

Newsletter 13



Week beginning 6th July 2020

Dear families...

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

Next Academic Year

No doubt you will have seen the news over the last day or two regarding how the Government expects schools to operate as of September 2020 - the BBC website offers a good summary of the information, you can view the article by clicking this link [BBC](#). The DfE have also produced a document for parents about what schools will look like in the autumn term, this can be found by clicking this link [DfE guide for parents about schools in the autumn term](#)

What next?

Over the next week or so we will take time to digest the information and guidance. We will be working hard to ensure that we put everything in place for September to ensure that our school is as well prepared as possible for all pupils to return full time. In previous correspondence we shared with you that we will not be **reopening school until Thursday 3rd September 2020 at the earliest**. This approach will mean that when we do welcome your child back, we will do so secure in the knowledge that everything is in place to ensure that they can quickly start to feel happy and excited about their learning and we can support them in the best ways possible. We know that for many of you, sending your child into school in September 2020 may be a daunting prospect but it is important that you know the extent of the work taking place in the background. Our school has remained open to key worker children and those deemed vulnerable throughout lockdown and, since June, we have accommodated Year 6. Throughout this period we have learned a great deal about effective social distancing measures and constantly sought to refine and improve what we are doing - this approach means that with every additional child we have become more and more secure in how we operate with Coronavirus in the world. In short, we will be ready when September comes and we will be doing everything in our power to make sure school is a fun and exciting place to be.

Over the next few weeks we will outline details of how we think Rednal will operate and also provide some of the details of the new curriculum we will be implementing.

Before and After School Provision from September

We are taking a growing number of calls from parents about before and after school provision for September. We will provide further guidance on this in the coming weeks but we thought it pertinent to give you an understanding of the dilemma the school faces around this topic. The government guidance clearly states that schools should 'maintain bubbles being used during the school day'. This means that it will not be possible to cater for the numbers of children from across the school that we have previously had in before and after school club, and we would encourage you to start to investigate/seek alternate provision in preparation for September.

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 school. Personal belongings will also be returned in the same way.

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, training days and special occasions

The final page of this newsletter gives you details of: terms dates, any training days and our key events. Currently guidance says 'any large gatherings are to be avoided' and so consequently assemblies, parents evenings, sports days, parent workshops, etc. will not run in the same ways as they have done previously. However we are still endeavouring to carry on in school in as 'normal' a way as possible. Internally, assemblies will still take place and we will look to develop innovative ways to share these events with families. Further information will be released in September as to how we intend to facilitate parent/teacher consultations, workshops, etc.

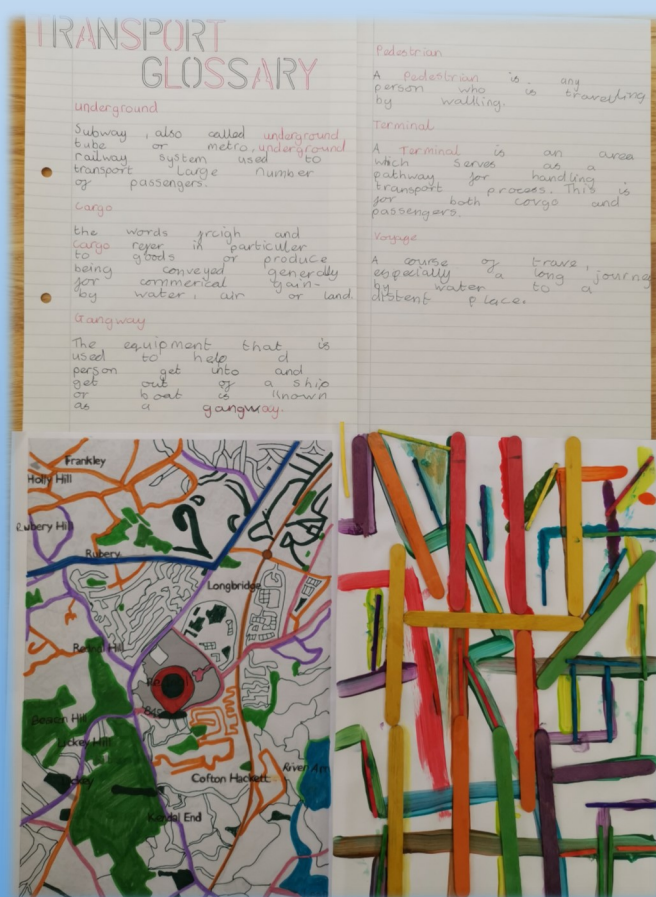
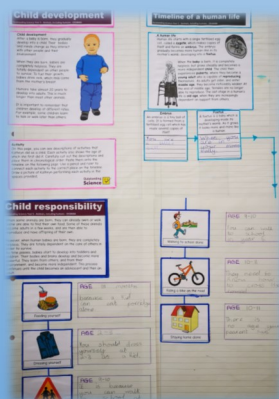
Worries

