

Redbrook Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear All,

Welcome back to Term 4 and all the excitement that an improvement in the weather brings. It's getting noticeably lighter in the mornings and we have been lucky to enjoy some unseasonably warm and sunny days. I hope you all managed to enjoy some of the half term break, although for some of us the cross border mismatched half terms have been tricky to negotiate. There are some brave daffodils joining the snowdrops and life is just a bit brighter for it.

Our enquiry-led learning is driving forward this term, continuing our work to embed the 'states of being' and with some interesting questions to be delved into. If you feel that you are able to share any of your experiences, hobbies or passions we would love for you to come and be part of this term's learning. Just let the office or the class teacher know.

In collective worship this term we will be using the resources from the Church of England education team 'Shapes for living' to explore the period of Lent in the run up to Easter and then, due to the unusual dates for the Easter break, our church service at the end of the term will reflect on our learning about Lent with our Easter service being held in school following the break.

As part of the work that the Governors undertake we have been working to agree our vision and mission statement for the federation. In discussion with Diocese we have agreed that our mission statement is:

"Our federation is a safe place where we embrace and enjoy challenge, take ownership of our own learning, collaborate and support each other whilst striving to be the best we can be."

Included in this mission statement is our vision: **"Striving to be the best we can be"**. Both the mission statement and the vision apply to our whole community and we will be continuing to look for ways to work in partnership to support everyone in this endeavour.

We will be continuing our aim to become single-use plastic free. If anyone has time to support us with this, any help would be greatly appreciated. A fresh pair of eyes and new ideas are always most welcome.

In order to help our children **to be the best they can be**, it is important for them to attend school every day that it is open unless they are unwell. We really appreciate you getting your children here on time, every day. It makes a huge difference to both their learning and to setting up patterns of good school attendance for their continued school career. Thank you so much for your support with this, it means a lot to us.

Have a great weekend!

**Sarah Helm, Executive Head Teacher,
The Wye Forest Federation**

Falcons class



Our Enquiry Question is: **'How does music affect us?'**

We are going to be enjoying lots of listening to music, moving to music, singing, dancing, playing our own music, making our own music, making our own instruments and finding out about music from the past! Look out for a slip in your child's book bag which will ask about what kind of music your family like.

We were delighted that the children had such an active day on Tuesday. As always they loved soft play and the maths challenges they engaged in while we were there. They were very excited about swimming and were fabulous at the swimming pool. I'm sure they were very tired when they got home!

Mrs Frey

Kingfisher class



This term, Kingfisher Class will be conducting an enquiry to answer the challenge of 'Can I design a machine to help me?' or 'Can I engineer a solution to a problem?' They will be acting as engineers, conducting research, identifying problems and using their newly-found engineering skills to find a solution! We will be holding a 'Machines of the Future' expo at the end of the term so watch this space for more details later in the term. Their enquiry will uphold most of their English work and, in maths, we will be moving away from division and onto fractions.

The children will be looking into the Christian traditions of Easter and Pentecost this term, and we will continue to practise being linguists by learning about how French people celebrate at Easter time. Kingfishers will also be outside at the Forest School site every week this term, with an exciting variety of activities planned!

Mrs Jomain and Mrs Le Templier

On Tuesday afternoon Kingfisher class were blessed with gorgeous weather for their first Forest School session. They walked all the way to Forest School at Swan Pool Wood and spent an excellent afternoon exploring the woodland and stream before hiking all the way back. Parts of the journey took us on the road and we are raising their awareness of road safety as they walk. What a great opportunity for outdoor learning!

Mrs Blanch

Parents Evening will be on Thurs 21st March from 3.30-6.30pm

We will be booking ten minute appointments: the booking sheets are in the office or you can email us at **admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk** to let us know which time you would like.

New School Governor required

The Wye Forest Federation governing body are looking for a new parent governor to join our team and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a governor.



The role of a governor is vitally important to the smooth running of a school but does require some commitment to attend regular meetings in the evenings and also complete school visits during the day. If anyone feels that they have the time and is willing to commit to becoming a governor please contact the chair of governors at chair@wff.gloucs.sch.uk

Philip Hall

Job Opportunity at Redbrook School

We are looking for someone to help out at our friendly breakfast club and at lunchtimes. The hours are term time only, starting April 23rd.

7.45am—8.45am

11.45am—1pm



You will be subject to a DBS check.

Please provide a covering letter (or email) to Redbrook School office by Fri 8th March. Pay will be £8 / hr

admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk

Friends of Redbrook School (FORS) news

The next FORS meeting will be

Wednesday 20th March 7pm

in The Bell. All welcome. We will be discussing Easter raffle and school requests for funding.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Valentines cake sale. We made £47 which will buy Santa's gifts for all the children .

Watch out for news of the Easter raffle! Thank you!!!

Head Lice!



We have had reports of head lice at school. Please check your children for lice and treat if necessary!

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



It's Pancake Day at After School Club

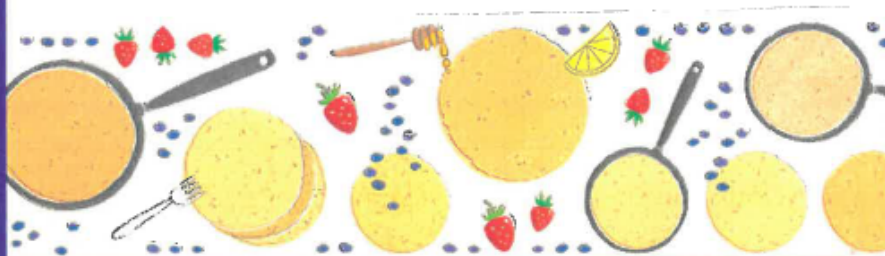


Join us on 5th March for
pancakes!

