

Redbrook C of E Primary School Newsletter

Striving Together To Be The Best We Can Be



No. 75, 18th December 2020

Dear All,

Well done for making it to the end of the year. We have managed to stay safe and well and hopefully this will remain so over the Christmas period. We have thrown ourselves into Christmas celebrations safely at school, although not the usual way, it has, nonetheless, been an enjoyable time as we have prepared throughout the advent period. Thank you to everyone who has supported, contributed, helped out, cheered us on. It has been a challenge but with the support of our fabulous community we have retained a rhythm and routine that has enabled us to immerse ourselves in our learning. Everyone is ready for a well-earned break so we can come back refreshed and ready for whatever the new year brings.

Our nativity has been such a joy and we are delighted to have been involved in such a fabulous production. We are sharing the publicity far and wide, not only because we are immensely proud of this achievement and our school but also in the hope that we may reach other families who would love to come and join us for the uniqueness of what we are able to offer.

Our interim Inclusion leader, Tanya Haigh, has come to the end of her contract working with us. We have really appreciated her expertise and positive impact. We wish her well in her future endeavours. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Amy Davis (Inclusion leader) in January, she will be working across both schools.

It remains for me to wish all of our children, staff, families, community friends and supporters a very Happy Christmas. Stay safe and we all very much look forward to welcoming you all back on January 4th 2021.

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

Primary School Applications for 2021

If your child was born between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017** they can start school in the school year starting 1st September 2021. You need to apply for a place by 15th January 2020.

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

Please pass this on to anyone you know who may be interested! Thank you!



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All the children made Christingles and we had a small outdoor service this Tuesday.



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Art Angel Nativity

Many thanks to Mari Hutchings for initiating the wonderful Art Angel Nativity and including some of our Redbrook children. We were delighted to be involved.



The publicity generated (did you see us on BBC breakfast?! Did you read about us in Gloucestershire Live and Monmouth Beacon?!) has come at a crucial time for the school, when we need to encourage more children to apply for places in reception next year, so many thanks for that.

Mark Bick has done sterling work on preparing the video, Ruth Brown made the costumes, and Helen Blanch helped a lot and prompted us to get involved in the beginning. Thank you all of you, I shed a tear when watching it on the TV.

The film will be on Youtube from the 23rd after it has premiered in Redbrook Church. We will be sending you the link as soon as we get it—keep an eye on our facebook page.



Thank you to **Janet Hughes** for her coverage of the nativity in Gloucestershire Live:

[Tiny Gloucestershire school with 29 pupils thinks big for nativity - Gloucestershire Live](https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/gloucester-news/gloucestershires-second-smallest-school-thinks-4791204)

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We have been humbled by your generosity in sending cards and kind gifts for the staff team. There is never any expectation or obligation to send cards or buy gifts and we thank you so much. We love teaching your children and we are grateful we have such fantastic support from our parent community. Thank you all!

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COVID Holiday Communication

Please contact the school at:

covid@wff.gloucs.sch.uk

up until end of 20th December if your child / children test positive within 48 hours of last being in school even if symptoms are not shown.

Between 21st and 24th December please contact

COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Tel 01452 426015

After that if anyone in your family has symptoms please contact NHS track and trace.

Parents must then follow tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

No other email addresses will be monitored from Friday 18th December 2020 3pm to Monday 4th January 2021 8.30am

PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TERM TIME CLOSURES

In the event that we have to close the school the school website will be updated. We will also send out an email via eschools to all families and post on facebook. The status of the school will be shown on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

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

Sarah Helm

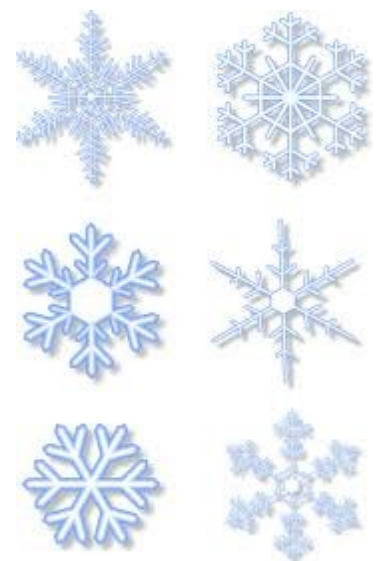
Executive Head Teacher

Bad Weather Term Time Closures

In the event of bad weather the school closure will be put on the GCC website as above and the school website.

We will also e-mail all parents via e-schools, and put it on our Facebook page as quickly as we can. Please can you all help out by letting other parents know as soon as you find out. Please bear in mind the decision may not be made until early in the morning - we will let you all know as soon as we can but please check the Gloucestershire website before you phone us.

If we have to close in the middle of the day we will use email and Facebook - if you could all help with spreading the word that would be a great help as we may not reach everyone by email.



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Angel Hunt!

Deb Orriss, Pioneer Evangelist, Gloucester and Forest Centre of Mission, is organising an Angel Hunt (no, not a Bear Hunt!)

During December there will be some knitted angels hiding in the shops in Coleford for you to find. There will be prizes for whoever finds the most, and look out for the Angel Record Sheet .

Happy Hunting!



Primary Times

We usually send out a copy of Primary Times to all families before the holidays. Due to COVID the next print issue will not be out until February Half Term. In the meantime there is plenty of information on their website:

www.primarytimes.co.uk



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TERM DATES For January—April 2021

First day of term	Monday January 4th 2021
INSET day	Friday February 12th
Half term	Mon 15th-Fri 19th Feb
Term starts	Monday 22nd Feb 2021
Good Friday Bank Holiday	April 2nd
Easter Holidays	Monday 5th—Friday 16th April
First day of term	Monday 19th April

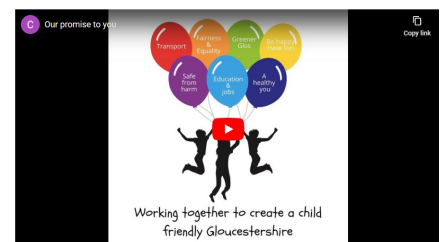


Child Friendly Gloucestershire

On Monday 7 December 2020, the leaders of Gloucestershire launched the county's first Children's Coalition. The aim is simple: to create a single vision which builds a brighter future for the county's young people.

To find out more watch their video at:

<https://youtu.be/vo6l4L2SR5M>



The Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Revd Rachel Treweek, is planning an event to hear the thoughts, views and feelings of as many young people as possible, in and around Gloucestershire. To help the conversation, she would love young people to tell her in one sentence what worries or concerns them. She would also like to know what makes them really happy

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