



Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Striving Together To Be The Best We Can Be



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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of a term that has been much marked by Covid and I sit isolating at home, it strikes me how fortunate we truly are.

This term has seen staff and families pull together like never before and I couldn't be more grateful for the community we have around us living out our school's Christian scripture: *'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they're old they will not turn from it.'* Proverbs 22:6

From the wonderful response to my role at the Federation being made permanent; the support of our parents, FORs and governors; and the new books we were able to buy as a result of last year's book fair. My heart is filled with blessings and the children at our school are all the richer for your contributions to our work.

As always, we now start to look forward to what the next term will bring. We start back with a Wellbeing Week for children which will encourage them to find ways to look after their own mental health and give them tools for when it is not as good as it should be. In that week we also have the much anticipated World Book Day with its annual dressing up opportunity. Books can be such a wonderful escape for children and also a way to find themselves, what better way to support wellbeing? I hope too that you will embrace our sponsored read. This is going to be a wonderful springboard to encouraging children and families to read more at home together.

Next term also sees the start of Lent, the time leading up to Easter. We will be thinking about the theme of Justice in our worships and I look forward to sharing with you our Easter Service at the end of term. Spring is quietly now on its way and the sun is starting to peep through more as are the snowdrops. There is much to be optimistic about.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing everyone when we return.

With love

Natalie Frey
Executive Head Teacher

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Robin Class

This half term, Reception and Year 1 have been learning about Mr Gumpy's Outing and The Train Ride. We have acted out the stories, predicted what might happen next and have used adjectives and question marks in our writing. Reception have been learning the 'special friends' sh, ch, qu, nk, ng and th. I am so proud of the children's attitude to phonics and how they are applying their sounds in their writing!

Year 2 have been learning about The Tin Forest and have used adjectives to describe the characters, subordinating conjunctions to give reasoning to their ideas and have described the story setting.

In Science, we are learning all about plants and what they need to grow and stay healthy. We have described and tasted a range of fruits and have drawn and labelled a flower. We are caring for our outside area and have potted some bulbs ready to plant outside.

In Computing we have been coding using the Discovery Education website and in History we have learnt about the Great Fire of London. We sequenced the events, found out how people lived through the fire and what happened afterwards.

In Worship we have been thinking about the Ows, Wows and Nows that we have experienced in life and have talked about how these events make us feel and why.

I am so proud of all of the children and their fantastic attitude to learning – well done, Robins!

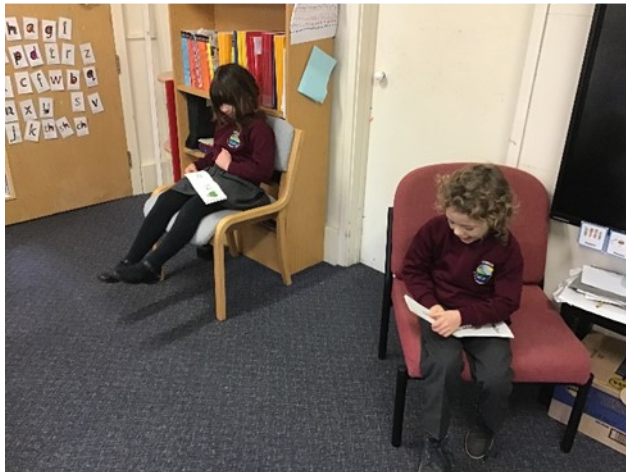
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Kingfisher



This half term, the Kingfishers have been learning to play the ukelele with a professional player - Robin Davis, from Gloucestershire music. We have learnt a variety of songs and chords to accompany them – We will record a final performance for you all to see nearer the end of our blocked sessions.

We have been developing our swimming skills and are swimming like mermaids, mermen and eels every Wednesday at the Lydney Leisure Centre. It's lovely to see the children's confidence and style develop each week.

In PE on land, we have been practising our gymnastic skills and have worked in teams to support others practising head stands and hand stands. Our cartwheels are coming on a treat too – along with our forward and backward rolls. We performed our skills to each other in groups and recorded them on video.



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Right: Ukelele lessons



Below: Cricket with
Ollie from
Gloucestershire
Cricket Board



FORS (Friends of Redbrook School)

We're roughly half way through the school year and so we wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the FORS team and all of the parents, carers and wider community who have supported our events to-date. Through cake sales, tea towel printing, a pop-up curry night, Autumn disco and Easy Fundraising we have raised over **£1,150** which is incredible! We have financially supported the school, helping with transport, decoration for a new library area, theatre drama workshop, classroom resources and advertising to help increase applications.

Our next FORS meeting will be held in the playground after school on **Friday 4 March**, please come along and get involved in our upcoming events!

Ruth Brown, our FORS Chair, will be standing down from the role at the end of this academic year. If you would like to bring some new and fresh energy to the FORS team, please do get in touch with Ruth at school or via mrsruthiebrown@googlemail.com and have a chat about how you could contribute to the team.

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Dates For Your Diary Feb 2022—April 2022

Dates subject to change—please check letters home and website for updates

Date	Event
Friday February 18th	Last day of term
Monday February 28th	INSET
Tuesday March 1st	First day of term
Thursday March 3rd	– World Book Day – children to dress up as their favourite book character
Friday March 4th	FORS meeting in playground after school
Wednesday and Thursday March 16th and 17th	Parents evenings
Monday and Tuesday April 4th to 5th	PGL trip for those Yr5 & 6 signed up
Friday April 8th	Last day of term
Monday April 25th	First day of term
Thursday April 28th	Sports for Skills - Olympic Athlete Visit

Llamau Charity

We will be collecting Easter Eggs after half term to support Llamau Charity. They will be given to young people in need in South Wales. We will send reminders nearer the time.