



# Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sat writing this Newsletter exhausted but proud after an amazing visit to the beach. The children were an absolute credit to Rettendon Primary with members of the public stopping our parents and staff to tell us just that, "I have eaten my lunch and I have to say your children are remarkably well-behaved," member of the public. Staff and parent volunteers were so impressed with the children and thoroughly enjoyed seeing them learn outside of the classroom. Years 4/5 and 6 learnt about contour lines, data handling and ways to present traffic surveys, how to work as a team and used the beach as a stimulus for their poetry. Years 2 and 3 sorted different materials found on the beach, undertook observational art from different perspectives and got creative with some beach art. Class 1 were excited to report back to me that they got to stroke a starfish, a real starfish, at the Sealife Centre. For me, my favourite moment of the day was when a group of children realised that the tide was coming in and started to monitor how quickly it was moving; their faces were a picture of pure excitement.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the beach visit and to the parents that volunteered – we couldn't run these great experiences without your help! Also, a huge thank you to the staff on the trip and the staff that worked hard in the office organising the slips, money, paperwork and getting a coach out to us!

The children across the school have worked so hard over the past two weeks, years 2 and 6 completed their SATS papers and again demonstrated grit and determination. Throughout this period, the other year groups were extremely sensitive and moved around the school with great care and consideration. Moving into the new half term, Year 1's will be undertaking their phonics screening, please can I ask parents over the two week break to continue to go through the phonics cards and mats with your children.

Attendance last week was the highest across the school since I joined in January with four out of the five classes sitting above our school target of 97%. Class 5, Class 2 and Class 3 are all in the running for the attendance winners of the month. This will be announced in Friday's assembly and celebrated on the first week back – will Class 5 match Class 2's record? (Come on Class 5!) To raise awareness of the importance of attendance our School Prefects – Ethan, Harshith and Felix have created a display board that is updated weekly.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 2.30pm, Mrs Adams and Mrs Langton will be hosting a drop in coffee afternoon where they are looking forward to hearing your feedback on the positives of Rettendon's curriculum and what, as parents, you think is missing in Rettendon's curriculum. This will help us with our curriculum re-design over the Summer 2 term.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 1.45pm, I will be hosting a homework feedback session to look at what homework should look like in the new academic year. This is a feedback session where we can discuss different options and try to work towards a style of homework that parents are happier with.



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Thank you for a wonderful half term, I hope you enjoy your holiday and spend some valuable time with your child.

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Kind Regards,  
Mrs S Sloper  
Headteacher

**Please see below for each class blog, key dates and community information.**



# A glance through Rettendon's window

## Class 1

Class One have had another busy fortnight! We have really enjoyed learning more about sea creatures, did you know octopuses have 3 hearts and starfish have 5 eyes? We have had some brilliant homework coming in and we have enjoyed talking to the class about our creations. Last Thursday afternoon we went to the woods and had a great time exploring, we found lots of different insects! We made bread rolls on Friday and made one each for all the year 6s who worked so hard during SATs week.

It was so nice to see so many of you at the book look on Monday, we hope you enjoyed looking at our work as much as we enjoyed making it! We had an amazing time at the beach and the Sealife Centre on Thursday this week. We saw so many of the animals we have been learning about and even got to stroke a starfish! We had lots of fun on the beach, we explored the shoreline and got more than just our feet wet! Then we had a sandcastle building competition while we dried off in the beautiful sunshine. Thank you for your continued support this half term, it has flown by but we have achieved so much.



## Class 2

Class 2 really enjoyed the Beach Trip yesterday and we even managed to have a Maths, Literacy and Art lesson on the beach! We searched for interesting shells, pebbles and seaweed, sorting them according to different criteria, such as shape, colour and size. We wrote extended descriptive sentences, with adjectives and similes and produced some wonderful beach Art but most importantly, we had FUN!



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### Class 3

The children in Class 3 have spent several weeks studying different poems all linked around monsters. Over the weeks, they have built up their word knowledge using adjectives, adverbs, similes, antonyms and onomatopoeia.

Set 2 have been to the 'shop' to practise using money and giving change.



### Class 4

What a class! Very proud of how much you have achieved in these last 2 weeks. I have seen amazing punctuation, amazing grammar and amazing results. Subordinating conjunctions are not scary anymore and that annoying semi-colon...nothing to worry about. I am completely sure you will be using them again - at least once! The weather has been fantastic so we decided to try to do some maths revision under a tree. I must say that the school grass has had a great effect on those little minds. I can't wait to see how much you are going to achieve in the last half term of the year. Class 4, you have deserve a rest!



### Class 5

The last two weeks have been busy, busy, busy! Year 6 completed their SATS showing incredible maturity, dedication and perseverance – I would challenge adults to complete the SATS in the time the children had to complete them! Year 5 have undertaken a top secret mission ... shhh (talk to your child to find out the BIG secret!) and they have continued to bring in some fantastic homework; the class have tasted food from wartime from Olivia and Ryan, shared sewing and very creative shoe boxes of the trenches. Keep the homework coming year 5. Then we enjoyed the big reveal of the production, 'Poptastic.' We have seen many auditions and I was blown away with the hidden talent in Class 5. Have a lovely and well-deserved break Class 5!



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## Key Dates

24/5	Year 2/3 Residential – on site
27/5 – 7/6	Half Term
10/6	Return to school
11/6	Parents Homework Feedback Session
Week of 10/6	Phonics Assessment Week – Year 1
12/6	Year 6 Bikeability
14/6	Fathers' Day Shop
19/6	Curriculum Feedback Session
21/6	Sports Day – all parents/carers welcome for a 1.30pm start followed by FRS inflatable and picnic event

## Community

**Message from: Mrs Fallows and Mrs Wright:**

### **Plant from seed – How to care for it.**

Dwarf French Bean (low growing plant).

1. All pots must be labelled with the child's name and age.
2. Take plant pot home.
3. Place on a saucer on a sunny windowsill.
4. Water a little at a time until the compost is moist, and not too wet.
5. The seed should start showing growing signs (germinating) within two weeks. Please be patient and do not disturb the seed to see if it is growing.
6. Keep the compost moist. Water twice per week, a little at a time again. The water should come out onto the saucer, but should not overflow the saucer. If there is water left from the previous watering in the saucer do not water. If very hot weather watering can be increased.
7. The plant should grow, but may take some weeks to start showing much.
8. The plant should look green, upright and with leaves. It should grow taller and have more leaves as the weeks go on.
9. Once the green part of the plant is as tall as the pot base, it can be re-potted to a larger pot.
10. The school will have larger pots if needed.
11. The grown plant can be brought back to school on Friday, 12th July, to be put into the Horticultural Show in the Marquee. Please make sure the plant is labelled with the child's name AND age. Age is important as there are different classes.

If you have any problems please get in touch either leaving a message at the desk for Mrs. Fallows or Mrs. Wright to reply, or email [RetHSsec@gmail.com](mailto:RetHSsec@gmail.com) marked as "school seed in pot."

**Message from : *Rev Richard Jordan of All Saints Church, Rettendon***

Family Fun Day

Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May, from 10am to 4pm

at All Saints Church, Rettendon

Come and join us for a day of fun

Cakes, Children's entertainment, Raffle, Face painting, Apple bobbing



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