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Phonics Screening

The children in Year 1 and some of those in Year 2 have taken part in the Governments Phonics Screening Check this week. The children have done brilliantly and we have preliminary results that show the best results the school has ever achieved!

Well done to all of the children and to all of the staff who have embraced our change this year from 'Read, Write Inc.' to 'Letters and Sounds' - the results show the dedication and hard work that another positive change has made.



Father's Day Surprise Room

Thank you for all of your donations to our Father's Day Surprise Gift Days. It was a delight to watch the children choose a gift for their dad/granddad/uncle etc. Remember that all profits raised from FLR events will go towards an adventure playground area as requested by the children!

Year 4 to Clay Lane Affinity Water Education Centre

On Monday, the children in Year 4 went to Clay Lane as part of their 'Road Trip USA' topic. The children were given a hands-on introduction to the river system and how rivers are formed. Since returning to school, they have built on this learning by writing explanation texts and are now ready to start researching famous American Rivers such as the Mississippi and the Hudson. The children enjoyed the day and have been excited to use the experience to support their class learning.

Homework Award!

Jed Riddington amazed us with his homework effort this week - after being asked to consider Anglo-Saxon punishment techniques and to debate whether they would be suitable for use today. Look at the stocks he made!



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Second Annual Governors Away Day

Last Saturday the hard working Governing Body at Little Reddings participated in their now annual Governors' Away Day and everyone commented that it was a powerful time to reflect back on all the achievements the school has made since June 2015



(when we last met in this way) and also plan the key strategic next steps for the school.



The superbly organised away day was jointly led by Alexis - one of our hugely committed parent governors, and our dedicated Headteacher Miss Simmonds. The many activities included pair work, table discussions and small group reflection time to really unpick what it means to be an effective governor at our great school and the journey ahead for the school.

It was a really positive time for all the Governors from our wonderful learning community to also reflect upon their own practice and discuss further ways to strengthen their work to secure good and outstanding leadership and management at all levels.



I personally would like to thank all our hard working and dedicated governors who give up so much of their time to support the Headteacher and all the staff at Little Reddings School. They have had a big impact in securing the really important next steps in our exciting journey of school improvement.



We look forward to letting you all know in our weekly school newsletter more about the work of the Full Governing Body and all the Committees who carefully scrutinise all areas of school life. From next September we are also planning to let you know more about ourselves as Governors and the contribution that each of us make to the work in and beyond our wonderful school.

Jeremy Turner
Executive Principal



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All Feedback is Positive!

Like any school, Little Reddings is a large and complex organisation with many teachers and other adults on our staff and over 400 children.



Whilst we always try to communicate effectively and implement all processes and

procedures fairly, as with any organisation, sometimes things do go wrong, communication fails, or we make a mistake.

In these circumstances, as a school community we are very willing to listen to challenge and we hope to respond in a positive spirit in order to bring about improvement.

We always aim to do our best for the whole school community and any comments - either positive or negative - are helpful for future planning. Parents and carers talk to us about many aspects of our school and often their conversations help to shape our School Development Plan.

Do remember that you can speak to a member of SLT who are often out on the playgrounds before and after school, make an appointment to speak to a member of staff by telephone or in person via the Office, use our Suggestions/Contact Us buttons found on our



website or speak to your child's year group Parent Champion.

If you wish to make a complaint about something, please follow the Complaints Policy.



The first stage of the procedure is to speak to the right person, either on the

telephone or in person. What is positive is that most complaints are resolved satisfactorily at this stage and are brought to a close.

If you are still dissatisfied however, we can move through to the formal stage of the procedure.

I review the complaints file on a regular basis and a record of complaints made against staff, and indeed against parents, is then reported to the Governors.

As staff and parents continue to work together in partnership, we will continue to move forwards and bring about the improvements that are necessary to making this an outstanding school.

Thank you for all of your support.

<http://littlereddings.org.uk/download/policies/complaints%20policy%202014-16.pdf>



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Year 6 Visit to Thorpe Park

The Year 6s were treated to a day out to Thorpe Park this week and we had a fantastic time!



Despite the heavy showers, the children spent the day running from ride to ride and challenging each other to get on the scariest ones!



The behaviour was exemplary - well done Year 6!

Free School Meals

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit**

Please remember that if your child gets a free lunch for being in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, you should still apply as the school could be entitled to extra funds.

Go to

<https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> for all of the information you need or ask at the Office.



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This Week's Attendance		Word of the Week
Class	Percentages	
Rosen	82.4	<p>Next week the Word of the Week is 'swanky'. Swanky means 'stylish, luxurious, expensive.'</p> <p>Please encourage your child to learn the word 'swanky' and use it in conversation.</p> <p><u><i>I would love to order a swanky new car.</i></u></p> <p>Writers of the Week</p> <p>R - Harley, Billy-Joe 1 - Ava, Ryan 2 - Olajide, Shubham 3 - Mikayla, Miriam 4 - Adele, Jolie 5 - Tia, Amy P 6 - Manan</p> <p>Dates for your Diary</p> <p>SPORTS WEEK 20TH TO 23RD JUNE Opening ceremony Monday 2pm Reception & KS1 Sports morning Tuesday 9.30am KS2 Sports morning Wednesday 9.30am Nursery Sports morning Thursday 9am</p> <p>FRIDAY 24th June- ARMED FORCES DAY</p> 
Carle	87.1	
Donaldson	94.8	
Ahlberg	96.0	
Milne	98.2	
Browne	95.8	
Hoffman	97.4	
King-Smith	97.5	
Walliams	95.4	
Dahl	96.9	
Simon	98.8	
Morpurgo	96.5	
Horowitz	97.1	
Pullman	96.3	
Blackman	95.0	
Rowling	97.8	
<p>Stars of the Week</p> <p>R - Paige, Jamie-Lee</p> <p>1 - Danyal, Ryan</p> <p>2 - Ghezal, Aiden D</p> <p>3 - Archie, Alfie</p> <p>4 - Jed, Tawana</p> <p>5 - Amy P, Jake</p> <p>6 - Finley, Kacper</p>		

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