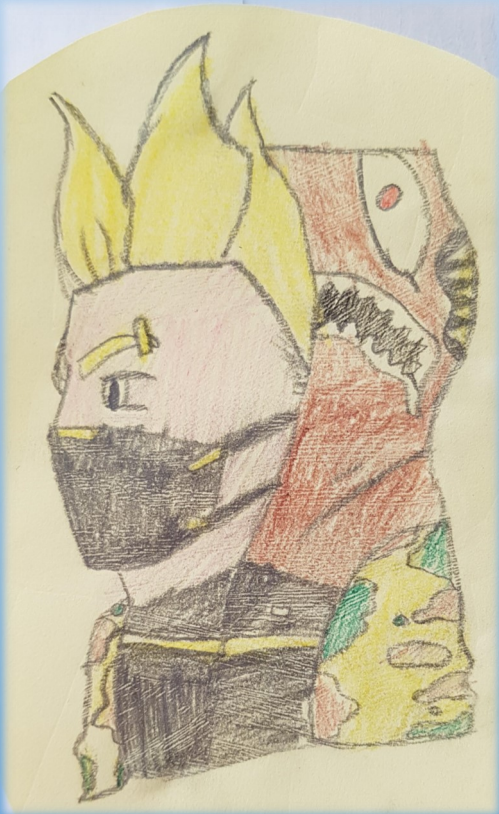
Cosmic Disco

Rocking with wind, waves, waltzing with moon-beams - Everything in purposeful motion - like the living link of the world of Saturn. Even the far-away stars explode on the dance floor of infinity - grasping and regroping in cosmic conditions. O see them under the shining disc of the intergalactic light - The gravitational force in their shimmering skirts. The orbiting gifts in their luminous gold rings - within magnetic reach of their rotating handbags.

Poem

I liked it was good and rhymed nice to read at all times. I think the moon idea is a bit about the planets and us.

Kaitlin King



Amelia & Madison Pewtner



Kaydi Reed

Reece Wyatt-Brookes