



## Lockdown Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations home learning team you have completed six whole weeks (that is 30 teaching days!). You have done an amazing job and you need to 'step away' from the laptop over half term and take some well-earned family time. The DfE has kindly provided us with a few more devices so should you need a device for remote learning do contact us.

Continuing on the theme of amazing, the art work that has been submitted has been of very high quality. I can see that children have spent a significant amount of time developing their skills and producing some detailed final pieces. My job over half term is to create the display ready for Spring Term 2 - pictures to follow!

It was so lovely to see so many of you on Friday as you collected your skipping ropes. Having spent the Autumn term at Yewtree, it has been ages since I have seen you and it was a really special moment for me. We have managed to distribute quite a few skipping ropes and a big 'thank you' goes out to Miss Murray, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Johnson who have been 'out and about' delivering door to door. Who needs Amazon when you can have 'Reddings delivery!' Over the half term, I shall update the lists and put together a plan for collection / distribution so your children will be able to participate in Mr Hobb's skipping challenge after half term.

As our thoughts turn to the second half of this term, we are all waiting for Boris Johnson to set out his road map which is being shared with us all in the week commencing 22nd February 2021. As you can imagine, at The Reddings we are already shaping our return to school which includes our 'welcome back to school' week. We are currently revising our curriculum to ensure that what we teach for the remainder of the academic year will set children up for success to commence the next academic year in September. Once we are provided with clear direction we shall update you further.

For those of you whose children have been accessing in-house provision, Hertfordshire County Council has requested that we continue to 'track and trace' over the half term. Should your child develop any symptoms or have a positive COVID test please let me know: [head@reddings.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@reddings.herts.sch.uk). I shall be checking my emails on a daily basis so that I can take the appropriate action.

Thank you so much for your kind words and messages of support; these have made such a difference to the team and it is lovely to get your positive feedback regarding our remote learning offer. I am in the process of pulling together a Survey Monkey (Miss Prickett new skill) to enable us to support you during this lockdown period.

On one of my wanders around the local area dropping off skipping ropes, I spotted some snowdrops; this is the first sign of Spring and they made me smile. When you are out and about on a walk what Spring flowers are you able to spot?



Wishing you a lovely half term

Miss Prickett



## Home Learning Stars of the Week



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| <b>Nursery</b>    | Lois: for showing a willingness to give everything a go, even when it has been a bit tricky. A special mention also for the amazing owl biscuits. |
| <b>Reception</b>  | Isla: for her neat handwriting and remembering capital letters , finger spaces and a full stop  |
| <b>Year One</b>   | Julia: For amazing home learning all half term  |
| <b>Year Two</b>   | Ilaria: for producing consistently high quality work throughout the whole of the half term  |
| <b>Year Three</b> | Katrina: for an improved confidence in Katrina and the work she is now completing   |
| <b>Year Four</b>  | Sparsh: for always using a range of methods to aid his maths fluency  |
| <b>Year Five</b>  | Arfa: for having really improved her maths  |
| <b>Year Six</b>   | Amelia: for producing consistently excellent work   |

Just a reminder of the current term dates:

### Spring Term 2021

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| Spring Half Term Holiday           | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 |
| Children's First Day Spring Term 2 | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021  |
| Last Day of Spring Term            | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 – finish at 1.30 pm                         |
| Easter Holiday                     | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021        |

### Summer Term 2021

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| Children's First Day Summer Term 1 | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021                                   |
| Bank Holiday                       | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021                                      |
| Half Term Holiday                  | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 |
| Children's First Day Summer Term 2 | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021                                     |
| Last Day of Summer Term            | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – finish at 1.30 pm                |
| INSET Day                          | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021                                   |
| INSET Day                          | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021                                 |
| Occasional Day                     | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021                                  |