



## **The Reddiford Read - July 2020**

### **Head Teacher's Bulletin**

This term has been a term like no other, in a world that has been affected in a way that no one ever thought possible - except in science fiction films. However, Reddiford children have continued to be educated, teachers have continued to teach and we have looked after our key workers' children throughout and, more recently, welcomed back to school a select group of children, as dictated by the Government. We have all coped admirably and worked tirelessly with the clear intention of doing the very best we can for the children in our care and I thank you all for your support of the school during this difficult time.

I am writing this final Reddiford Read, of the school year, a little earlier than usual in order to inform you of the end of term arrangements.

Sadly, social distancing does not permit us to have a Speech Day this year so some prizes will be given out just to our Year 6 children. They have all been working hard and each prepared a video of their memories of Reddiford School. These have been put together into a Leavers Assembly where we will also announce next year's Head Boy and Girl, their Deputies, the House Captains and some prefects. It will be available to view on the 'Show My Homework' online learning platform. So that the Year 6 children can watch it again after they have officially left the school, it will also be available on the Parent Portal until 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Also, as they have missed out on their end of year celebrations, we plan to organise a 'get together' for them on a Saturday in September, in the new gym. This will be a chance for the children to say an official goodbye to the school and each other. Arrangements will be made when we know more about the relaxing of the Covid 19 guidance.

There will be no end of year reports for EYD – Year 5 children. The children received a report just a few weeks before the school was closed and I do not feel it is correct for reports to be written taking into consideration the last term. All children have had different learning experiences, due to a number of factors not in their control, so they

will continue to receive verbal feedback from their teachers regarding their online work. We have also had the parent evening calls where you will have been updated on your child's progress. Year 6 have not had a formal report this year so they will receive a modified report with Maths and English comments on it together with a Head Teacher's final comment.

As we have to restrict the number of children in school, we have arranged for the children's exercise books, that they have at school, to be collected from their desks. If your child has a textbook, reading or school library book at home then you should receive an email asking you to bring these in before the end of term. If you are aware that you have these, I would be grateful if you could bring them back into school as soon as possible - in a plastic bag with your child's name and form on it.

All other belongings your child has in their desk will be moved up to their next year's classroom by the staff in school at present. There is no need for you to collect anything at this time.

One of the questions that has come up in the staff/parent phone calls is the availability of past lessons on 'Show My Homework'. One of the reasons for using this online learning platform is that children are able to revisit past lessons and go over the instructions and learning points again. This is an excellent way of reinforcing concepts studied. Homework tasks are not deleted - students can locate their tasks in the School's Calendar. This can be accessed using the Satchel app or visiting <https://reddiford.satchelone.com>. Homework tasks are sorted by class, subject or teacher and filtered by date - they remain there indefinitely. Your login does not expire until your child leaves the school

Finally, timetables have been organised and arrangements made in preparation for welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. Next year's information pack will be sent to you, as usual, in the summer break.

I would also like to say a farewell and wish the Year 6 children all the very best at their new schools. They have been a great Year 6 and I have been proud of their achievements and how they have conducted themselves as Reddiford children.

All that remains is for me to wish you a good summer break however you are able to spend it and, as always, I wish good health to you and your families.

Mrs J M Batt  
Head Teacher