



Newsletter May

Information for Parents

- We break up for summer half term on Friday 26th May and return to school on Tuesday 6th June
- Colmers School will be having a 4 day induction this year to aid transition. The transition days will be on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th July. Children going to Colmers will be expected at Colmers on these days. This will not affect attendance at RHJS
- Arts week is the first week after half term, beginning Tuesday 6th June
- Thursday 8th June, the children are invited to dress in circus themed costumes to celebrate Arts Week
- Parent forum will be on Wednesday 7th June between 5pm-6pm
- Miss Pryce's before and after school clubs will not run the week beginning the 12th June. Sorry for any inconvenience caused

Mr Hewitt

Many families have kindly asked after the wellbeing of Mr Hewitt. We would like you to know that we have regular contact with Mr Hewitt. Mr Hewitt is progressing in his rehabilitation, but will not be returning this academic year. The school currently has no definite dates for next year's return either, but will keep parents and children updated when we know more.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

The Breakfast and After School Club will be going cashless on our return in June. We have used this system to collect dinner money and it has been a huge success. Please ensure that you have updated your details with the office and completed the form given to you at the Breakfast and After School Club. If you are having difficulties logging on to SchoolMoney, contact the school office to confirm that your email and telephone numbers are correct.

Please check out the SchoolMoney website for more information: <https://www.schoolmoney.co.uk>

Queen's Birthday Celebration

We will be having a Special High Tea Lunch served in a special Union Jack lunchbox on 9th June. Please see the office to order your lunch.

Attendance

The school is committed to improving school attendance. We have a target of 96% and need to improve on the less than 95% we achieved last year. Your support in getting children to school on time and ready to learn is vital.

We have started the SPOTLIGHT Campaign and letters have gone out. If you have any questions, please feel

free to get in touch with Miss Ellis.

Attendance 3.9.16 – 17.03.17

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| 6AH 95.96% | 6VR 94.97% | 6LF 94.33% |
| 5JB 94.34% | 5CF 93.54% | 5KJ 94.34% |
| 4CF 96.87% | 4JH 95.3% | 4SP 94.97% |
| 3DE 94.76 | 3CT 93.62% | 3DR 96.03% |

Congratulations to 4CF who have the highest attendance percentage for this year so far – keep it up!

Child absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office on 0121 453 2520 before 10am to speak to someone or to leave a voice message informing us why your child is absent from school.

If you are booking medical or dental appointments, please could we request that these appointments are booked for after 3.20pm so that children's lessons and attendance are not adversely affected.

Fidget Spinners Banned

As from Tuesday the 6th of June, fidget spinners are banned from Rednal Hill Junior School. Although a useful resource for some children, they can be a distraction to learning and there have been reports of them being used dangerously. In the past few weeks, they have also been the cause of arguments between children. Any fidget spinners seen in school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Allergy Awareness Week

Children from Rednal Hill Junior School have been involved in an allergy awareness week. We were lucky enough to host the week with the help of Genius Gluten Free Food founder Lucinda Bruce-Gardyne. The workshop was organised in response to research which revealed that children in the UK have a significant lack of knowledge and understanding about allergies. The Bromsgrove Standard came in to take photos.

Details can be found on the website and at :

<https://bromsgrovestandard.co.uk/news/youngsters-from-rednal-hill-junior-school-learn-about-gluten-free-foods/>

Important Dates

Class assemblies

- 14/06/17 (9am) 5CF, based on Fathers' Day
- Y6 Leavers Assembly for parents-Wednesday 12th July 2-3pm & Thursday 13th July 9:15-10:15am

Special Weeks/Events

We have two special weeks coming up next term. During these weeks, there will be lessons, assemblies and parent workshops around a specific topic. Letters will be sent out early next term with details about the parent workshops.

- This week has been 'Anti-Bullying Week' in school and the children have been involved in a variety of activities to raise awareness of this issue. Please may I thank all parents that have attended the workshops
- Well-being Week, including workshops (w/b 26/6/17)
- Colmers induction week for Y6 children, Children will be over at Colmers on the 4/5/6/7 July
- Blackwell Court trip 7th July
- Parent drop-in to discuss reports 12/07/2017
- Y6 trips 17/18/20 July

Term Dates and Training Days

The term dates for the remainder of the academic year and into next:

| | Summer Term 2 - 2017 |
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| Term Starts | Tuesday 6th June 2017 |
| Term Ends | Friday 21 st July 2017 |

Staff training days/bank holidays for 16-17 are as follows:

- Monday, 5th June 2017
- Monday, 24th July 2017
- Tuesday, 25th July 2017

Staff training days/bank holidays for 17-18 are as follows:

- Monday 4th September 2017 – Staff Training
- Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Staff Training
- Monday 7th May 2018 – Bank Holiday
- Friday 8th June 2018 – Staff Training
- Monday 23rd July 2018 – Staff Training
- Tuesday 24th July 2018 – Staff Training

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| Autumn Term 2017 Term Starts: Wednesday 6 th September 2017 Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 20 th October 2017 – Back to school Monday 30 th October 2017 Christmas Holidays: Break-up Friday 22 nd December 2017 | Spring Term 2018 Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2018 Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 16th February 2018 – Back to school Monday 26th February 2018 Easter Holidays: Break-up Thursday 29th March 2018 |
| Summer Term 2018 Term Starts: Monday 16th April 2018 Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 25h May 2018 – Back to school Monday 4th June 2018 Main Summer Holidays: Break-up Friday 20th July 2018 | Autumn Term 2018 Term Starts: Monday 3rd September 2018 No decisions on teacher days are available at the mo- ment for 18-19. |