

# Redbrook C of E Primary School Newsletter

*Striving Together To Be The Best We Can Be*



**No. 73 11th September 2020**

Dear All,

Well done on another week of following the guidance and trying to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for bearing with us. Our children have, once again, been fabulous and are into the swing of things with lots of learning going on and meeting our behaviour expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. Smart walking in the corridors is helping us stay safe and all is calm in the school.

We had planned our 'meet your child's teacher' evenings for the week beginning 16.11.20. We are considering our options should the guidance remain as it is. For these meetings we will offer a telephone appointment, an email or where either of these options are not suitable, a socially distanced meeting. This is just to let you know that we will still be finding ways to feedback to you (and you to us) despite the challenges of Covid-19.

We are looking for parents who would like to volunteer to replace our outgoing chair and treasurer of our 'Friends of Redbrook School' FORS. If you are interested please let us know. The Friends do invaluable fundraising to support the school in providing much needed funds to enrich our experience. Please join!

Thanks for your patience regarding information on the planned PGL trip. Our new date is now not able to happen due to the restrictions in place. We are in touch with the company and hopefully will be able to rearrange for next summer. This is with the hope that restrictions may allow this to take place then. We will keep you updated as we receive any further information.

I'd like to thank you all for your vigilance over your child's health and for adhering to the guidance to keep us all as safe as possible, it is much appreciated- you superstars!

Happy Weekend!

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

## Whole Federation Zoom Session

There will be a Zoom session for all parents on the 22nd of September at 6:30 lasting 40 mins. It will focus on the enquiry curriculum. If you cannot attend it will be recorded and put on the website. Meeting details will be emailed out on Monday 22nd.

**David Le Templier**

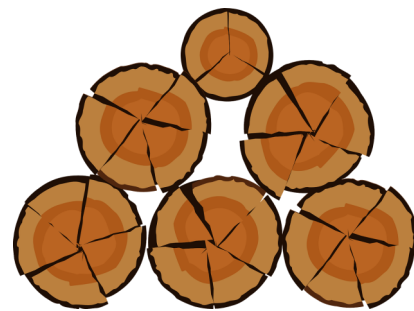
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## Logs for sale!

We are hugely grateful to FORs who paid for the very large silver birch to be removed from our outdoor area during the summer holidays. The decision to remove the tree wasn't taken lightly but the difference it has made is just wonderful. We now have a much lighter, cleaner and spacious area for the infants to play and learn in outdoors and our classroom has benefited from more natural light too.



You may have all noticed the large pile of logs left behind from the tree removal and lots of you have asked what we plan to do with them. These are ours to sell and I would like to give any funds we make from the logs back to FORs as we have a couple of projects we would like some help with in the coming months (more news of these later in the term).

Mal Madhurasinghe has kindly offered to come and split the larger logs for us and then they will all be put into piles. Each pile will have a price on. If you would like to buy a pile, we will be selling them after the FORs AGM on Monday 21st September. If you have bags for the logs, bring them along, if not we will have a few for you to use.



## Violin Lessons

At Redbrook, we are super excited to be all have been given the opportunity to learn the violin this term. Both Kingfisher and Robins class will be starting socially distanced violin lessons on Tuesday 22nd September! The violins won't be coming home but I'm hoping you will get an opportunity to hear the children playing at the end of our course!

## Here We Are - Notes for Living on Planet Earth - Oliver Jeffers

The whole federation have started back to school sharing the same book in every class. Oliver Jeffers wrote and illustrated this book to explain the world to his new born son. It is beautiful. We are using it to explore many areas of learning including science, English and PSHE. The work the children are producing from it is already exciting and we look forward to sharing this work with you via our class pages on the website and next news letter.

## New Children

We would like to welcome all of the new children who started with us at Redbrook last week. Zara, Jasmine and Saffron, Gwen and Tommy and Francesc, you have all settled wonderfully and hope you're enjoying getting to know us too. Thank you to our families who has been so welcoming on the playground and making everyone feel part of our Redbrook community.

**Mrs Frey**

## **FORS news (Friends of Redbrook Primary School)**

Friends of Redbrook School - the PTA of the school - will hold their AGM On **Monday 21st September** at the end of school at 3.15pm in the Churchyard (as PE will be taking place in the playground.) It will be a socially distanced AGM of course, very informal and we would love to see as many families represented as possible- whether you able to stand for a vacancy or not - just come along and support. We will share how funds have been spent this past year and look at ideas for this coming year.

