

Redbrook Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear All,

Happy New Year and welcome back to term three. I hope you are all refreshed following the Christmas break. We are raring to go with our next fabulous term of learning. We are working on exciting plans for trips, visits and possible visitors to help us answer our learning enquiry questions.

The Learning Enquiry Question for Redbrook is '**Is Anybody Out There?**' If you feel you are able to be involved with any of the learning on offer through your own expertise or interests we would love you to let us know and come and share our journey. Please speak to the office or your child's class teacher.

This term, in order to get the most from our learning we are beginning to use the idea of 'states of being' to support our work. This means putting ourselves into the position of being an author when writing, being an athlete when practicing physical skills. The aim of this is for our children to use and develop the implicit skills, dispositions and curiosity required to think, for example, as Historians, Scientists, Mathematicians or Philosophers and to actively experience the curriculum in different ways with the ultimate purpose of being able to answer our initial enquiry. This is the first step in the continuous development of our curriculum across the Wye Forest Federation and there will be further information over the year as we work towards embedding and refining our approach.

We are continuing to ensure our children understand the importance of our Christian Values in helping us live and work well as both a school community and in the wider world. This term we shall be focusing on 'Respect' which is also expanded as one of the DfE Fundamental British Values, 'Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'. In Collective Worship we will be thinking about how our actions have an effect on our own rights and those of others. We will be looking at why respect is shown to everyone (whatever differences we may have) and to everything, big or small.

May I take this opportunity to apologise profusely for the continued delay to launching our new website. I appreciate this may have caused difficulties in accessing up to date, relevant information. I should have news for you, with a hotly anticipated launch date, in the next couple of weeks. Thanks for your patience as we endeavor to get it absolutely right.

Just to say 'Thank you' to the many people who bought Christmas gifts for our staff. It is very kind and much appreciated but never expected. Christmas is an expensive enough time when thinking of gifts for your own families and we are humbled by your generosity. The joy we get from seeing your children learn, progress and succeed is reward in itself.

Kind regards

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

Kingfisher class



Happy New Year from Kingfisher Class!

We have kick-started the term with our new enquiry, 'Is Anybody Out There?'. We have transformed our classroom into a space extravaganza ready to learn about all things Earth, space and the unknown.

This term we will be introducing an optional jigsaw termly homework based on our learning in school to create opportunities for the children to further enhance their learning and enthusiasm! This is an optional extra on top of the expected reading 3x per week and timetables practice. We will also be asking children to complete a spelling exercise based on the spelling string they'll be learning that week. We will not be testing spellings as there is ample research and evidence to suggest that this has no impact, however, we will be encouraging the children to apply learned letter strings to their writing.

Mrs Le Templier

Falcons class



We are very excited about our new topic '**Is Anybody Out There?**' We have already made mini rockets, created pictures of space on the computers, and found out lots of facts about the first moon landing.

This term we will be introducing communication books for all children in Falcon class, if you need to pass on a message to Mrs Frey please pop it in this book. We will also send messages home via this book so please check it regularly.

For our homework this term there will be phonics or spelling sent weekly for all children. Please could you hear your child read five times a week. Reading at home as well as in school is extremely important.

Happy New Year!

Mrs Frey

Breakfast Club / After School Club new charges

The new price for Breakfast Club is £3.50, this started at the beginning of this term on Jan 7th.

After School Club will continue to operate at £5 / child until 4.30pm and £10 per child until 5.30pm.

Please pay on Parent Pay.

Breakfast Club £3.50

After school club £5/£10

Monday Sport and Friday Sport Club sessions until 4.15pm will continue to be free of charge.

Thank you for your continued support.

Uniform / Logo

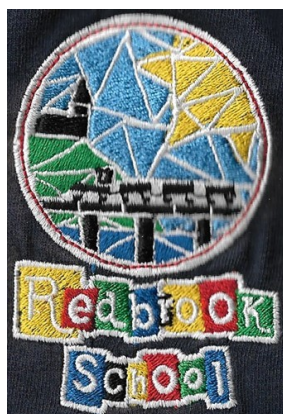
We will no longer be using School Trends due to their recent poor customer service. As a result we are looking at finding a new uniform supplier. Our original logo is proving tricky to get embroidered because of the high levels of detail, so we want to ask what you think of the old /proposed new logos. If any of you are graphic designers and could help us with a new logo we would appreciate it!

If you have any thoughts or suggestions please email: admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk.

