



# Redlands Weekly Update

Achieving Excellence Together

20 March 2020

## Mrs Melody



You will have seen from the letter sent earlier this week that we are mourning the loss of Mrs Melody, one of our lunchtime supervisors.

Mrs Melody has been a well-loved member of our Redlands family since she started with us in 2014 and she will be greatly missed.

If your child has questions or worries about this loss, a helpful guide that may help you to support your child with their bereavement was emailed with the letter.

We send our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs Melody's family and ask that you respect their privacy at this time.

## SPORT RELIEF

Especially in these uncertain times, we must remember to celebrate our achievements and recognise kindness. Through **your kind donations** and your commitment to raising money to help others, Redlands raised **£401** for Sport Relief last week!!!



With the donations and bake sales added to the Dodgeball Tournament and Baking Competition results from last week, the overall winning House was ...

## Whitehead

with a total of **£109.70!!!**

Whitehead were closely followed by:

**Ladkin** £90.70

**Newbold** £86.00

**Melody** £82.60



Competition was so close!

Staff also contributed to the fundraising through donations for wearing active-wear to school, and they raised a further £32!

So, a huge **WELL DONE** to everyone who dodged a ball, baked a cake, donated some money, bought a cake, or dressed in active-wear! Huge thanks also to Ms Bassett in the office for organising everything to run so smoothly!

**Thank you everyone!**



<b>23 MAR</b> MONDAY	School closure commences
<b>2 APR</b> THURSDAY	Last day of Spring term
<b>10-13 APR</b> FRIDAY-MONDAY	Easter
<b>20 APR</b> MONDAY	First day of Summer term (please await update if school open)
<b>8 MAY</b> FRIDAY	May Day Bank Holiday



## FREE online education resources

Compiled by Home Educators

<b>BBC Learning</b>	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/</a> This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.
<b>Twinkl</b>	<a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk">https://www.twinkl.co.uk</a> This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a <b>month of free access</b> to parents in the event of school closures.
<b>Oxford Owl for Home</b>	<a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/</a> Lots of free resources for Primary age.
<b>Cbeebies Radio</b>	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio</a> Listening activities for the younger ones.



@SilebyRedlands

Follow us on Twitter to see what pupils are doing – we post many photos of our activities and trips throughout each term.

# School Closure

As you are aware, schools have been told to close as part of the Government's plan to help delay the spread of coronavirus and Redlands will close to the majority of pupils on Monday, 23 March 2020.

As yet we don't know how long this period of closure will last, but we will be continuing to keep you updated as and when we have more information.

At Redlands we are committed to doing everything we can to support our children, families and staff through this unprecedented and uncertain time.

Please keep in mind that our children may be feeling anxious or worried about what is going on – some will be sad about not going to school and not seeing their friends, others will be happy; some may not be so happy that they will still be going to school, and others may find that reassuring.

Whichever is the case for your children, we encourage you to develop a routine with them during the closure – using their learning packs will help with this and give them things to do. Having a regular routine will benefit them (and you!) in so many ways, but is particularly helpful for children during times like this when their world feels like it is changing at a very fast pace.

Routine and structure gives them stability during times of change and stress and will help them to feel safe and protected, which in turn can strengthen family bonds. It reduces stress and anxiety levels because children know what to expect; it helps them to achieve goals, which builds their self-confidence; it helps to reduce power struggles between you and your children; and it helps them to overcome the fear of "the unknown".

To help with this, a Daily Suggested Timetable was included in the learning packs your children have received. You can use it as is, or tweak it to make it work best for you and your family.

Whatever happens over the next weeks, please know that we are here to help and hope to all be back together again soon. Be safe and well.

## Useful links/information

[NHS Coronavirus information](#)

[NHS 111 online service](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): UK government response](#)

[Government guidance on social distancing](#)

[Stay at home guidance](#)



**Learnful**

WITH JO BRADLEY



Please click on the appropriate link below:

EYFS, KS1 and KS2: [Transforming](#)

Year 6 parents: [Week Three](#)

## Term dates 2019-20

<b>Autumn</b>	School opens	- Thursday 29 August 2019
	Mid-term break	- Monday 14 to Friday 18 October 2019
	School closes	- <b>Thursday 19 December 2019*</b>
<b>Spring</b>	School opens	- <b>Monday 6 January 2020*</b>
	Mid-term break	- Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020
	School closes	- <b>Thursday 2 April 2020*</b>
<b>Summer</b>	School opens	- Monday 20 April 2020
	Bank holiday	- <b>Friday 8 May 2020*</b>
	Mid-term break	- Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2020
	School closes	- Friday 10 July 2020

\*Denotes a change to the original Term Dates issued

## Polite reminders

- Parking** | If you do need to travel to school by car, please park safely well away from school and be considerate to other parents and local residents. Parents must **not** park in the school car parks at any time.
- Absences** | If your child is absent from school, please inform the School Office before 9:00am.
- Sickness** | If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the **last episode** of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please contact the school **on a daily basis**, prior to 9:00am, to advise of the reason for your child's absence.
- ParentPay** | Please book all school meals in advance on ParentPay.
- Label all items** | Please name all of your children's clothes and other items they bring in to school, e.g. lunchboxes, drink bottles.
- School opens** | The school gates open at 8:40am. Children are the responsibility of the parent until 8:45am and must be supervised on the playground.
- Contacting a teacher** | If you wish to talk to a class teacher during the school day then please call and make an appointment.
- Photos** | Please remember to 'post' only photographs of your own children on social media websites. Ensure no images of other children are displayed.

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