



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

6th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the academic year of 2019 – 2020.

The children have made a great start to the term and have been thoroughly enjoying getting to know their new classes and class teachers. I have seen great learning opportunities across the school from Spanish in Class 5, computing (with the use of bread slices) in Class 3, baking in Class 1, Egyptian history in Class 4 and ICT in Class 2.

As we move through the new year, you will notice some changes to our curriculum and homework. Please keep an eye out next week for notification of evening sessions for parents. We really want to continue to build on the strength of our community and welcome parents more frequently through our doors.

You will notice that I have listed the key dates for the academic year below, as the year journeys on more dates will be added for trips, however I am hoping this will help parents to plan their diaries and manage booking time off of work where appropriate. This is following parental feedback from last year.

We would like to welcome some new members of staff to the school: Miss Wilson Office Administrator, Mrs Telford Learning Support Assistant, Miss Ekins Class Teacher, Mr Langton Site Supervisor and Mr Andrews Deputy Headteacher.

I always like to share my golden moment of the week with you, this week it has to be when a Year 1 said to me, "Mrs Sloper this is just the best school, it is great, I'm great and I'm going to do great work!"

The core value of the month is responsibility and this morning saw children receive the Headteacher's Commendation for responsibility for being responsible for their belongings, environment and other children. In assembly, we also celebrated Class 5 achieving 100% attendance! Our school target this year is 97.25%.

I will be releasing a newsletter every other Friday, so please do check for key dates and updates on your child's learning.

Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



Key Dates for the Academic Year

04.09.2019	Back to school
Week of 09.09.2019	Class 1 – 9.00am – 1.25pm
10.09.2019	Class 3 Local Walk Offsite
Week of 16.09.2019	Clubs Start
18.09.2019	Class 1 Parents open afternoon 3.30pm
11.10.2019	Harvest Festival
21.10.2019	Book Look 8.30AM
Week of 28.10.2019	October Half Term
04.11.2019	Non Pupil Day
10.12.2019	Book Look PM 3.30PM
12.12.2019	Class 1 and 2 Nativity
16.12.2019	FRS Christmas Parties
18.12.2019	Church Services
20.12.2019	Break up for the Christmas holidays
06.01.2020	Return to school
06.02.2020	Class 4 Show
12.02.2020	Book Look 8.30AM
14.02.2020	Year 1 and 2 Sleepover onsite
Week of 17.02.2020	February Half Term
26.03.2020	Class 3 Show
02.04.2020	Easter Service
02.04.2020	Book Look 3.20PM
Weeks of the 06.04.2020 and 13.04.2020	Easter Holidays
08.05.2020	May Bank Holiday
Week of 11.05.2020	Key Stage Two SATS
Week of 18.05.2020	Key Stage One SATS
22.05.2020	Book Look 8.30AM
Week of 25.05.2020	June Half Term
01.06.2020	Non Pupil Day
02.06.2020	Non Pupil Day
03.06.2020	Non Pupil Day
Week of 08.06.2020	Phonics Screening
24.06.2020- 26.06.2020	Year 5 and 6 Residential Bradwells
03.07.2020	Sports Day
06.07.2019	Book Look 3.20PM
14.07.2020	Class 5 Show
15.07.2020	Class 5 Show
16.07.2020	Leavers' Trip
17.07.2020	FRS Parties
20.07.2020	Leavers' Disco
21.07.2020	Governors' Assembly
22.07.2020	Leavers' Assembly
22.07.2020	Break up for the summer holidays





GARDENING CLUB FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Hello everyone,

We are pleased to announce we have a new area for the Gardening Club garden. You may have seen it – just the other side of the fence of the playground.

So we intend to start off with our gardening at lunchtimes on **Tuesday, 17th September** for 6 weeks. Look out for the letters.

We will be planting broad beans to over winter, and, as recommended, some sweet peas to grow up the fence; although neither will be ready until the Spring. Have a few other projects in mind too.....

Look forward to seeing new faces as well as those whose enthusiasm brings them back time and again. Mrs.Fallows and Mrs. Wright

A glance through Rettendon's window

This section of the newsletter will be back in the next edition. You will be able to track what your child is learning in class and see their learning in action. Please can I remind all parents if you do not want your child's photograph in the newsletter, on the school website or on our twitter page please do inform the school office, if you haven't done so already.

School Council

We are excited to announce that we are looking for a new School Council to represent the voice of the pupils for the academic year of 2019-2020. The children will have a chance in their classes next week to put themselves forward for this role; they will be encouraged to say a little about why they want to hold this position within the school and their class will then take a blind vote to appoint the two children that will represent the class. Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 will have two representatives each, with Class 1 joining the School Council after Christmas.

I really value the School Council and their role within the school, last year they worked tirelessly to improve the school and support charities.

If your child is interested, you could work with them on preparing a speech for their class.



