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Newsletter I

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Dear Families

Welcome to the new term at Radnage Church of England Primary School! A particularly warm welcome to all our new children, families and staff. I hope everyone had a great summer holiday and that the delightful English weather didn't hamper your plans too much. Thank you for all the warm messages of welcome I have received. It is always hard starting somewhere new and I really look forward a successful year full of learning for us all. Everyone was on time this morning, long may this continue! Well done Mums and Dads, the children looked super smart.



Newsletter



It is my intention to write a newsletter every fortnight to families. This will, along with all other correspondence, be published on our website and sent to you via email. I am planning on Thursdays being newsletter days. These newsletters will endeavour to keep you up to date with school life, diary dates and other announcements. It may be that I send out a weekly newsletter for the first couple of weeks of this term.

During the holidays I was delighted to be asked to participate in the installation service for Revd Dr Allan Barton as Rector of the West Wycombe Benefice, of which Radnage St Mary's is part. It was a wonderful service. We look forward to working with Revd Allan and Revd Linda and getting to know him in the weeks to come. I am sure you will join me offering a very warm welcome to Revd Allan.



As part of the INSET training days staff have been updating our safeguarding procedures. I wish to inform you that the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school is me, Toby Long, and the Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead is Hannah Curran. Should you have any concerns regarding child protection please speak to either of us via the school office.

Please can I ask that if you have changed your mobile number, email or any of your contact details over the holidays, that you let Mrs Roberts in the office know asap. It is vital we have up-to-date contact details for every child in case of an emergency. **Thank you.**

Faith . Trust . Thankfulness . Love . Forgiveness . Honesty . Perseverance

As the school year commences we welcome new members of staff to 'Team Radnage'. Welcome to Mrs Melissa Wilson who will be teaching Year 1/2, Mrs Ann Phipps who will be working in Year 5/6 and Mrs Donna Bajwa who will be teaching Year 3/4 on Fridays. Miss Murray recently got married and is now Mrs Murray Green.

To help you understanding the staffing at the school please see below:

Class / Year Groups	Teachers and Support Staff
Nursery/Reception Badger Cubs / Badgers	Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Farnworth, Mrs Watson and Mrs Drake
Year 1 / 2 Otters / Hedgehogs	Mrs Wilson, Mrs Cronin, Mrs Hellewell and Mrs Irwing Mr Long (Tues. pm) Mrs MacAulay – Forest School (Thur pm)
Year 3 / 4 Kestrels / Red Kites	Mrs Curran, Mrs Bajwa (Fridays), Mrs Murry Green, Mrs Hellewell and Mr Long (Thursday pm)
Year 5 / 6 Falcons / Eagles	Mrs France, Mr Long (Fridays), Mrs Phipps, Mrs Irwing and Mrs Hellewell
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator	Mrs Jones

At any point during the year, should you have a concern or question about school or your child, your first port of call should always be your child's **class teacher**. They can be contacted via the school office where you can leave a message, via email at office@radnage.bucks.sch.uk or on the telephone.



Collective worship on Fridays will be held at 2.45pm. As of Friday 22nd September we would welcome parents to attend this end of the week celebration with the whole school. Should you wish to attend, you just turn up by 2.45pm to main entrance, buzz and you will be let in. We will be asking you to 'sign in' for this.

Over the next few days children will be introduced to the new Radnage Golden Rules! Staff met to compile a consistent approach to the positive behaviour expectations in our school moving forward. I'll let you know more details of this in the next newsletter, but please ask your child about the Golden Rules at the weekend – see what they can remember!



If there is a green fingered parent or grandparent who would be will to volunteer to help maintain the garden at the front of the school please will they make themselves known to me. I look forward to hearing from you!

On the diary dates that follow you will see the information sessions for each class to meet the class teachers. These will take place in your child's classroom. Before school clubs will commence on Monday 11th September.

Dates, dates and more dates...

With each newsletter you will receive an updated set of dates. Please refer to the most recent newsletter for the most up-to-date dates. More dates to follow in due course.

September 2017		
6 th	Wednesday	First day of school
11 th	Monday	All children full time
11 th	Monday	Welcome meeting for parents with Mrs Wilson (Y1/2) at 2.45pm
12 th	Tuesday	I1+ preparation sessions AM
12 th	Tuesday	Welcome meeting for parents with Mrs France (Y5/6) at 2.45pm
13 th	Wednesday	Welcome meeting for parents with Mrs Curran (Y3/4) at 2.45pm
14 th	Thursday	I1+ examination for Year 6 pupils
14 th	Thursday	Forest School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 children
14 th	Thursday	Welcome meeting for parents with Mrs Gibbons (YN/R) at 2.45pm
22 nd	Friday	First 2.45pm collective worship parents are welcome to attend
29 th	Thursday	Macmillan Coffee Morning – details to follow
October 2017		
6 th	Friday	Whole school Messy Harvest Day – details to follow
8 th	Sunday	Family Communion Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church
16 th	Monday	Parents Evening Consultations 5.00pm to 8.00pm – details to follow
17 th	Tuesday	Parents Evening Consultations 3.30pm to 5.30pm – details to follow
20 th	Friday	School closes for half term holiday at 3.20pm
30 th	Monday	School closed for INSET staff training day
31 st	Tuesday	School opens at 9.00 am
November 2017		
12 th	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
December 2017		
12 th	Tuesday	EY and Key Stage 1 Nativity 9.30am
13 th	Wednesday	EY and Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm
18 th	Monday	Christmas Party Day
19 th	Tuesday	School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

Year 1 and Year 2 (Otters and Hedgehogs) will have Forest School every Thursday afternoon with our Forest School Teacher, Mrs MacAulay. A separate letter will follow shortly regarding this exciting new initiative for Otters and Hedgehogs.

Quote of the Week

Let your light shine

In the same way let your light shine before others so that they might see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Term dates for the rest of this academic year are listed below. Please make note of the yellow highlighted rows as these are INSET (staff training) days when the school is closed to children.

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn 2017	
Monday 4 th September	School closed for children – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th September	School closed for children – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 6 th September	School opens at 9.00 a.m. for Autumn term
Friday 20 th October	School closes at 3.20 p.m.
HALF TERM – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	
Monday 30 th October	School closed for children – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 31 st October	School opens at 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 19 th December	School closes at 1.30 p.m.
Spring 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd January	School closed for children – Staff Training Day
Thursday 4 th January	School opens at 9.00 a.m. for Spring term
Friday 9 th February	School closes at 3.20 p.m.
HALF TERM – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	
Monday 19 th February	School opens at 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 29 th March	School closes at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 30 th March	School closed for Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Summer 2018	
Monday 16 th April	School closed for children – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens at 9.00 a.m. for Summer term
Monday 7 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 25 th May	School closes at 3.20 p.m.
HALF TERM – Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June	
Monday 4 th June	School opens at 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 24 th July	School closes at 1.30 p.m. for Summer Holiday

Thank you for your continued support of the school. I am delighted to be finally getting on with my new role as Head Teacher here and look forward to getting to know everyone over the next few weeks. I am sure this will be a wonderful new chapter in the life of Radnage School and I feel blessed to be part of it!

Toby Long

Head Teacher