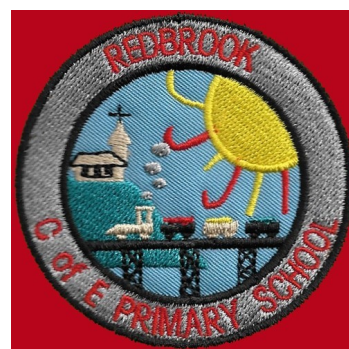
We will also be asking you in the playground as well.



Original logo



Current logo



Possible logo?

PE & After School Clubs

Monday:

Sports club on Monday will continue with Mr Powell.

Tuesday:

Kingfisher Class Swimming

Friday:

Please note that our PE day has changed: both classes will now be doing PE on a Friday afternoon.



Please ensure children have their kit in school for this lesson.

We are introducing a second free sports club on a Friday after school. This will replace the after school club on Friday which was run by Mrs Frey.



New Toddler Group at Redbrook!

Sian Van Loo is running a toddler group in Redbrook on Thursdays during term time, running from 10-11.30 am in Redbrook Church for anyone with toddlers or pre-school children. Please tell your friends!
There will be a charge of £3 per family.



Thursdays 10-11.30am

Redbrook Church

WEEK 1

**HAND PAINTING, WATER
PLAY MUSIC SACKS**

WEEK 2

**MAKE PLAYDOUGH
PORRIDGE PLAY
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

WEEK 3

**GLOOP
SAND PLAY
SCARF DANCING**

WEEK 4

**RAINBOW SPAGHETTI
PASTA PLAY
MUSIC & MOVEMENT**

WEEK 5

**MAKE SHAKERS
JELLY PLAY
MAKE YOUR OWN
MUSIC**

THANK YOU!

Staff and children would like to say thank you to FORS and everyone who helped run the Christmas Fayre, particularly getting prizes and selling tickets for the raffle which raised a huge amount of money which is funding the school's new iPads.

We really appreciate all the effort you all made, thank you!



Friends of Redbrook School

Thank you from FORS to everyone who supported the Christmas fayre, either on the day or by buying and selling raffle tickets.

We raised a brilliant



£450!!!



This will go towards the cost of the new iPads.

Wraparound Care

Happy New year to everyone from After School and Breakfast Clubs! We are enjoying seeing you all again after the break!

Marie, Denise and Hilary

Apply for a primary or infant school place **DEADLINE 15th JANUARY 2019**

If you have a young child due to start school in September 2019, you must remember to apply for a school place! You can do it online here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

Timetable: From November 2018..	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place. If you are a Gloucestershire resident and you still have not received a letter by December 2018 please contact coordinated admissions
From 5 November 2018 to 15 January 2019	Online application facility open
Tuesday 15 January 2019	Closing date for all applications

Term 3 - January 2019

Redbrook Primary School



Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	11/1/19	Whole school	Progressive Sport: fencing and archery
Monday	14/1/19		
Tuesday	15/1/19	Kingfisher	Swimming in the afternoon
Wednesday	16/1/19		
Thursday	17/1/19	Toddler Group in Redbrook Church	10-11.30am
Friday	18/1/19	Kingfisher Whole school	Knex Challenge morning Progressive Sport: fencing and archery
Monday	21/1/19		
Tuesday	22/1/19	Kingfisher	Swimming in the afternoon
Wednesday	23/1/19		
Thursday	24/1/19		
Friday	25/1/19	Whole school	Progressive Sport: fencing and archery
Monday	28/1/19		
Tuesday	29/1/19	Kingfisher	Swimming in the afternoon
Wednesday	30/1/19		
Thursday	31/1/19		
Friday	1/2/19	Whole school	Progressive Sport: fencing and archery
Monday	4/2/19		
Tuesday	5/2/19	Kingfisher	Swimming in the afternoon
Wednesday	6/2/19		
Thursday	7/2/19		
Friday	8/2/19		
Monday	11/2/19		
Tuesday	12/2/19	Kingfisher	Swimming in the afternoon
Wednesday	13/2/19		
Thursday	14/2/19		
Friday	15/2/19	Whole school	Progressive Sport: fencing and archery End of term
Monday	25/2/19	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Tuesday	26/2/19	Whole school	BACK TO SCHOOL

St Briavels Toddler Group

This is held on a Tuesday in the school hall. From January it will move to the new time of

Tuesdays 9am—11am