**We will confirm this nearer the time once we have checked that new COVID regulations allow this.**

The following vacancies are available for anyone interested in being involved with fundraising and supporting the school with their activities:

- Vacancy 1 - Alex Dixon is standing down as chair.
- Vacancy 2 - Su Madurasinghe is standing down as secretary.
- Emma Evans continues as treasurer.

If you wish to know anymore about the roles please do not hesitate to ask Alex or Su. Contact us via the school email initially and then we can arrange to meet up.

All parents are automatically members of FORS, school is too wee to survive otherwise! And we appreciate all the support parents give to the events during the year. Thank you!

**Su Madurasinghe**



A great big THANK YOU to **Alex Dixon** and **Su Madurasinghe** for their sterling work for FORS over the years, you are much appreciated and will be much missed! THANK YOU!

## **Treasure Hunting News!**

Congratulations to Noah for his discovery of a strange rock he found in the Monnow river, with carved writing on it. A former British Museum expert identified it as a Tibetan Buddhist 'mani' stone, possibly brought here in Victorian times. Those of you who would like to know more about it can see an article in the latest Monmouth Beacon (who we would like to thank for use of the photo). Suffice to say Noah will be carry on pursuing his treasure hunting hobby!



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## COVID

In order for us to keep everyone at school safe, if your child has COVID symptoms, please:

- Let school know **exactly when** their symptoms started (esp if over a weekend)
- Keep the child off school
- Arrange to have them tested as soon as possible
- Let us know the test results as soon as they come in

If anyone else in your family has symptoms please let us know and follow government guidelines re: isolating. The whole family needs to stay at home, more information can be found online at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

...or search 'gov stay at home guidance'. Make sure you are following the advice for your country (ie England or Wales) as they may differ.

The main symptoms are: **a high temperature** , and/OR **a new, continuous cough** and/OR **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** .

We appreciate your help!

## VIDEO WARNING

*"Gloucestershire Police are aware of a video circulating on TikTok and other platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat which shows a male taking his own life. For parents' awareness, the still of this video is an image of a male with a beard, sat at a desk. Whilst social media platforms have removed the original video, it has been widely re-shared and some users are embedding the video within others to trick other users into watching it.*

*We would like to remind parents that most social media apps, including Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, are not suitable for people under the age of 13 due to the nature of some of the content shared on these platforms, including this video. We would also urge individuals to report any harmful content they come across on social media to the provider."*

**Gloucestershire Safeguarding in Education**

Another **Thank YOU**—this time to **Newland Parish Council**, who gave Redbrook school a grant of £500 to help us through the Covid-19 crisis. We really appreciate it, thank you.



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Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	14/09/20	Whole School	PE in afternoon Afterschool PE club to 4.15pm
Tuesday	15/09/20		
Wednesday	16/09/20		
Thursday	17/09/20		
Friday	18/09/20		
Monday	21/09/20	Whole School	PE in afternoon Afterschool PE club to 4.15pm
Tuesday	22/09/20	Whole school <b>Yr 6</b> FORS AGM <b>Whole Federation</b>	Flu immunisations 9am-11am <b>Bikeability—remember your bicycle!</b> 3.15pm— tbc <b>Zoom meeting 6.30pm re: Enquiry curriculum— details to follow</b>
Wednesday	23/09/20	Yr 6	Bikeability—remember your bicycle!
Thursday	24/09/20		
Friday	25/09/20		
Monday	28/09/20	Whole School	PE in afternoon Afterschool PE club to 4.15pm
Tuesday	29/09/20		
Wednesday	30/09/20	Whole School Whole School	Individual school photos 2pm Virtual Harvest Festival
Thursday	1/10/20		
Friday	2/10/20		
Monday	5/10/20	Whole School	PE in afternoon Afterschool PE club to 4.15pm
Tuesday	6/10/20		
Wednesday	7/10/20		
Thursday	8/10/20		
Friday	9/10/20		

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Monday	12/10/20	Whole School	PE in afternoon Afterschool PE club to 4.15pm
Tuesday	13/10/20		
Wednesday	14/10/20		
Thursday	15/10/20	PGL	PGL years 4 & 5—POSTPONED—details to follow
Friday	16/10/20	PGL	PGL years 4 & 5—POSTPONED—details to follow
Monday	19/10/20	Whole School	PE afternoon Afterschool PE club to 4.15pm
Tuesday	20/10/20		
Wednesday	21/10/20		
Thursday	22/10/20		
Friday	23/10/20		
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/11/20</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday	3/11/20		

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