



# Year 5G6 Autumn Term Newsletter

## September 2017

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer.

Please find attached a copy of the class timetable so you have an idea of what the class is getting up to throughout the week.

First of all, I'd like to inform you all of my married name now which is Mrs Reddey.

Adults involved in this class this year are:

Mrs Reddey (me)

Miss Leftley (Higher level teaching assistant, specialising in PE) most days apart from Thursday pm. Miss Leftley will also be teaching the class PE on a Monday afternoon.

Mrs Marson (Teaching assistant) Thursday pm.

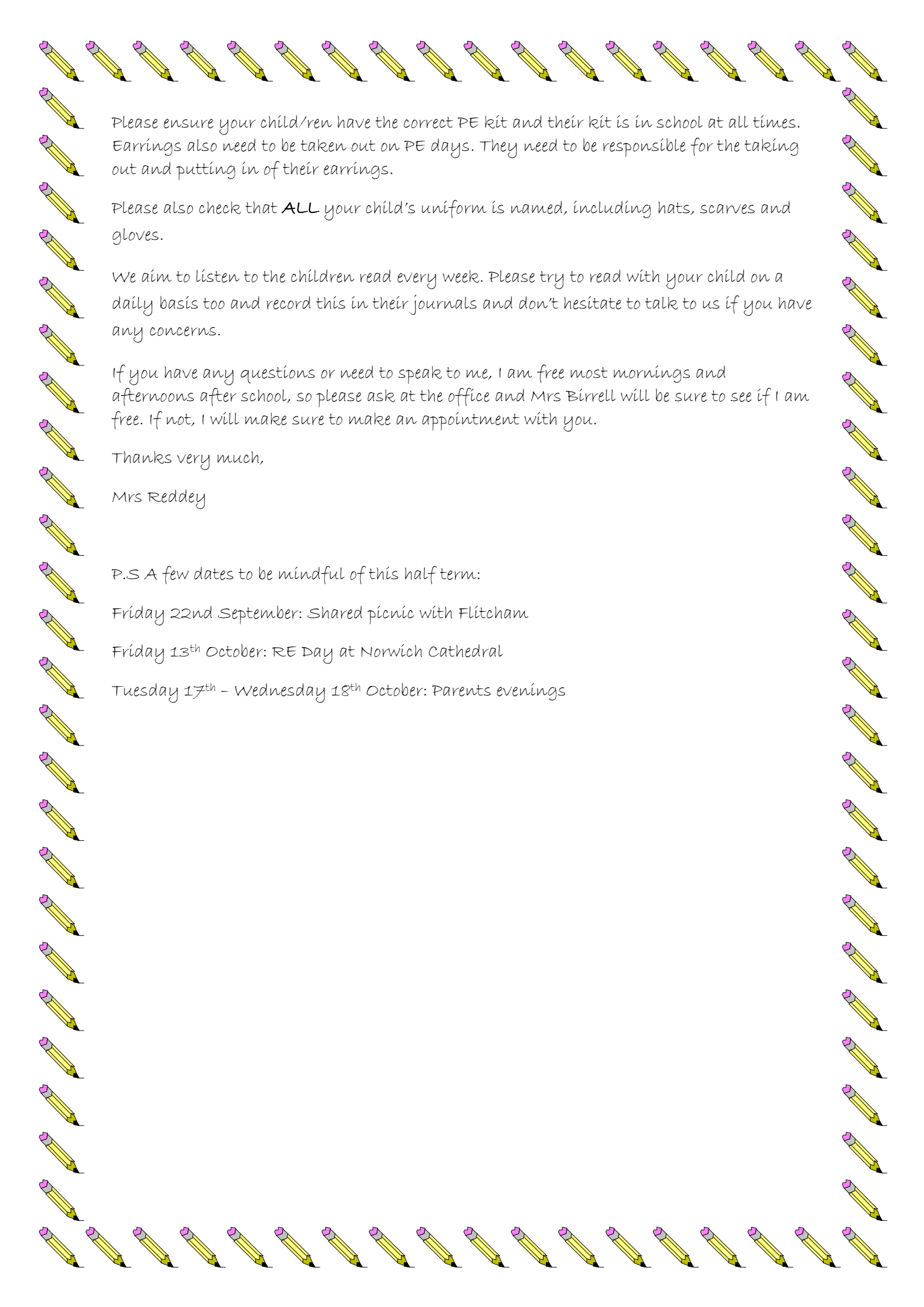
In KS2, we encourage the children to be as independent as possible. This includes working, knowing when to ask for help and also looking after their own belongings (including their reading journals).

They will have weekly spellings which will be tested every Friday. Literacy and Maths homework will also be set weekly - due in on a Monday and new homework given out on a Tuesday. There will be a half termly booklet with each Literacy and/or topic based homework for the children to complete and the date it needs completing by. Maths, unless included within the Literacy or topic homework tasks, will be separate.

Every child will have their own times table book, which they will carry out their test in and they will have the x-table that they are working on put into their books as and when they need it. Those children who have completed their tables will have mixed tables tests to carry on the practise. Having their own book is to encourage them to practise their tables. This will link to our times tables display and once they have learnt their table in order, they achieve 'bronze'. Then if they learn them in a random order, they achieve 'silver'. Lastly, they need to then learn the division for that table to then achieve 'gold'.

I will be using my bronze, silver and gold strategy with the Tackling Tables scheme we have in school too in order to enhance the children's knowledge and fluency with times tables. Please ensure your child/ren are actively practising these - It is a highly important set of skills needed within mathematics.

This term we will be travelling around the Americas which will then nicely link us into our Mayans. Our overall topic title will be The New World. Looking at the Americas also links us well to our Literacy topic which is focusing on the book 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio. I have a copy of this story in class but if your child would like to follow closely too, they are more than welcome to bring/get their own copy too.



Please ensure your child/ren have the correct PE kit and their kit is in school at all times. Earrings also need to be taken out on PE days. They need to be responsible for the taking out and putting in of their earrings.

Please also check that **ALL** your child's uniform is named, including hats, scarves and gloves.

We aim to listen to the children read every week. Please try to read with your child on a daily basis too and record this in their journals and don't hesitate to talk to us if you have any concerns.

If you have any questions or need to speak to me, I am free most mornings and afternoons after school, so please ask at the office and Mrs Birrell will be sure to see if I am free. If not, I will make sure to make an appointment with you.

Thanks very much,

Mrs Reddey

P.S A few dates to be mindful of this half term:

Friday 22nd September: Shared picnic with Flitcham

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: RE Day at Norwich Cathedral

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Parents evenings