

Friday 14 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's great to be back!

We've had a great start to the new academic year and have really enjoyed seeing everyone again after the summer break! We have also really enjoyed welcoming our new pupils and staff who have joined Redwood Park this September. It has been great to see everyone across the school settle in so well into their new classes and routines and engaging in practical learning opportunities so well!

We have a lot to look forward to this term. This includes a variety of trips and visits around the local community and of course our Forest Schools programme. Coming up we will once again be launching the Redwood Park teams in preparation for our first team event which is the Sponsored Walk at the end of September.

Every Friday we always gather together for our whole school assembly which provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the good things that have been happening throughout the week. This week we are focusing on positive thinking and important it is when we're trying to reach our goals!

Have a good weekend!  
Jo

## Spotlight on Spinnaker

Spinnaker class have settled into Redwood Park Academy very well. We like how big the school is and are looking forward to all opportunities that are coming up, which include after school clubs, lunch clubs. Spinnaker class have gained knowledge through the lessons they have had this week.

We have learnt and experienced some new lessons this week where some of us got to explore the design and technology room where we are making cupcake stands with our own design! In food studies we made a cup of tea and made some lovely scones. On Tuesday we did outdoor learning. We found some really interesting leaves and animals. Some of us were really brave and got up close to the animals. On Wednesday we got to try out some new and noisy instruments in the music room. This gave us exploration time, where we had brilliant fun playing with the drums, guitars and keyboards.

Our swimming lesson was great. During the lesson we compared our costumes and really enjoyed the fact that we would be learning new skills with our friends. In spinnaker class this week, we have been learning all about the Spinnaker tower. We are amazed at it being 170m tall and think that some people are very brave for walking on the glass floor!



### A Harvest in the garden!

The summer heatwave has helped us come back to a bumper harvest in the garden and poly-tunnel. Pumpkins, squash and gourds are ripening for Halloween and Christmas chutneys. We have had trays full of delicious tomatoes, aubergines, masses of chillies and award winning watermelons!! The flowers we have grown looked fantastic at the prom and there will be dahlias up until the first frost. Our pizza oven was finally fired up for the first time at Redfest in July and we cooked over 40 pizzas for our guests. We are looking forward to selling our produce at this year's Christmas Fair, but do come and ask if there is anything fresh that you might like.



### BTEC Science:

The pupils in KS4 have started work towards completing the final two units of the BTEC Applied Science Award. The pupils will take part in a 'Crime Scene Investigation' set up at Fort Widely which will test the expertise and knowledge gained in practical sessions back at base RWP. Recently, the pupils investigated what it means to protect a crime scene against contamination and how to use 'Personal Protective Equipment' correctly. We look forward to developing our evidence collecting skills, analysis of data and putting the facts together in order to find out who did it?! Stay tuned for more exciting news to follow.



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A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee morning 9:15am-10:15am
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Team Day – Sponsored Walk

### OCTOBER 2018

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	School photographer
Monday - Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Little Canada Residential
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival – 10am
Monday – Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

### November 2018

Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening and future Pathways
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day – no school for pupils

Please see the 'Events' section of our website for future dates