



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter November 2024

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WELCOME

Welcome to the November - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

It has been a very busy time since the last newsletter; we ended the half term with Reading Inspire Workshops across the school. At these sessions, class teachers spoke to parents/ carers about our Early Reading Programme, Little Wandle and what reading may look like for your child depending on what level they are currently reading at. If you were unable to attend the Reading Inspire Workshops, and you would like to know what reading level and as such, the type of book your child is currently working on, then please speak to your child's class teacher. A HUGE thank you to all of our parents/ carers who attended; seeing their parents/ carers is always a great delight for our pupils.

The pupils in Year 5 have visited Frank Chapman for the day, as part of their Stone Age history topic and Year 6 pupils visited Cannock Chase Museum to learn more about World War II. All pupils have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week, Road Safety Week and supported Child in Need by wearing brightly coloured clothing which was organised by the School Council representatives. We are looking forward to December whereby there are lots of activities, as well as learning, being planned as we speak.

Please note that the weather is getting colder so please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat, gloves and a hat. Please also take a few minutes to write your child's name in their school jumper/ cadigan, coat and PE clothes; this will help us relocate any lost property and save you buying new items. Thank you.

School Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 then it is time to register your child for a **reception school place** for September 2025. You will be able to apply online at: <https://sandwell.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents> during the period of **Monday 16th September 2024** until the closing date of **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

(Non-Sandwell residents must contact their home authority)

Please note, Offer Day for Reception is Wednesday 16th April 2025.

Please note: The application process for Year 7 school places for September 2025, is NOW CLOSED. If you have not already applied for a place for your child to start high school in September 2025, you will need to complete a late application form.

Please click on the following link for late secondary application forms:

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-secondary-school>

Please note, National Offer Day for Year 7 is Monday 3rd March 2025.

If you require any support in applying for a school place, then please speak to Mrs.

Attendance

At Reddal Hill, we really value the attendance of all our pupils. As such, every week, the class with the best attendance, are rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play and our attendance trophy. At the end of each term, the class who has the highest attendance percentage for the greatest number of weeks, will enjoy a movie and popcorn afternoon. Please see below the classes that have won the highest attendance since we returned to school on 4th September 2024.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
02.09.2024	Lilies	100%
09.09.2024	Snap	99%
16.09.2024	Tiger	98.6%
23.09.2024	Lilies	99.5%
30.09.2024	Snap and Sunflower	98.3%
07.10.2024	Luna	98%
14.10.2024	Sunflowers	98%
21.10.2024	Hermione	95.9%
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04.11.2024	Buttercups	99.2%
11.11.2024	Luna and Sunflower	97%

Sunflower class are doing very well so far this term! Well done Sunflower class. Reddal Hill's attendance for the summer term 2 2024 was 92.66%. (National: 94.10% - 2022/2023) - unfortunately, we are currently below the National percentage.

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

During autumn term 1, the School Council decided to support the Black Country Foodbank for our annual Harvest Festival. They requested you, our families, to donate as many food or toiletry items as possible. As you are aware, we are living in an ever-changing world and as such, we know that there are many families in our community who need some extra support. In exchange for a food or toiletry item, the pupils were able to wear their own clothes for the day. I am extremely pleased to inform you that due to your very generous donations, we were able to donate **40 BAGS** of items to the Black Country Foodbank which is absolutely fantastic. A HUGE thank you to our families and staff who made a donation to this very worthy cause.



This year, the School Council organised our Children in Need Day. This took place on Friday 15th November, and the children and staff came to school wearing **BRIGHTLY COLOURED** clothes. Although we did not ask for any donations this year, if you would like to donate then please follow the link to the Children in Need website <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>. So far Children in Need has raised £39 million. How awesome is that!



Road Safety Week

This week the pupils have been learning all about Road Safety Week. The pupils have learnt about the importance of road safety within our community. They discussed how to stay safe near busy roads before looking at scenarios and deciding if they were safe or unsafe. They then designed some wonderful posters to remind us of the road safety rules!



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Dates for the diary



2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 2nd September 2024 - Friday 25th October 2024

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024

Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Half-term: Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28th April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays: Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term: Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 3rd June 2025 - Monday 21st July 2025

Teacher Training Days 2024 - 2024:

Day 1 - Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2 - Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3 - Monday 4th November 2024

Day 4 - Monday 6th January 2025

Day 5 - Monday 21st July 2025

For the school term dates for 2024-2025, please refer to the school

[Term Dates 2024 - 2025 / 2025 - 2026 | Reddal Hill](#)

Books of the Month – December

Please see below the following recommended book/s you can read with your child. For older children, your child could read this book to you. These books are age appropriate and provide key vocabulary that is important in supporting your child's developing language skills.

<p>EYES POP! By Matt Carr</p>	<p>Key Stage 1 GIGANTIC by Rob Biddulph</p>	<p>Key Stage 2 STITCH HEAD by Guy Bass</p>
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Reading with your child



Lives can be so busy when your child / children are at home, but finding just 5 / 10 minutes a day, to read with your child, can be hugely beneficial. Reading together stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. It is a fact that children, who have spent time sharing a book at home, on a regular basis, make the greatest progress. Try to support your child with reading at home. Thank you.

Remember, there are a range of EXCELLENT online reading books, located on our school website, that you can share with your child at any time.

[virtual-library-final-draft.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Safeguarding

At Reddal Hill, we take our safeguarding duty very seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you must contact the school or the Sandwell Children's Trust on 0121 569 3100 in confidence. If a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the police, call 999. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs. A. Bashir-Pugh and the Deputy DSLs are Mrs. J. Nisbet, Mr. J. Stokes, Mrs. H Rogers, Mrs. T. Whitehurst and Mrs. K Beard.

NUT FREE ZONE



We are a **Nut Free Zone**. We have a number of pupils and adults who are **seriously allergic** to nuts. Please do not send your child to school with ANY Nutella or chocolate spread unless the label clearly states that it **does not contain nuts**. Please support us in protecting our pupils and staff.



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

During the week commencing 11th November, the pupils took part in Anti-Bullying week. They took part in Odd Sock Day to celebrate diversity and inclusion to remind us that being different is something to be proud of! They discussed what bullying is and what to do if they are being bullied, or if they see someone being bullied, and they watched a live lesson about kindness. Some pupils created kindness flowers to remind us why it's important to be kind to one another and how we can show kindness each day. It was a very thought-provoking and rewarding week.



Thank you to all the fantastic families who bought a range of items for Remembrance Day in November. Due to your HUGE generosity, the school raised an amazing **£270** for this year's Poppy Appeal. A little kindness goes a long way. Thank you all for your continued support.

School Playground Protocol

We have had a few parents/ carers sharing concerns about hearing adults in the school playground using profanity/ swearing, in front of our pupils and their siblings. As a school, we encourage your children to show respect to one another, at all times, through their interaction; using kind words and modelling good manners is something that the staff continuously encourage. Please support our pupils by ensuring that you model respectful words at all times whilst you are on the school grounds. Thank you to all our families who do model this exemplary behaviour.

Thought for the Month



"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

—DOLLY PARTON—

Kind regards,

A. Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

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