

# Little Reddings Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter – September 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

'Learning together, Respecting each other, Success for all'

### Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a lovely Summer break - it's great to see everyone back safely at the start of the 2016/17 Academic Year.

The children are all looking smart and are enthusiastic for another great year of fun and learning at LRS!

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have ensured that the Uniform Policy is adhered to - let's keep it up for the whole year please!

Attendance has been good this week but we still have far too many children arriving late in the mornings. This unsettles the children and they miss out on vital key messages and learning at the start of the day. We will be working with the Hertfordshire Attendance Improvement Officer on this.

**WELCOME  
BACK!**

### New Staff

We were super lucky last term to recruit some outstanding new staff to take LRS to the next stage of our journey. It has been amazing working with them already and a huge positive impact has already been seen.

We also now have a full Senior Leadership Team who are all working to improve outcomes for your children and push forward our school improvement plan. Working with me as Assistant Headteachers are Mr Gray, Mr Power, Miss Morton, Mrs Wright and Mrs Gianonne.

### Friends of Little Reddings

FLR have been busy fundraising for the past year in order to achieve the children's goal of having a new adventure playground built.

The type of thing we are saving for is:



These are obviously very expensive and will take us a couple of years to raise the money for.





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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.

This week it's the turn of our Executive Principal Jeremy Turner to be in the spotlight.....

Executive Principal of Bushey Meads School  
Jeremy Turner  
Specialist Area: Education Strategy and School Improvement



Jeremy has over 20 years of experience working in a diverse range of secondary schools in Inner and Outer London and Hertfordshire and over 15 years' experience of school leadership at a senior level. This experience has involved working with all aspects of school governance and trusts. He has been a Lead Strategic Partner in four teaching and learning partnerships and consortiums, served on the Barnet School Forum and at a regional level on various Educational Management Committees. He has participated in Local Authority Strategic Reviews and has worked at a

National Level on the Strategic Board of Partners in Excellence (PiXL) since 2008.

He has supported the work of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and the National Leadership College speaking at many conferences and developing the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) and Senior Leadership Development programmes.

In his previous school where he was the Headteacher for 8 years, Governance in 2011 was rated as Outstanding and, under the re-inspection in 2014, Leadership and Management was rated as Good with Outstanding features and Governance as a 'real strength of the school'. His work with the Bushey St James Trust, highlighted by Ofsted and the Local Authority, has included a formal review of Governance at Little Reddings School.

*"It is a real privilege to be part of the Governing Body at Little Reddings School and see the exciting developments that are constantly taking place. After many years of underinvestment in the school environment it is fantastic to see everyone working so hard to make all areas of the school part of such a wonderful learning community. I love the nursery and the Early Years outdoor play area in particular and really see the positive impact this has on the children's learning."*



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*The school is definitely in a much better place than when I joined the Trust two years ago and I would like to thank Miss Simmonds and all the hard working staff, the committed parents, and of course, all the fabulous pupils at the school for their contribution."*

*I currently attend all the committee meetings and full governing body meetings throughout the year. In my role on the Governing Body I want to support the Leadership Team, the Headteacher Miss Simmonds and the rest of the Governors as they take the school to the next level and I hope that my experience and advice can help shape the future success."*

Mr Jeremy Turner, Executive Principal



### Year 5 Trip to London

Eager to start their new topic 'Peasants, Princes and Pestilence', Year 5 arrived at school on their second day; eagerly awaiting their educational excursion to London.

Travelling by Tube and changing at the impressively modern Westminster Station, many children were experiencing their first journey beneath the historic streets of London.

At Tower Hill, in plague stricken London, the pupils were greeted by Alfie the friendly peasant who immediately captured the children's imagination (along with his pet rat Robert Watts). Standing next to the impressive Roman London Wall, we observed the site of one of London's historic, huge Plague pits. A real life Plague Doctor explained the cause of the blood blistering buboes and even provided a 'free of charge' visual inspection of the children. A 12<sup>th</sup> century church, overlooking the Tower of London, provided a meeting with a well-polished, oak St Roche who has been standing in the same place for over 300 years!

A famished year 5 devoured their packed lunches beneath blue sky, whilst taking in the majestic Tower soaring above them.

Over the drawbridge and into the castle, (managing to avoid Traitor's Gate) the children decided to take part in a battle, helping to



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protect the Tower from imminent enemy attack. Following a brief encounter with Samuel Pepys and the terrifying Henry V111, we all decided it was time to return home to plague free Bushey with our buboe free heads intact!



### Dates for your Diary

SCHOOL CLUBS START ON **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** – TIMETABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

WE WELCOME CHILDREN TO OUR NURSERY ON **TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



**ROALD DAHL DAY – FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** - DON'T FORGET TO DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE ROALD DAHL CHARACTER. ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE GIVEN TO: Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

### Attendance

Class	Percentages
Milne	96.6
Browne	95.3
Hoffman	94.5
King-Smith	93.8
Walliams	95.4
Dahl	96.7
Simon	99.5
Morpurgo	95.7
Horowitz	94.0
<b>Pullman</b>	<b>100</b>
Blackman	99.0
Rowling	97.7



School success starts  
with attendance