Half Session 3.15-4.30 £5

Full session 3.15-5.30 £10

Pancake races!



Shop for Redbrook School (FORS)

You may be doing a little shopping over the next few weeks, some of it online! If so, please shop via the Easyfundraising website as they donate a % to your chosen charity, which of course, will be Redbrook School.

It is easy to set up an account and your chosen charity - Redbrook School—at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

We have made £240 so far from it for doing nothing but shopping! Thank you.

Online Safety: Momo Challenge

It has come to our attention in school today that a small number of children have been discussing “Momo Challenge”.

We have contacted **Darren Peters**, the ‘Digital Harm Reduction Officer’ for Gloucestershire who has said this:

‘I understand that you are trying to get hold of me re the Momo Challenge - an alleged social media game that takes place on WhatsApp. **We are of the opinion that this is a hoax** akin to the Blue Whale challenge seen a couple of years ago.’

Understandably, parents and schools are becoming increasingly concerned due to the intense media coverage and the story being further fuelled by ‘YouTubers’. Unfortunately this has led to some individuals adding doctored videos to YouTube and YouTube for Kids which have then been spread across social media as “proof” that the challenge exists.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the need to discuss internet safety with their children to ensure they know not to add / talk to strangers and that usage is supervised. Many of the stories seen have involved young children (mostly between the ages of 6-9) who have used WhatsApp or come across videos whilst using YouTube, an app rated for 13 year olds and over, unsupervised. We are also aware that some doctored videos have been added to YouTube Kids but the platform is working to get these taken down. WhatsApp has an age limit of 16 years of age.’

There is more information here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>



Brass Instrument Tuition

Kerry Ford is an experienced brass player and teacher. Her instruments include trumpet, horn, cornet, baritone and trombone. She is offering music lessons of 20 minutes long either in small groups or individually.

Lessons cost from £3 (for a child in a group of 3) to £9 for an individual lesson. To find out more contact Kerry at:

kfordfamily@btinternet.com

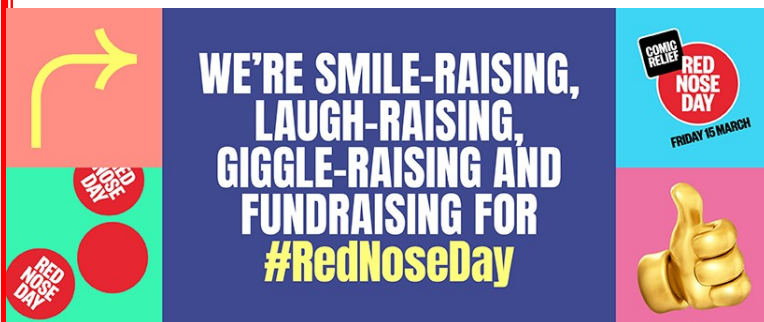
tel 01594 530 886, 0755 4540469

It is possible to hire instruments from www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk tel 01452 330300



World Book Day

We would like children to dress up for world book day this year. Using the theme of recycle, reuse and reduce we would like children to **make their own costumes** and **bring the book their chosen character is from**



Red Nose Day Friday March 15th

Please be advised that we will be holding a non-uniform day on Red Nose Day Friday 15th March. Donations will go to the Red Nose Charity. Children will be allowed to wear red and red noses if they have them.

New Website Address!

Our new website now has a user friendly address:

www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk

Class pages will be being updated in the coming weeks. Let us know if there is anything you would like to see that isn't there or have any other feedback.



Birthday Reminder!

Please remember that we do not distribute birthday cake. There are a number of reasons that we cannot distribute them including allergies/medical reasons. Birthdays are celebrated in our Celebration Worship on a Friday where children are given a sticker and are sung to.

If cakes are sent in, the office will hold onto them until home time when they can be given to the parent to distribute should they wish. Please remember this, we don't want children to be disappointed!

**Sarah Helm, Executive Head Teacher,
The Wye Forest Federation**



Term 4 - March / April 2019—Redbrook Primary School

Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	1/3/19		Progressive Sport: yoga and fitness
Monday	4/3/19		
Tuesday	5/3/19	Falcon Kingfisher	Soft play morning, Swimming afternoon Forest Schools in afternoon
Wednesday	6/3/19	Kingfisher	Trip to Renishaw 11am-3.45pm
Thursday	7/3/19	Whole School	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday	8/3/19		Progressive Sport: yoga and fitness
Monday	11/3/19		
Tuesday	12/3/19	Falcon Kingfisher	Soft play morning, Swimming afternoon Forest Schools in afternoon
Wednesday	13/3/19		
Thursday	14/3/19		
Friday	15/3/19	Whole School	Progressive Sport: yoga and fitness RED NOSE DAY
Monday	18/3/19		
Tuesday	19/3/19	Falcon Kingfisher	Soft play morning, Swimming afternoon Forest Schools in afternoon
Wednesday	20/3/19		
Thursday	21/3/19	Parents evening	3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Friday	22/3/19		
Monday	25/3/19		
Tuesday	26/3/19	Falcon Kingfisher	Soft play morning, Swimming afternoon Forest Schools in afternoon
Wednesday	27/3/19		
Thursday	28/3/19		
Friday	29/3/19		
Monday	1/4/19		
Tuesday	2/4/19	Falcon Kingfisher	Soft play morning, Swimming afternoon Forest Schools in afternoon
Wednesday	3/4/19		
Thursday	4/4/19		
Friday	5/4/19	LAST DAY OF TERM	
Tuesday	22/4/19	FIRST DAY OF TERM	