

# Redbrook C of E Primary School Newsletter

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**No. 68 13th September 2019**

**Dear All,**

It is lovely to welcome you all back after what has hopefully been a relaxing summer break, at least in part! We have made a great start to the term and our fabulous children have settled well into their new classes.

Our EYFS/Key stage one class is now to be known as 'Robin Class'. It is felt that this is a more appropriate name for our younger children to relate to as we regularly see robins around our school and they have previously nested in our outdoor space.

Our enquiries this term are:

Kingfisher (week 1-3): 'What makes Redbrook School special?'

Kingfisher (week 4-8): 'Where does the darkness come from?'

Robins (week 1-3): 'Who am I? What makes a good friend?'

Robins (week 4-8): 'What is my hat made of?'



If anyone feels that they would like to get involved with any of these enquiries we would love you help! Please contact the class teacher.

We already have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead and we will be starting our RHS Malvern Garden planning soon and would love you to be involved. The dates for our family workshops are in our calendar.

We are having a push on oracy this year and looking for greater opportunities to specifically embed these more prominently into our learning. Our initial foci are modelling grammatical correctness and always using full sentences. We believe that this will also support children in continuing to improve their writing.

Forest schools will be continuing across the year for all classes, keep a look out for the information.

We are delighted to welcome Sian Evans to our Redbrook team. Sian will be supporting in Kingfisher class.

We, as a staff team, would all like to thank you for your end of year gifts and cards. These are not expected or required but very thoughtful and much appreciated.

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

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## Kingfisher Class



What a wonderful start to the year for Kingfishers!

We have jumped straight into our first mini-enquiry ('What makes Redbrook School special?') and have begun our research so that we can create our own videos about life at Redbrook School.

During the first week we had a huge focus on the art of speaking and practiced our oracy skills through various games and challenges. The classroom was alive with quality conversation. This is an area we will be focusing on over the course of the year.

Most importantly, I'm delighted to report that the newly-formed Kingfisher Class have bonded beautifully, engaged in purposeful learning in teams and have laughed quite a lot! An excellent start to the year.

**Mrs Le Templier and Mrs Jomain**

## Robin Class



It has been an absolute joy to welcome the new children into the newly named Robin class over the last couple of weeks. They have settled quickly and our wonderful older children have made them welcome and looked after them admirably. Year 1 and Year 2 have clearly been demonstrating the title of our first enquiry of the term: 'What makes a good friend?'.

Our first forest school session on Tuesday involved us getting wet and just a little muddy whilst hunting for mini beasts - look out for the photos on the school website in the next day or two. Many slugs, woodlice, worms and millipedes were found and collected for closer inspection by our fearless group.

If you as parents would like to support us with one or two forest school sessions over the course of the term, please do not hesitate to have a chat with me *[they are great fun!—from Anna]*. We would love to welcome you along - welly boots are must!

**Mrs Frey**

## News from the office...

Welcome back everyone!

**Parentpay**—apologies if you have not been able to pay for school lunches etc, I was waiting for an IT update which has now happened and so it should all be working fine. Please let me know if you have any problems. I have not had time to update Parentpay for this week and last week yet, it will be done next Monday. For those new parents, I will be sending you out emails with Parentpay activation codes next week: it is really important that you sign up as we also use it for consent and payment for trips as well as lunch and club payments.

**E-schools**—this is our school communication system. I will be sending new parents activation codes next week—please do sign up for this. You will receive email from the school via e-schools. If I refer to an 'attachment' you will find it by clicking on the link at the bottom of the email.

**Milk**—If you would like your child to receive milk, please ensure you register with Cool Milk to enable you to make payment for this ([www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com))

### Seeing teachers

If you need to talk to a teacher at any length, please don't do it first thing in the morning! It can slow up the whole class start to the day. We can book a time for you to see the teacher later or I can ask them to call you later in the day. **Thank you for your understanding with this!**

### Office hours

If you need to speak to me, I am always in Mondays-Fridays from **8.30am—10.45am**. I'm also in for longer on some days, so you will see me at other times! My timetable is on the board above my desk in the office.

**Anna Oliver, Admin Assistant**

## Uniform Labelling

**PLEASE** label all items of school uniform with your child's name/initials. It is important that we can identify whose uniform is whose and the best way is through name labelling. This does not need fancy sewn in labels, I find a sharpie pen does a fab job or even using a ball point pen will last for a considerable time. Uniform is expensive and easily lost if not identifiable, please help us by labelling. Thank you!

## RHS Malvern Spring Festival 2020 Schools Garden Challenge

### **Theme: Wonders of the World**

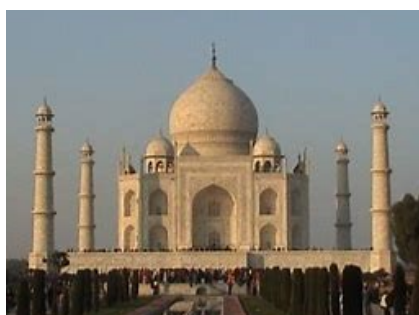
Our challenge is: What is the Wye Forest Federation Wonder of the World?

