



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter September 2024



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WELCOME

Welcome to the September - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to say a HUGE welcome back to all of our amazing pupils and their families.

I would like to welcome in particular, our new pupils and their families who have joined Reddal Hill this term; I look forward to getting to know you and your child/children and working closely with you over the coming years. I am very pleased to say that the pupils have settled into their new classes really well so far this month, and they are already producing some amazing work. They truly are a credit to you.

For the benefit of our new parents, this is the first monthly Parents and Carers' Newsletter for the academic year. It is produced to share with you any important information and learning experiences our pupils partake in each month.

I can't believe that we are already at the end of September. Please note that the weather is very changeable at the moment so please ensure that your child wears the appropriate outer clothing for the different types of weather. 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 having to buy 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.servelc-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)

If you have a child who in **Year 5**, you can apply for a Sandwell secondary school place from **Monday 15th July 2024** until **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

To apply please first register at <https://sandwell.cloud.servelc-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents> you will then receive an email with a link to complete and submit your application

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Don't worry, if you don't have a computer at home, you can also apply from one of Sandwell's 19 libraries and at our school. You may also apply from a mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet). To assist you with your online application, further information will be sent to Sandwell residents in September 2024.

If you require any support in applying for a school place, then please speak to Mrs. Nisbet, our Parents Support Advisor, who is more than happy to help.

Congratulations to Reddal Hill

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Reddal Hill have received the following awards: A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Whitehurst, Mrs Leach and Mrs. Davies, Mr Benningfield, and Mrs. Beard, in helping us achieve these awesome awards.



Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark (2024 – 2027)



Music Mark Award (2023 - 2024)



School Games Mark Platinum Award (2024-2026)



Asthma Friendly School Award (2024 – 2026)

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	Snape	99%
16.09.2024	Tiger	98.6%
23.09.2024	Lilies	99.5%

Lilies are doing very well so far this term! Well done Lilies 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.

Enterprise Week

In July, the pupils took part in Enterprise Week, whereby each class created a product that they made and sold to raise money which will go towards the repair costs for the roof at St Peter's School in the Gambia. I am pleased to inform you that the school raised an amazing £258.52 profit through this amazing event. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Monkton, for organising this event, to our amazing pupils for their creativity and to you all, for financially supporting this event too. 😊 A HUGE well done also to ZEBRA CLASS who made the most profit (£46.65) they will enjoy a film as a reward. Thank you so much for everyone's support and hard work with enterprise week. It was a huge success and the pupils learnt so much from taking part in this event. 😊

Bev Hodt, who supports the Gambia project through raising money, wrote the following message. 'Can you please pass on my thanks to all the staff for all their hard work in making enterprise week so successful. The money raised has helped us to replace classroom roofs at St Peter's School; the children are so excited that they are no longer sitting in the rain.'



What's new at Reddal Hill

At Reddal Hill, we now provide wrap-around care for your child/ children. The Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 – 8.30 am every day, and the after-school club runs from 3.10 – 5.10 pm, with the option for children to stay up to one hour or two. All this information can be found on the school website. <https://www.reddalhillprimary.com/breakfast-and-after-school-club/> Additionally, the school has recently implemented a new Systematic Synthetic Phonic Scheme, Little Wandle, to further improve all of our pupils' reading skills/ fluency across the school. Please click on the link to find out all about this new scheme.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/> We have also implemented ClassDojo, to further improve communication with our families. You should have received a link so that you can connect with your child's class; if you haven't, please speak to your child's class teacher. It truly is a fantastic communication tool.

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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

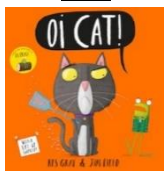
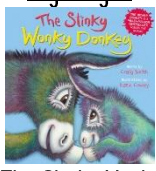
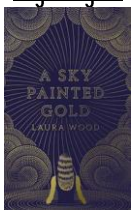
Day 5 - Monday 21st July 2025

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 - October

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.

EYES	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
		
Oi Cat! by Kes Gray	The Stinky Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith	A Sky Painted Gold by Laura Wood

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.

Local Hero Awards



Last academic year, I informed you that one of our pupils was going to be nominated for a Local Hero Award due to his courageous actions when his dad became unwell whilst out shopping. I am pleased to announce that this amazing pupil, Arjun, received the 'Child of Courage' award, and has been officially recognised as 'A Local Hero' in recognition for his astounding courage. An amazing well done to you Arjun, and a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who voted for him.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On Wednesday 25th September, Reddal Hill PTA held a Macmillan Coffee afternoon to raise money for this amazing cause. It gives me great pleasure to announce that we raised an amazing £171.90. A HUGE thank you to our families for supporting this special and important event, our staff, for donating the delicious cakes as well as making a donation, and the PTA, Mrs. Nisbet and Miss Hackwood for organising the event. Please see the link below to view photos of this event on the PTA school webpage: [Parent Teacher Association \(PTA\) | Reddal Hill Primary School](#)

Meet the Teacher Parents' Evening

Usually, at the beginning of each academic year, we hold a number of 'Meet the Teacher' presentations outlining the expectations of the school, the curriculum and how you can support your child at home. Unfortunately, over the past few years, attendance by parents/ carers has declined more and more. As a consequence, we will no longer be having this early teacher's meeting. As such, the first Parents/ Carers' meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th December 2024, at 3.20 - 6.40 pm. In the meantime, if you have any concerns/ queries regarding your child's education or wellbeing, then please speak to your child's class teacher at a mutually agreed date and time or contact them via ClassDojo.

Thought for the Month



"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." -

C.S. Lewis

Kind regards,

A Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

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