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NEWSLETTER | **06 December 2018** | TERM 4 FINAL

From The Headmistress

Mrs Juliet Glover

Dear Parents

A school is always a reflection of its community and it is this spirit that draws teachers and families to Reddam House. This year I have been filled with admiration for the pursuits of our children in the different pillars of this remarkable school. Whether on the stage, the field or in the classroom, our children never fail to impress with their dedication, heart, confidence and determination.

Our cultural events and achievements this year have filled us with pride. Multiple music evenings show-cased our children's talent and confidence. The remarkable Art Exhibition which reflected each child's unique talent and our magnificent production of Mulan which showcased our children's talent in drama, music and dance.

On the sporting fields and in the pool, our children played with energy and commitment this year. A highlight for the water polo season was the U13 Girls' win in the final of the annual St Stithians Water Polo Tournament. The girls impressed me with their humility, team-work, respect and spirit as they held the name of Reddam House high. It is this spirit that makes Reddam House what it is.

Our children continue to thrive academically and are extended daily in the classroom. Events such as our Readathon week, the Science Expo, our Junior Preparatory projects and our visits from authors and speakers allow for academic extension.

During my short time at Reddam House, I have been graced with such kind support from so many remarkable people. Thank you to Mrs Crawford-Kempster, Mr Dave Clark and Mrs Michelle Faure. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mrs Paula Vorster for her unending support. Thank you, of course to Mr Vaugh Bond and Mrs Victoria Bennetts who work tirelessly to ensure that our school runs so effectively.

It is with much sadness that I take my leave of this special school. Thank you to an incredible team of teachers and staff for your kindness and grace. Thank you to our parents and of course, thank you to our wonderful children.

Year-end always brings sadness and joy. We are happy to be starting our holiday and we look forward to a new year when we will return to school with renewed energy and spirit. But it is also a time to say goodbye. We wish our wonderful Grade 7s so much love and luck as they start their high school journey and we wish the children who are leaving us every success at their new schools.

We also need to say goodbye to a number of very special teachers who will be leaving us to move to different places and new opportunities. We wish the following teachers well as they take their leave of the Reddam House family: Mrs McNaught; Mrs Maclear; Mrs Bearne; Mrs Rhode; Mrs Khani.; Ms Hanel; Mr Logan; Mr Grant Mackenzie.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday. Come back in January feeling renewed and refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of the New Year.

School closing times in 2019

Please note that there have been some very minor changes to school closing times in 2019. These times do not affect the sporting programme in any way. Please see changes below:

Junior Preparatory:

Wednesday pm closing time has changed from 14:30 to 14:00

Senior Preparatory:

Wednesday pm closing time has changed from 14:30 to 14:00

Friday pm closing time has changed from 13:30 to 13:00



Grade 4 & 5 JuniorWise
Robotics, Electronics, Coding and Engineering Club
Starts on Friday Feb 1, 2019



Click on the link below to book a place

<https://juniorwiseclub.wixsite.com/juniorwise>

Dates to Diarise – Term 1 2019

Wed 16 Jan	School Starts
Thurs 17 Jan	Grade 4 – 7 Parent Evening
Tues 22 Jan	Grade 1 Parent Evening
Wed 23 – Fri 25 Jan	Grade 5, 6 + 7 Camps
Thurs 24 Jan	Grade 2 + 3 Parent Meeting
Wed 6 Feb	Grade 7 Induction / 19h00
Mon 11 Feb	SP Interhouse Gala
Tues 12 Feb	Grade 8 Information Evening
Thurs 14 Feb	Civvies Day
Sat 2 March	Grade 7 Barn Dance
Tues 12 March	Barefoot Day
Fri 15 March	Camp Out
Tues 19 March	JP Art Expo

REMINDER WESTLAKE EMMANUEL EDUCARE SCHOOL

We would appreciate our families assisting us in the following charity drive to assist the **Westlake Emmanuel Educare School** on our doorstep. The acting principal of the school, Ms Hazel Albertus, would be most grateful if every week we assist with the supply of white and brown sliced bread loaves.

