



Tuesday 11th September, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have only been back to school for approximately two weeks, but so much learning has already taken place and the children are settling in to their new school routines so very well. The classrooms are looking wonderful and the children are all engaged with their new topics. The Open Classroom Events held last week were successful and you should be receiving your child's Curriculum Topic Map this week, highlighting the learning that your child will be engaged in for this half term.

The children have all come back to school full of excitement and looking wonderful in their new uniforms. Thank you to everyone for supporting the school in this change - the children are showing much more pride in their appearance. However, I am aware that some children can be forgetful and may misplace their new jumpers or cardigans. Please remember to label all articles of uniform, as we always do our best to returned named property to their owner. For those parents who may not know, we have purchased an outdoor storage box to store all of the lost property. It is located outside, under the shelter and to the right hand side of the ICT suite.

The building works that we have had done over the summer look great (especially the Key Stage 1 and Boys' toilets along the main school corridor) and we look forward to the completion of the door fob system during the October half term break.

It is with pleasure that I can confirm that our October half term holiday club will be open for the week with a whole host of exciting activities for the children. Please keep an eye out in your emails for further details of this.

On Wednesday 5th September, we held our first Coffee Chat meeting (as was noted on the Key Dates Calendar and Weekly Update that were sent out to parents via email at the start of the school year). We had a small turn out; however, I was able to share all of the exciting new systems that we are planning to introduce at Redlands this year. Below are a few of the points we covered:

- Learnful – Daily mindfulness activity videos
- New roles - Family Support Assistant, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Sports Coach and Sports Apprentice
- Primary Stars link with LCFC
- Report card for Autumn 2 and Spring 2 (to show your child's attitude to learning)
- Improved behaviour systems
- Community links
- Parental engagement events

As I am sure you can see from what we are planning this year, we would like to work more closely with our families to provide a better educational experience for all of our children. Our next Coffee Chat will be on 31st October at 2:30pm.

A parent survey will be coming out to you shortly. I would be interested to hear your thoughts on the school and the improvements that we are putting in place this year, as well as take on board your offers of suggestion for further improvement.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I look forward to working with all of our children and families and making this year a successful one for everyone.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Michelle Tobin
Headteacher