Please bring your garden design ideas along to our workshop on

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30 – 4.30pm, St Briavels School Hall**



The success of our entries over the last 2 years has been down to the wonderful support that we have had from families and our wider community! If you would like to be involved in any way, please get in touch with Mr Gazzard. We can't wait to see your ideas Everyone welcome!



### **Secondary Schools—Year 6 (and interested Year 5's)**

Just to remind all of those parents of Year 6 children (and year 5 if interested) that open evenings / open days are coming up soon for all the local secondary schools. Most of them will have open evenings and also open days where children can try things out / have a good look round. The grammar schools in Gloucester will also be having open evenings: they have earlier application deadlines so please contact them directly if you are interested.

**Please confirm dates and times with the schools concerned. You will need to check with the schools if you are in catchment area for them.**

Five Acres High Open evening 17th September 01594 832263	Dean Academy Open day and evening 19th/20th Sept 01594 843202
Forest High Open evening Sept 24th 01594 822 257	Monmouth Comprehensive Open evening 26th Sept 01600 775177
Dene Magna Open evening 26th Sept 01594 542370	Wyedean Open evening 3rd October 01291 625340

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## Wraparound Care

Welcome back everyone!

For all our new pupils here are our hours (and for old pupils. Here is a reminder!):

**Breakfast Club runs from 7.45-8.45am** and costs £3.50. Denise provides lovely breakfasts, a great way to start the day!

**Afterschool club** runs as follows:

**Mondays:** Sports club (free, runs until **4.15pm**) and then  
Afterschool runs a half session until **5.30pm** (cost £5)

**Tues-Thurs:** Afterschool club: this costs **£5 until 4.30pm or £10 until 5.30pm**.  
Afterschool club runs a range of activities throughout the year, which include cooking, games, sewing, painting, gardening, outdoor games.

**Friday:** 'Stay and Play' club until **4.15pm** (this is free), and no afterschool club after that. In a few weeks Miss Southgate will be running an art club instead of Stay and Play —watch this space!

Please make sure you collect promptly by 5.30pm (4.15 on Fridays), there is a late payment fee of £5 per child if children are collected late.

## Uniform

We have a collection of old uniform which has been donated to us by previous parents—if you need any uniform please come and have a look through it. It is in the office and we ask for donations to school funds for anything taken.

The lovely new logo is on new uniform, we have a box in the office of samples if you want to try out sizes before you order. You can order online through: <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/redbrook>

We currently have some book bags available for sale—first come first served. They cost £5 and are available from the office.



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09/09/19

Dear Parent/Carer

Operation Encompass is a new innovative project in which schools in Gloucestershire will be participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with one of the Education Researchers within the Gloucestershire MASH, who will then on behalf of the police communicate relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each school has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our DSLs in school who are Sarah Helm and Mrs Frey at Redbrook, and Sarah Helm and Mrs Kilty at St Briavels.

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Yours,

*Sarah Helm*  
*Executive Head Teacher*

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## Autumn Term 2019 — Redbrook Primary School

*Please check website for updates!*

Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	16/9/19	Kingfisher	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	17/9/19	Robins	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	18/9/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	19/9/19	Select children	Piano lessons
Friday	20/9/19		
Monday	23/9/19	Kingfisher	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	24/9/19	Robins	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	25/9/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	26/9/19	Select children	Piano lessons
Friday	27/9/19		
Monday	30/9/19	Kingfisher	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	1/10/19	Robins	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	2/10/19	Whole school Robin & Kingfisher	Individual school photos PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	3/10/19	Whole School Select children	School census day! Piano lessons
Friday	4/10/19		
Monday	7/10/19	Kingfisher	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	8/10/19	Selected children tbc Robins	Flu immunisation Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	9/10/19		
Thursday	10/10/19	Select children	Piano lessons
Friday	11/10/19		
Saturday	12/10/12		Harvest and messy church—Redbrook church

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Monday	14/10/19	Kingfisher	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	15/10/19	Robin	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	16/10/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	17/10/19		
Friday	18/10/19		
Monday	21/10/19	Kingfisher	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	22/10/19	Robin	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	23/10/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	24/10/19		
Friday	25/10/19	LAST DAY OF TERM	LAST DAY OF TERM
Half Term 28th October -1st November			
Monday	4/11/19	FIRST DAY OF TERM Kingfisher	FIRST DAY OF TERM Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Tuesday	5/11/19	Robin	Forest Schools—bring kit in!
Wednesday	6/11/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	7/11/19	Year 6	Bikeability—pls make sure bikes in school!
Friday	8/11/19	Year 6	Bikeability—pls make sure bikes in school!

Dates subject to change—please check on [www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk](http://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk) and watch out for letters home!

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