

# Redlands Weekly



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UNDERSTANDING

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**A new Headteacher is appointed for Redlands!** You will have received a letter this week from Stuart Singleton-White, our Chair of Governors, informing you that Mrs Shabana Aslam-Mahmood (Mrs Aslam) has been appointed as the new Headteacher for Redlands. She will be starting in September 2018, and I know she will be warmly welcomed by everyone. She is very fortunate to be leading such a fantastic school!

**Year 6 and Year 2 SATs** We are so proud of our Year 6 children who showed amazing calmness and maturity during their SATs tests last week. They all worked incredibly hard and were true examples of growth mindset - both determined and resilient. Many thanks to Miss Ellison and the Year 6 team for preparing them so well and well done to all Year 6 children. Children in Year 2 have also been doing their end of Key Stage 1 assessments. It has been really impressive to see how they, too, have given their absolute best - nobody could ask for more. Again, thanks to Mrs Routledge, Mrs Mottram and the Year 2 team for the way they have helped the children to actively enjoy the tests!

**STEAM week at Redlands** It has been a really fantastic week this week in Redlands with all the science, technology, engineering, arts and maths activities that have been going on in school. I'd like to thank all the teachers and support staff for planning so many engaging experiences for the children and an especially big thank you to all the parents who have offered their support this week. We have had materials workshops in all classes thanks to Nilmini Dissanayake (Mayon Y2, Hiyara FS2), rocket launching in Y6 thanks to James Coombs and Zetat To (Connie Y6) and drone flying in KS2 with Paul Waite (James Y4) and colleagues from Jacobs. Thanks, too, to Rosa Tyson from South Reading Mini Professors, who did some messy materials workshops with FS2, Y1 and Y2, to Simon Watt from Ready, Steady, Science for the Ugly Animals Roadshow for KS2, to Pfizer for their sessions with Y5, and to our volunteers from Reading School who delivered maths through art and engineering workshops for Y3 and Y4 respectively. Many thanks to Miss Ellison for overseeing the week and organising all these visitors.

**Year 5 performance** Children in both Year 5 classes gave their parents and the school an absolute treat this week with their performance of 'Journey Through the Decades'. There certainly are some very talented actors, dancers and singers in Year 5! Huge thanks to all the Year 5 teachers and support staff for helping the children put on such an enjoyable show.

**NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme** We were pleased to welcome Alison from the NSPCC to school yesterday. She gave an assembly to children in Y1 and Y2, and then to all KS2 children, with very important information about keeping themselves safe, and always telling a trusted adult if they feel unsafe at any time. She also helped them to remember the number for Childline - 0800 1111, reminding them that there is always someone there to talk to 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Alison then delivered workshops to Y5 and Y6 children. Many thanks to Alison and the NSPCC for their crucial work.

**ParentPay and packed lunches** Please can you remember to cancel any hot meals ordered on ParentPay if you decide to send your child in with a packed lunch? It is costing the school a great deal of money for hot lunches that are not being taken and which are then having to be thrown away. Thank you.

**Changes to Redlands Pay & Display parking** There are some changes being proposed to the parking arrangements in the hospital and Redlands areas. Please follow this link for the consultation: <https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/hospital-university-area-pay-and-display-charging/>

**Reminders:**  
School is now closed for the May holiday. Have a great week and we shall look forward to seeing you all on Monday June 4th.  
With very best wishes

**Attendance Award**  
Blenheim Class and Junction Class both with a perfect 100%.  
Very well done