

# Redbrook Primary School

## Newsletter



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### Dear Parents/Carers,

Dear All,

Things have mostly managed to return to normal following the snow, although some of it still persists and is refusing to melt!

At the present time we are experiencing some challenges with resources across both our school offices with our staff organization. However, we are doing what we can to cover this. Our Bursar is currently still out of the School and is not due to return until after the Easter break. Therefore, any questions that would normally be directed to the Bursar can be directed to Mrs Crellin in the meantime.

I must apologise for any problems that have occurred with parentpay, specifically if you had problems ordering and paying for lunches as a result of the snow days disruption. It is always useful if you let us know there is a problem then we are able to address it and, hopefully, fix it, straight away. Thank you to those parents who have helped keep us informed of glitches. We are working to ensure all items payable are clearly labelled and refunds are issued as required! I am aware that this can be frustrating but we are grateful for your ongoing patience and support.

This week in collective worship I talked to the children about 'Fundamental British Values'. These are values that we are statutorily required to be taught in primary school and according to Ofsted, they are:

democracy.

the rule of law.

individual liberty.

mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

These fit well with our School Christian Values of Courage, Justice, Forgiveness, Truthfulness, Trust and Friendship and will be discussed as part of our school life.

On the note of democracy, our school council are bravely stepping up and leading Collective Worship this coming Monday in order to inform the school of way they feel playtimes can be improved and what they would like people to do to help. I am looking forward to reporting on this and the impact next week.

I have now been at the federation for seven months. This time seems to have flown by but I have managed to do a lot of 'finding out' about how things are currently working and where we are both as individual schools, and as a federation. This has enabled the team and I to begin to look at what we need to do to be even better. The next steps in this process will be to inform you, the wider community of both aspects, what we know and what we are going to do next. I am going to hold an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting to enable as many as you to attend as possible. This is planned for the week of 30<sup>th</sup> April. We will send out letters with reply slips closer to the time and the proposed dates will be confirmed in the next newsletter. It will be great to share and consult on our planned journey with you as we look forward to being even better.

**Sarah Helm**

**Executive Head teacher**

**The Wye Forest Federation**

## Cake Sale



The school council have decided to hold a school cake sale on Wednesday 28th March. Children will be baking some cakes at school but we need to ask parents to bake cakes also. Cakes will be from 50p each and sold to the children at 3pm and parents after school.

## Friends of Redbrook School PTA

Our next meeting will be Thursday 15th March at The Bell at 6:30pm. Please do come along and join us.

## Dates for your diary:

### Science Day

Tuesday 13th March

### Parents Evening

21 March 3:30-5pm

22 March 3:30 –6pm

### Experience Easter

Wednesday 28th March—time TBC

### Easter Holiday Dates

Term Ends Thursday 29th March

Monday 16th April—INSET DAY

Return Tuesday 17th April

### Parents Meeting—What we know and where we're going

Friday 4th May 3:15pm

## Minibus

Our school minibus has failed its MOT and requires some work. We hope that the work will be completed within the next week, but in the meantime, we apologise for any disruption caused as a result of certain activities being cancelled/postponed.

## Job Opportunity

We have an opportunity for an Afterschool club play assistant to join our team at St Briavels. The club runs on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:10pm-5:30pm.

Should you be interested in applying, please contact the school office.



## Attendance and Punctuality

The local authority has noticed in checking our registers that there is a significant issue with both absence and lateness and they will be helping us to make improvements over the next few months. We would ask parents to please ensure that their children arrive on time for school and attend every day the school is open unless they are ill and then to please follow the sickness absence policy. Thank you for your support with this. #everychildeveryday

## Sports Xtra at Redbrook

Sports Xtra are delighted to announce that they will be offering a holiday camp provision on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th April the first week of the Easter holiday and the Monday 16th April the inset day. Days will run from 9am- 4.30pm. Flexible drop offs and pick up within these times. Activities available are a Football camp, where children will work on there skills and take part in daily matches and tournaments. Also a multi activity provision based indoors with some outdoor sessions weather permitting consisting of a range of activities including spy and adventure as well as a range of sports. Both activities will run side by side and your child will be able to change groups as they please. Please bring a packed lunch with a sports bottle for refilling.



Early bird Prices will be £18.00 per day or all 4 days at £60.00 (daily price of just £15.00)expiring midnight on the 20th March. Prices after this date will be £21.00 per day or £70.00 for the 4 days. The 16th April Inset day prices are £18.00 upto 20th March and £21.00 afterwards. Bookings are now open online at [www.sports-xtra.com](http://www.sports-xtra.com) any questions about these days please email Matt Davis from Sports Xtra directly on [Matthew.davis@sports-xtra.com](mailto:Matthew.davis@sports-xtra.com) and he will respond accordingly.