Every Tuesday this term each Grade will have a turn to supply bread. The bread must be taken to class and will then be delivered to this deserving school. Ms Albertus then freezes the bread to use daily until the fresh bread arrives the following week. It would be wonderful if you feel you would like to add a container of Peanut Butter, Marmite, Jam or Anchovette. We thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Grade 1	Tues 22 January	Grade 7	5 March
Grade 2	29 January	Grade 1	12 March
Grade 3	5 February	Grade 2	19 March
Grade 4	12 February	Grade 3	02 April
Grade 5	19 February	Grade 4	09 April
Grade 6	26 February	Grade 5	16 April

Reddam House Uniform Shop

Please be advised that during the week before school opens, the shop becomes exceptionally busy and often leads to customers becoming frustrated. We strongly advise you to make an attempt to purchase uniform items you may need during December.

DEC 2018 / JAN 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018 SHOP HOURS

- The shop will close at 16:00 on Wednesday 19 December 2018.
- The shop will be open as from Wednesday 2 January 2019, as per the shop school term hours above.
- During January 2019 the staff will take turns to have a lunch break between 13h30 so it is advised to shop outside of that time.

ADDITIONAL SATURDAY HOURS: SATURDAY 12 January 2019 from 09:00 – 13:00

Reddam House shop telephone number: 021-701 6677

2019 Extra-Mural Pottery Lessons

The school offers pottery lessons as an extra-mural after school. The lessons are taught by Tania Babb, an award winning ceramic artist whose items are sold both nationally and internationally. She has many years of experience in working with children and has taught ceramics at Reddam House for a number of years.

There are eight lessons per term; with one class on a Monday and two classes on a Wednesday. The term lessons for 2019 will run as follows:

Term 1	Monday, 21 January 2019 - Wednesday, 13 March 2019
Term 2	Monday, 1 April 2019 - Wednesday, 5 June 2019
Term 3	Monday, 15 July 2019 - Wednesday, 4 September 2019
Term 4	Monday, 9 September 2019 – Wednesday, 13 November 2019 Please note that the lessons for Term 4 start at the end of the Term 3 school calendar. This is to accommodate the November Examinations and early closing days.

Below please find detailed information regarding the pottery lessons that are offered by the school.

GRADE	DAY	TIMES	VENUE	ARRANGEMENTS
Gr 1 - 3	Monday	14:15 to 15:00	Mrs Appleby's Art Room Please bring your own art apron.	Grade 1 – 3 students will be fetched by Mrs Masters from the JP quad at 14:00. Please fetch your child promptly at 15:00 from the Art Dept.
Gr 1–3	Wednesday	14:15 to 15:00	Mrs Appleby's Art Room Please bring your own art apron.	Grade 1 – 3 students will be fetched by Mrs Masters from the JP quad at 14:00. As classes run back-to-back on a Wednesday. Please fetch your child promptly at 15:00 from the Art Dept.
Gr 4 - 7	Wednesday	15:00 to 16:00	Mrs Appleby's Art Room Please bring your own art apron.	Grade 4 – 7 students are to make their own way to the art room. There is a holding facility for students in Mrs Masters' classroom from 14:00 to 15:00.

- **The cost of these lessons will be R800 per term.** (There are 8 lessons per term.)
- Should you be interested in enrolling your child for lessons in Term 1 2019, please contact Tania Babb directly at: **Cellular number: 082 701 5648**

Art Department News

We are hosting two Art Exhibitions in 2019 with the focus on creating a more intimate atmosphere in which parents can view the artworks created by the students. The Grade 1 – 3 exhibition is scheduled for the 19 March 2019 and each student will have an artwork on display.

The Grade 4 – 7 exhibition will take place during the third term, on the 28 August 2019 and each student will have an artwork displayed. The focus of this exhibition will be on collaborative installations.

As the school has a busy calendar and there are many demands on the venues required for events, the above dates will be confirmed closer to the time. All parents will be most welcome to attend both exhibitions.

Art Department Request

The Art Department would also like to appeal to parents who buy magazines which are later discarded, to please donate these to the Art Department for use in mixed media artworks. The magazines would need to be age appropriate and we suggest gardening, travel and magazines about or for children.

We are also keen to collect 1 litre plastic yoghurt tubs. If you are available to help with the above, please email Mrs Masters in 2019 at: sharon.masters@reddam.house

Music Lessons 2019

To assist us with our planning, we ask that parents let their childrens' music teachers know whether they are continuing with lessons next year or stopping at the end of the year. It is NOT necessary for present students to fill in forms again for 2019. It will be assumed that they are continuing if no contact has been made with their teacher to indicate otherwise.

Only new students need apply for 2019.