



## Newsletter May 2018

### Information for Parents

We break up for our summer half-term on Friday 25th May and return to school on Monday 4th June 2018.

### Attendance

The school is committed to improving its attendance. We have a target of 98% and need to improve on last year. Your support in getting children to school on time and ready to learn is vital if we are to improve standards. As you know, we have started the **FAST-track** and letters have gone out. The school is preparing to take measures that will result in some parents being fined. This is not a measure that we want to take but recent legislation means we have no choice. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Miss Ellis. [Details available on our website.](#)

### **Congratulations to 5SC & 6RH, they are our attendance champions so far for academic year 2017-18**

6LF 94.2%	6RH 96.8%	6SP 96.0%
5KJ 95.8%	5LBC 94.2%	5SC 96.8%
4CT 95.0%	4JB 96.7%	4VR 94.8%
3CF 96.2%	3DE 96.5%	3NE 96.5%

### Absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office on 0121 453 2520 before 10am to leave a voice message (option 1) or to speak to someone to inform 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.

### Year 6

A big well done to Year 6 who all showed determination and commitment during SATs week. They all worked really hard and had a mature attitude during the tests. We are incredibly proud of them and their efforts in what was a challenging week.

### Catering changes at RHJS

From Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> June, Rednal Hill Junior School will have a new catering provider. MiQuill are a local Worcestershire company that focuses on fresh produce served in a delicious and nutritious fashion. We have retained all of our catering staff, and both catering staff and school are looking forward to this new collaboration. Please find attached a little about MiQuill and our new menus.

### Swimming

Year 3 (3DE) will swim from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April until the end of the academic year. Unfortunately, because of the delayed pool opening, there are to be no taster swimming sessions for Year 5. Year 5 will swim next year after their SATs. Year 6 swimming will commence on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Sessions will be:

6LF to swim 18.05.2018 and 25.05.2018

6RH to swim 15.06.2018 and 22.06.2018

6SP to swim 29.06.2018 and 06.07.2018

Y6 catch up session to be confirmed nearer the time

Going forward, Year 3 and Year 5 will swim until mid-May and then Year 6 will swim after SATs for two sessions a week in place of Year 5.

**All swimming sessions are in the afternoon and start at 2pm.**

### Race for Life

Staff at school ([The Rednal Ravers](#)) are running in the 'Race for Life' on Sunday the 10th of June at Arrow Valley in Redditch. It's a fantastic event and an extremely worthy cause! If you'd like to sponsor any of our ladies, please use the link below. Your support is much appreciated!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/rednal-ravers>

### Autism Parents' Meeting

Autism Parents' Meeting is on Tuesday 26th June at 2:15—3:15 pm. Wendy Bantock from the Communication Autism Team will join the meeting to talk about supporting children with anxiety around transition from one class/school to another. Please come along and join us. The meeting is very informal and is open to all parents who are interested in finding out more about Autism.

### GOOD DEED!

One of our Year 4 pupils, bought two homeless people lunch out of her pocket money and gave a third a cake that her mum had bought her. Well done—we are all very proud of you!

### MONEY RAISED!!

Thank you all for your contributions. We have raised for the following charities:

Sports Relief—£161.80 Young Carers cake sale—£206.25  
Anaphylaxis Campaign—£185.73 EDS Awareness—TBC

### Yearly Overview

As part of our commitment to keeping parents up to speed with what's happening at school, we have produced a yearly overview that we will share with you at the end of this academic year.

# Term Dates, Training Days & Special Occasions



**Class assemblies—All parent assemblies are**

**2:45-3:15pm**

4CT 12/7/18

3DE 13/6/18

3NE 20/6/18

3CF 27/6/18

**School Closed Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Staff Training**

**Parent Chat:** 12/06/2018 at 9am-10am or 5pm-6pm. Come in for a tea or coffee and hear about our plans.

**Sports Day:** Y3/4 Wednesday 27th June 9:15 - 10:45. Y5/6 Thursday 28th June 9:15 - 10:45.

**Y6 Leavers' Production:** There will be 2 shows - Tuesday 10th July at 2pm & Wednesday 11th July at 9:30am.

We will be holding our **final parents' events** on Monday 16th July 2018 (3:30-5:30) and Tuesday 17th July 2018 (3:30-4:00). The sessions will be an opportunity for children to "show off" their work and talk parents and carers through their learning this year.

School Year 2017 – 2018	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
<p><b>School will be closed on the following days:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Bank Holiday</li> <li>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Staff Training</li> <li>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 – Staff Training</li> <li>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Staff Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018</li> <li>Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – <i>Off 19th February to 23rd February.</i></li> <li>Back to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018</li> <li>Easter Holidays: Break-up Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – <i>Off 30th March to 13th April</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term Starts: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018</li> <li>Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – <i>Off 28th May to 1st June</i></li> <li>Back to school Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</li> <li>Main Summer Holidays: Break-up Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018– <i>Off 23rd July to 3rd September</i></li> </ul>

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**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – Staff Training**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Staff Training**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Training**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Bank Holiday**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Staff Training**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 – Staff Training**

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