

Redbrook C of E Primary School Newsletter

Striving to be the Best we can Be



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Dear All,

This has been a fast and furious term with lots of fabulous learning taking place across the school. It has been amazing to watch our reception children, become part of our school team so readily. I am delighted with our year six children being so supportive of our younger children and showing what great role models they can be.

Our enquiries have proved a hit this term and our children have embraced them with curiosity and vigour, really trying hard to find answers to our 'big questions', often generating further questions requiring some deep thinking. I know classes have been thinking ahead to next term's enquiries and 'wondering' about the questions posed. If you have expertise that may help answer any of our enquiry questions coming up in term 2 (or may indeed prompt more!) please let us know as we'd love you to come and be involved in expanding our thinking. Please see the next page for our learning enquiries.

FORS have been working amazingly hard to continue providing much needed financial support and I'd like to thank them all for everything they are doing and to all of you for supporting the events and contributing so generously. This additional support goes a long way to helping us continue to provide opportunities and resources that we would not otherwise be available to us.

We are currently finalising our Drugs and Alcohol policy and we will let you know when this is uploaded to the website. The key message outlined in this policy that I need to ensure you are specifically aware of, is that drugs, including alcohol are not allowed on the school premises during school hours. I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping all our children safe.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Nicky Lloyd Bussell, our new School Business Manager. Please do drop into the office after half term to say hello!

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

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Kingfisher Class

Our learning enquiry next term will be:

'What is beneath my feet?' looking at geology.

We will be using a book called 'The Pebble In My Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady.



Mrs Le Templier and Mrs Jomain

Robin Class

We have had a wonderful term together and everyone has enjoyed settling into new routines in Robin class. We'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Morse for leading us in forest school this term. We will let you know our new arrangements as soon as we can.

Next term our new learning enquiry will be: **'Who are the great explorers?'**

We will be learning about Sir Walter Raleigh and Ranulph Fiennes and some of their adventures! Have a restful half term!



Mrs Frey



Important News: Egg Allergy!

After the half term break we are delighted to have a new child joining our school in Robin class. This child has a severe egg allergy and in order to ensure we keep him safe we are making everyone aware.

We will be making sure all children in the school are aware of the actions we need to take to ensure the child's safety, this will include thorough handwashing and careful monitoring.

We will need to make sure that children keep any food or other products containing egg away from the child and follow good hygiene routines after eating as well as before. We really appreciate your support in keeping all children in our school safe. If you have any questions please ask the teachers.

Thank you!

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Autumn Cake Sale

FORS – raising funds for school activities

Donations of autumn themed cakes
welcomed.

Where: School playground

When: Friday 25th October

Time: 3.10pm



Art Club

Miss Southgate, our apprentice TA, has been doing some great work with Art Club. It's been a great success and very popular: they have been making pots, painting jars for tea lights, and doing paintings. Please note next terms art clubs will be restricted to ten children at a time, groups by key stage, first come first served, see sessions on calendar.



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From Susan Young: Chair of Governors

I would like to introduce myself as the new chair of governors. I have been involved in education for the whole of my career – first as a teacher in primary and secondary schools and then as a university lecturer involved in the training of primary teachers and lecturing in education. I retired a few years ago, but I still work freelance as a mentor, trainer, author and presenter.

I used to be a governor first for St Briavels, then Redbrook and St Briavels when they federated, acting as chair of governors for 4 years. I then went to another local school that needed special support as a short-term governor. And now I'm delighted to be back! I have always been very interested in children's learning, particularly creative and imaginative learning, music education and learning through play. (Google me and you'll find the stuff I've written.)

Being chair of governors is a voluntary role, but it is a key role in the school because the chair not only leads the team of governors, but works closely with the headteacher. I am very committed to working hard to create as good and enjoyable an education for our children as we can. Partnership is essential – parents, staff, governors – all working together and pulling in the same positive directions with the same aim in mind.

Susan Young

Forest Schools

Both classes have been having a great time at Forest Schools. At our last session with Mrs Morse, one of the activities was to make 'Bobbets': forest creatures made out of mud. Here is a superb example made by one group, we will be uploading more to the website soon. The other photo is of the football made last week and still surviving this week!

Sadly Mrs Morse will not be doing Forest Schools with us again next term as she has increased family commitments. We will miss her and hope she comes back soon! Thank you Mrs Morse! We will keep you informed about our future arrangements for Forest Schools.



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Harvest Festival and Messy Church at Redbrook

We had a lovely community gathering on Saturday 12th October for our Messy Church and Harvest Service. Children had a go at apple bobbing, bracelet making, sensory plate making and made grape vines by walking in paint. Thank you to everyone that came along!



Daily Mile

On Friday we took part in a 'Gloucestershire Record' of the most children taking part in Daily Mile in one day. Although it was a very soggy day, we managed to get out long enough to complete the challenge.



Primary School Applications for 2020

If your child was born between **1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016** they can start school in the school year starting 1st September 2020. You need to apply for a place by 15th January 2020.

The school are having an **open morning on Tuesday November 12th**. Call the office on **01600 713501** ffi.

To find out more and apply go to:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/>

Road Closures

Please note there are resurfacing works on Horsepool Lane to Hart-Hill (the B4228) due to happen

6th to 15th November from 0700 to 1900

To find out more look at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/county-resurfacing-works/>

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Winter Term 2019 — Redbrook Primary School

Please check website for updates!



Day	Date	Class	Event
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	FIRST DAY OF TERM Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	5/11/19		
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 KS2 10 places only KS1	Bikeability—pls make sure bikes in school! Art Club until 4pm Stay and Play until 4.15pm
Monday	11/11/19		Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	12/11/19		
Wednesday	13/11/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	14/11/19		
Friday	15/11/19	KS2 10 places only KS1	Art Club until 4pm Stay and Play until 4.15pm
Monday	18/11/19		Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	19/11/19		
Wednesday	20/11/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	21/11/19		
Friday	22/11/19	Robins KS2 10 places only KS1	Panto in Chepstow Art Club until 4pm Stay and Play until 4.15pm

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Monday	25/11/19		Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	26/11/19		
Wednesday	27/11/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	28/11/19		
Friday	29/11/19	KS1 10 places only KS2	Art Club until 4pm Stay and Play until 4.15pm
Monday	2/12/19		Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	3/12/19		
Wednesday	4/12/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	5/12/19		
Friday	6/12/19	KS1 10 places only KS2	Art Club until 4pm Stay and Play until 4.15pm
Monday	9/12/19		Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	10/12/19		
Wednesday	11/12/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	12/12/19		
Friday	13/12/19	KS1 10 places only KS2	Art Club until 4pm Stay and Play until 4.15pm
Monday	16/12/19		Sports club until 4.15pm
Tuesday	17/12/19		
Wednesday	18/12/19	Robin & Kingfisher	PE: have your kit in school!
Thursday	19/12/19		
Friday	20/12/19	LAST DAY OF TERM	LAST DAY OF TERM No after school club
Monday	6/1/19	FIRST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM

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