

# Autumn 2 Newsletter 20-21

## Autumn Half-Term Edition



### Dear families...

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I can't believe it's been a whole half-term since our return to school. The children have settled well and although there have been lots of rule changes, the children have adapted remarkably well. We have begun our move from recovery curriculum to a more formalised approach and have accompanied this newsletter with details of what catch-up is taking place across the year groups, please see 'Teaching and Learning Newsletter 2a (Catch-Up) Aut 2 2020'

### Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Pritchard

Mrs Pritchard retires on Friday 23rd November after 25 years at Rednal. We know you'll join us in wishing her all the very best for the future. Rednal will not be the same without her!

### Provision planning for pupils with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND)

Mrs Jones, class teachers and SEND Teaching Assistants have been busy this week carrying out phone consultation meetings with parents/carers of children with SEND. It's been different conducting these meetings over the telephone, but it has felt that using this method has been more accessible to enable increased attendance at meetings. In future, it is likely that we will continue to offer phone consultations to review SEND pupils' provision and learning targets, as it is always so valuable to have parents/carers involved in this process. Thanks to all that have attended for your continued support, and your kind comments about what we do at school to support your children.

If you have missed making your phone appointment for any reason (invitations were sent out by text and e-mail) please contact your child's teacher in the first instance to arrange an appointment at a convenient time for both teacher and parent.

### Homework & Teams

Can we please remind parents that all homework will be set for pupils through our home learning platform 'Teams'. Pupils will have a week to complete their homework tasks and submit their work to the teachers. Year groups will send messages out, via teams, to inform you of the set day that homework will be given and the day that it is expected back in.

#### What to expect each week:

- Spelling lists that pupils will need to practice
- A topic grid – pupils are able to select from the grid pieces of homework (relating to their topic) that they would like to complete. Pupils are to complete a topic piece of homework each week
- An English or maths activity relating to something that they have covered during the week. English and maths will alternate each week.

All of the above will be set as 'assignments' through Teams. This means that pupils are able to 'turn in' their work to their teacher via the Teams platform (rather than bringing in any paper copies into school). Most of the work that is set, will be done on editable worksheets that pupils are able send back to their teacher for marking/feedback. It is also possible to photograph any pieces of homework which can also be sent to the teacher via Teams – this is particularly handy if pupils have made or created something at home that they would like to share.

All pupils have their passwords to access the learning platform at home and have been spoken to in school about how they can do this. If anyone has any issues in accessing this, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office Tel: 0121 453 2520 or

All pupils have a reading record that they are bringing home. Please can these records be completed whenever pupils are reading at home. Teachers have ensured that pupils now have reading books that they are able to take home. If a pupil is needing to change a reading book, they will need to ensure that the book is brought back into school by Thursday of each week as the books will need to be quarantined before redistribution. All children have access to Bug Club too and this a great resource to encourage pupils to be reading at home.

[Teams guidance notes available on the school website by clicking here.](#)

### **Social Distancing**

Can we remind all families dropping children off on the school site, particularly near the after school club/mini bus doors, of the following information:

- Please ensure that you are keeping a 2 metre distance from other parents and children.
- If possible and safe, children to walk to and enter school by themselves. If a child needs accompanying, only one adult should enter the school site.
- When collecting your child, please can we ask that you exit the site and avoid any gatherings.

### **Class assemblies**

The first of the recorded class assemblies has now been carried out and has been posted on the school website. We will, over the course of the year, build up a bank of these assemblies and all will be available on the school website at:

<https://www.rednalhilljuniors.com/parents-information/celebration-assemblies/class-assemblies>

### **School Office**

We want to communicate with parents as best as we can during this challenging time. Can we please ask that the majority of your conversations are via telephone or e-mail to ensure safety. If you have any queries please e-mail: enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com or Telephone: 0121 453 2520. The school office will remain, in most cases, closed to visitors. If you are needing to have direct contact with the office, please use the intercom for communication. Any visits to school will be by appointment only and only if all other avenues of contact have been explored.

### **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.



### **Parent Planner**

'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 also available on the parent planner.

### **School Lunch Costs**

As you are aware we have now returned to 'hot food' and although in its first week, so far all is going well and both pupils and staff are appreciating a more traditional Rednal lunch. Can we remind parents that if they choose to have paid dinners for their child that they need to make the decision for the whole of the half term. Unfortunately, the external catering provider is not able to alter orders part way through a term. For parents that pay for school meals they are £11.50 per week or If you would like to pay for the whole of next half-term the cost will be £80.50.

# Term Dates, Training Days & Special Occasions

Class assemblies will be available to view on our website on the following dates

	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		PM 06-07-21 & AM 07-07-21 (times to follow)		

<p><u>Test Weeks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/B 14 &amp; 21 September—whole school</li> <li>W/B 16 November Y6 Mocks</li> <li>W/B 23 November Y3-4-5</li> <li>W/B 18 January Y6 Mocks</li> <li>W/B 8 March Y3-4-5</li> <li>W/B 15 March Y6 Mocks</li> <li>SATs Week W/B 10 May</li> <li>W/B 14 June Y3-4-5</li> </ul>	<p><u>Parents Evenings, proposed times and contact method to follow:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 &amp; 29-09-2020 Y3/4</li> <li>30-09 &amp; 01-10-2020 Y5/6</li> <li>18 &amp; 19-01-2021 Y3/4</li> <li>20 &amp; 21-01-2021 Y5/6</li> <li>12 &amp; 13-07-2021 (times to follow)</li> </ul> <p><u>School Photographer in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 2nd December</li> </ul> <p><u>Carols at Christmas (Remotely)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3—14-12-2020 at 2:40pm</li> <li>Y4—15-12-2020 at 2:40pm</li> <li>Y5—16-12-2020 at 2:40pm</li> <li>Y6—17-12-2020 at 2:40pm</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sports Days (guidance allowing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3 &amp; Y4's sports day 23-06-2021 am</li> <li>Y5 &amp; Y6's sports day 24-06-2021 am</li> </ul> <p>Both will start as soon after 9am as possible.</p> <p><u>Transition day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30-06-2021</li> </ul> <p><u>Y6 Leavers' Production:</u></p> <p>There will be 2 shows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 06-07-2021 at 2pm</li> <li>Wednesday 07-07-2021 at 9:30am.</li> </ul> <p><u>Final live reports</u></p>
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<p><b>Autumn Term 2020</b></p> <p>Term Starts: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020</p> <p>Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020- <b>Off 26<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b></p> <p>Back to school Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</p> <p>Christmas Holiday Break-up Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - <b>Off 21<sup>st</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Term 2021</b></p> <p>Term Starts: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</p> <p>Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - <b>Off 15<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b></p> <p>Back to school Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021</p> <p>Easter Holidays Break-up: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 - <b>Off 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Term 2021</b></p> <p>Term Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</p> <p><b>May Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b></p> <p>Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - <b>Off 31<sup>st</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>Back to school Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p>Summer Holidays Break-up: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021</p>
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## Training days for next year:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of September (Risk Assessment, Home Learning Behaviour & Curriculum)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September (P4C INSET day 1)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (P4C INSET day 2)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January (TBD)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June (TBD)