

# Little Reddings Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter – September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

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### Weekly LRS Governors Focus

Over the coming term each of our hardworking and dedicated Governors will be writing an article in the newsletter to let you know a little bit about themselves and their role on the Governing Body.

**Miss Vanessa O'Donnell**

*Community Governor*

*Chair of the Pupil Progress Committee*

#### **Specialist Area: Education Policy**

I became a community governor at Little Reddings School at the start of 2015.

Having grown up in Watford and attended schools in the area I really wanted to give something back to the local community. I have a degree in politics and public policy and now work in education policy research for the Russell Group of Universities.

I am very passionate about education and becoming a governor has enabled me to pursue my interest in this area in a very unique and fulfilling way.

This has been my first experience on a school governing body and even in the short period I have been in my role I have seen Little Reddings go from strength to strength. One

of my highlights so far has been our away day which provided an opportunity for the governing body to explore a number of areas in more depth including both the priorities and direction of the school. This has been immensely beneficial to the development of strong and positive relationships across the governing body and enabled us to identify the most effective ways to support the work of the staff and senior leadership team.

During my time as a governor I have visited the school on their special writing day and was blown away by the creativity and passion for learning demonstrated by both the staff and children. I also joined a group of pupils on their visit to 10 Downing Street last year and was fascinated to hear the different ideas they had entered into the schools manifesto competition.

Since joining Little Reddings School I have been struck by how passionate and dedicated the staff are to bringing learning to life and often enjoy looking at the impressive displays of work when visiting the school for meetings.

I recently became the chair of the Pupil Progress Committee which specifically looks into areas surrounding attainment as well as student performance across the year.



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I am particularly passionate about closing the gap in attainment between pupils from different backgrounds having previously worked on a project surrounding the pupil premium. I have really enjoyed seeing the ways in which this extra resource is targeted towards specific areas of need across the school.

It has been fantastic to work with such a passionate group of people who are tremendously committed to improving Little Reddings and I am very excited to see the school progress further. I look forward to continuing to contribute towards this goal in the months and years to come.

**Vanessa O'Donnell**



### Headlice

It's the beginning of a new year and as with all schools and nurseries, we have headlice!

All children with hair shoulder length or below need to have their tied up in line with school policy.

Please check your child's hair weekly and if you find any live headlice, treat with a headlice solution. The school nurse recommends Hedrin.

Headlice are not fussy and like both clean and dirty hair - please check the whole family and treat if you find any!



### Bikes and Scooters

Bikes and scooters are left on the premises entirely at your own risk. There is no locking system or security.

Bikes or scooters **MUST NOT** be ridden on the premises in order to keep everyone safe.



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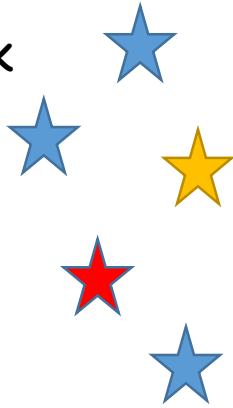


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### STAR OF THE WEEK



Year 1: Paige and Freddie  
Year 2: Charvi and Reggie  
Year 3: Kristjan and Olajide  
Year 4: Lacey and Priya  
Year 5: Anastasia and Oliver  
Year 6: Zak and Max

### WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Isabel and Lucas  
Year 2: Isiah and Jahira  
Year 3: Ellie-May and Billy  
Year 4: Jeseena and Ruby  
Year 5: Cassy and Ella  
Year 6: Lilly-Rose and Emily

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friends of Little Reddings**  
**WELCOME EVENT – FROM 3.15pm 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Please join us for an informal welcome to the FLR with refreshments followed by our AGM in the KS1 Hall.

### ATTENDANCE

Class	Percentages
Rosen	89.1
Donaldson	96.5
Ahlberg	95.6
Milne	94.1
Browne	97.0
Hoffman	93.0
King-Smith	98.8
Walliams	95.2
Dahl	93.9
Simon	99.6
Morpurgo	95.8
Horowitz	91.9
Pullman	94.0
Blackman	98.1
Rowling	95.7



School success starts  
with attendance

#### School start and finish times

##### Nursery

8.30 to 11.30am

##### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

8.50am to 3.15pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

8.40am to 3.25pm

