

## Activities:

### Gardening

Jean our resident horticulturist has begun gardening with the students again this term. It is a great activity and the children really enjoy it. Our outdoor classroom provides great opportunity for cross-curricular learning.

The children will commence learning about growing plants in a polytunnel!

**Watch this space -:**



### Yoga

Clodagh is due to return this term to commence Yoga with the students.

Following from last year the children will have a little more experience this term.

### Swimming



Some classes have already started swimming in St. Gabriel's and the rest of the classes will begin swimming in the Woodlands in the coming weeks.

### Social Training

Social Training will continue this year for students. Class teachers will let you know re individual classes.

#### *School Uniform*

Please ensure your child is wearing their full Red Hill School uniform.

Items of clothing are clearly marked.

We are holding a fundraising **Clothes and Textile, Mobile phones & laptops** to raise funds for our school. Collection date is **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 @ 9:30 am**. Your donations are most welcome.

## Red Hill School, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick



## Newsletter September 2016 Issue 3

### **Welcome back to a new school year.**

On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our pupils. We hope that you all have had a restful summer and we look forward to a year where students enjoy learning. This newsletter outlines many important practices and contains relevant information for the school year 2016/17. (Please retain in a safe place)

A **BIG** welcome to the new staff joining us this year. I hope you enjoy your time with us at Red Hill School.



### **School / Home Communication**

We welcome all parents who wish to discuss their children's progress. Please ring the school secretary, Gráinne to make an appointment. We encourage use of the school communication copies for minor communication, including absences. We remind parents that the Education Welfare Act requires that if your child/children are absent from school you must notify the school in writing for the reason for absence when they return to school. All absences exceeding 20 school days in one year must be notified to the Education Welfare Board by the Principal.

We remind parents also that Red Hill School Board of Management has adopted the Department of Education and Science Guidelines in relation to Child Protection & Welfare. These guidelines promote the welfare of all children. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern we are obliged to report this to the local Health Board. They will assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child concerned.

**The teachers of Red Hill School will be implementing the 'Stay Safe' programme during the year.**

### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Mid-Term 31/10/2016 – 04/11/2016 inclusive**

**Christmas 23/12/2016 – 06/01/2017 inclusive**

Please note there will be an additional school closure in the first term. Date to be confirmed by the Department of Education and Skills.

School calendar is on our website.

[www.redhillschool.ie](http://www.redhillschool.ie)

### **MAPA (Management of Actual or Potential Aggression)**

#### **Parent Information Night**

A parent information night will be held here at the school on **Date to be confirmed.**

#### **Tuck Shop:**

The tuck shop has recommenced business this year. Both children and staff are still enjoying the treats on Fridays!

The students are getting a great opportunity to manage their money, and are getting very proficient using calculators and of course their mental maths.



#### **Serious Allergy**

Pupils in our school have a very serious **nut** allergy. No nut products are allowed in the school. Please check product content of cereal bars etc. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

#### **School Flags**

We will retain our Recycling and Energy Flags this year while working towards our Water Flag. We will also continue to work towards getting our Active Flag.

