

Newsletter 14



Week beginning 13th July 2020

Dear families...

As we approach the end of term, this will be the last weekly newsletter from Rednal Juniors. The weekly newsletter was created in an attempt to keep families and children connected to our school at a time of potential isolation through the sharing of children's work, keeping families 'up-to-date' and general positivity. From September we will move back to a half-termly newsletter and other letters as and when necessary.

Phone calls & ongoing support for pupil and family well-being

Our other method of keeping connected with families at home has been our regular phone calls from school staff. We have enjoyed the opportunity to stay connected with children, parents and carers in this way, and know that many of you have found this beneficial and a supportive factor through this unusual and difficult time. However, over the 6 week Summer holiday period school staff will not be continuing to make phone calls to families and children. Our Pastoral team are currently working on a 'Summer Holiday Well-Being Newsletter' which will be sent to all families by e-mail by Friday 17th July at the latest. This will provide some advice and guidance for parents/carers around managing emotions and worries, and supporting children who feel particularly anxious about the return to school in September after having such a long period away from school. Also included on the newsletter will be signposting for parents to support networks and organisations that are available over the school holiday period while school is closed should families need help and support during this time.

Thanks to School Staff...

During the school closure all staff at school have worked above and beyond, some of them have been in isolation throughout. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of them for their tireless dedication to our children and families. I'd like to say a particular thank you to the following for working above and beyond at a time of real challenge:

- The Inclusion/Pastoral Team of: Mrs Jones, Miss Ellis, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Fowke & Miss Cooper, their unrelenting desire to keep families connected with school and their help, support and generosity to all has been humbling to see.
- Mrs Tilley & Mr Flanagan for their staying power, good humour, excellent organisational skills and love for the families and children of Rednal.
- Mrs Allan for her creativity and computing expertise, without her, the website with all its videos just would not have happened.
- The Home Learning team of: Mr Hewitt, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Judd and Mrs Fisher for providing quality work on a weekly basis.
- The office team of Mrs Doyle, Mrs Billingsley & Miss Garratt for keeping everything running as smoothly as possible.
- The Site Team of Mr Shurvinton, Mr Homer and our cleaners for enabling us to access and safely use the school site.
- Mary Busby and her team for keeping us all fed!
- The Lunchtime Supervisors for adapting so well to the new routines for lunchtimes.
- And finally The Teachers, Teaching Assistants of our newly named 'Pods' for making school such a great place to be for children despite the challenges Covid-19 has posed to school and classroom practice.

September & New School Year Plans...

Over the past week the Senior Leadership Team have been meeting to find a way forward for September and in the next few weeks you will all be receiving guidance on what school will look like when we return. Rest assured, preparation is already underway and we aim to provide the best learning opportunities possible for your children in the safest way we can.

Also being developed across the summer and into the Autumn is our 'Home Learning Offer'. From September, and in preparation for a partial or full lockdown, we will be using Microsoft Teams and Class OneNote to deliver our blended learning ap-

proach. This is being led by Mrs Allan and our Home Learning Team and will bring consistency and improved effectiveness to our approach. Children will be trained alongside staff during the Autumn term and there will be parent help videos produced for the website. You can expect to hear more about this in September. Please note, our supplementary learning projects will cease next week.

In the meantime, everybody at Rednal would like to thank you for your ongoing support and we hope you have a great Summer when we all break up on Friday 17th July. Please do remember that children are due to return on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Stay safe and well, Mr Jones

School App

Don't forget the school App is available via the App store on iPhone and Android platforms. Just search for 'School Jotter', once downloaded enter Rednal Hill Junior School and you'll pick up any school newsletters and relevant news.

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.

White Rose Mathematics

Mr Flanagan wanted me to tell you, for those that still want to continue working on their mathematics over the summer [White Rose](#) are offering summer learning booklets on their website and on Amazon free of charge. Use the link above to access.

Home Learning pictures & videos

The home learning pictures will cease from this edition of our newsletter. We'd like to say a huge thankyou to all of you who have submitted pictures and work. They've kept us going in what has been a very difficult time.

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.

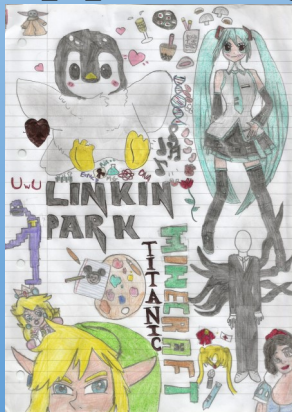
Parent Planner

Leading on from the above, 'The Parent Planner' is available on the school's website under [Parent/Carer Information & Calendar & Key Events](#). On the same page is the '[Live Calendar](#)', this gives you a live picture of upcoming events . Swimming dates for Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 are available on the parent planner.

What's been happening at home?



Abbie Hawkes
virtual dance
champion!



Sophia Lewis



Alfie Daniels

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	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	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 23-06-2021 am Y5 & Y6's sports day 24-06-2021 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>May Day Monday 3rd May</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 (Risk Assessment, Home Learning Behaviour & 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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