Mrs Hayes has discovered another lovely picture book for you to share with your children called '[Everybody Worries](#)' which helps to normalise the worry that many are experiencing at this time.

What's been happening at home?



Kaitlin King



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 2020-2021

	3AY	3KS	3NC	4EO	4NE	4SG
Remote Assembly	05-05-21	31-03-21	26-05-21	27-01-21	03-03-21	AM 09-12-20
	5NB	5TH	5VR	6LF	6SC	6SM
Remote Assembly	11-11-20	10-02-21	07-10-2020	PM 06-07-21 & AM 07-07-21 (times to follow)		

<p><u>Test Weeks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W/B 14 & 21 September—whole school W/B 23 November Y3-4-5 W/B 30 November Y6 Mocks W/B 8 March Y6 Mocks W/B 15 March Y3-4-5 SATs Week W/B 10 May W/B 14 June Y3-4-5 <p><u>Parents Evenings, proposed times and contact method to follow:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 & 23-09-2020 (times to follow) 19 & 20-01-2021 (times to follow) 12 & 13-07-2021 (times to follow) 	<p><u>School Photographer in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBA <p><u>Parent breakfast & chat (method to follow):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12-11-2020 at 9am (focus to follow) 11-02-2021 at 9am (focus to follow) 10-06-2021 at 9am (focus to follow) <p><u>Carols at Christmas (Remotely)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3—14-12-2020 at 2:40pm Y4—15-12-2020 at 2:40pm Y5—16-12-2020 at 2:40pm Y6—17-12-2020 at 2:40pm 	<p><u>Sports Days (guidance allowing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 & Y4's sports day 24-06-2021 am Y5 & Y6's sports day 25-06-2021 am <p>both will start as soon after 9am as possible.</p> <p><u>Transition day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-06-2021 <p><u>Y6 Leavers' Production:</u></p> <p>There will be 2 shows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 06-07-2021 at 2pm Wednesday 07-07-2021 at 9:30am. <p><u>Final live reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released on 09-07-2021
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<p>Autumn Term 2020</p> <p>Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2020</p> <p>Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 23rd October 2020- Off 26th October to 2nd November</p> <p>Back to school Tuesday 3rd November 2020</p> <p>Christmas Holiday Break-up Friday 18th December 2020 - Off 21st December to 4th January 2021</p>	<p>Spring Term 2021</p> <p>Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021</p> <p>Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 12th February 2021 - Off 15th February to 19th February 2021</p> <p>Back to school Monday 22nd February 2021</p> <p>Easter Holidays Break-up: Thursday 1st April 2021 - Off 2nd April to 16th April 2021</p>	<p>Summer Term 2021</p> <p>Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021</p> <p>Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 28th May 2021 - Off 31st May to 7th June</p> <p>Back to school Tuesday 8th June 2021</p> <p>Summer Holidays Break-up: Wednesday 21st July 2021</p>
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<p>Training days for next year:</p> <p>Tuesday 1st of September (Safeguarding & Curriculum)</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd of September (P4C INSET day 1)</p>	<p>Monday 2nd November (P4C INSET day 2)</p> <p>Monday 4th January (TBD)</p> <p>Monday 7th June (TBD)</p>
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