

# Redbrook Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter October 22

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### Letter from Mrs Frey

Dear Families,

Our school has long had the support of FORS (Friends of Redbrook School) which has been run by our parent body for many years raising valuable funds to benefit and enrich the learning experiences of our children. Over the past few years, they have subsidised and funded trips, bought us a laptop trolley for our new set of laptops and paid for visiting theatre groups to name but a few things.

We have been hugely blessed that the baton for overseeing FORS has been passed on through our parents and in recent years, it has been chaired by Ruth Brown with support from a core group of other parents including Ruth Morrison who is their treasurer. This team, has worked hard to put on raffles, cake sales and an extremely popular pop-up curry night to raise funds for school as well as offer an autumn disco to the children and art activities at Christmas. It is because of their determination that FORS has kept going despite the challenges of Covid and two years of lockdowns and I can't thank them enough for this.

The time has now come to hold our FORS AGM and to invite as many of you as possible to come and join us in the church on Thursday 3rd November at 2:45pm for a cuppa and a chat. We would like to look at a different way to run FORS moving forwards as Ruth now feels it is time for her to pass the baton on and we hope you can join us to hear about our plans going forwards. Every family who attends Redbrook is part of FORS and we now hope you will join us so that FORS can continue to bring diverse experiences for our children.

Of course, I would like to thank Ruth for her unstinting support over the past few years. She has truly nurtured FORS over an extremely difficult period and continued to find ways to raise money for our small school. It is equally wonderful, that I know she will still be on hand to be part of the team too. Thank you Ruth!

Finally, as we head into half term, I want to wish you all a good break. Autumn is upon us and whether you are going away, staying at home or juggling work and child care next week, I hope you can take some time to enjoy the season with your families. In the words of Winnie the Pooh, "It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolately mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and best of all, leaping into leaves!" Pooh's Grand Adventure.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey



## Robin Class



We have had a fun and busy half term in Robins! The year one children have settled back into school with ease and have been fantastic role models for our new reception children. Thank you, year one! Reception have settled very well into school and are so keen to discover and find out more everyday. I am very proud of them all and their fantastic attitude to learning!

During this half term, Reception have been looking at the core text 'The Lion Inside'. They have talked about how the story makes them feel, traced words from the text and created their own lion pictures, complete with a tissue paper mane! Reception have now learnt 18 new sounds - they are so excited for their phonics session each day and are starting to make words using magnetic letters.

Year one have recently been exploring the key text 'Wild'. They have been learning about 'bossy verbs' and have put these into practice by writing a set of instructions for if a new child were to start in our class. In Maths, they have been looking at addition and subtraction to 10, using number lines, manipulatives and whiteboards to help them.

Robins have been making the most of the lovely weather this half term and have been outside lots, on the trikes and in our outdoor area. They have had fun digging, playing in the mud kitchen and in the sandpit.

The children thoroughly enjoyed practising the songs and prayers for our Harvest Festival, which was a joy to watch.

After half term, we will be starting 'stay and play sessions' for children starting school in September 2023. These will run every Friday morning and will be a great opportunity for children to get to know the classroom, adults and other children who they will be going to school with. If you know anyone who may be interested, please do ask them to contact the office. It will be lovely to welcome some new faces to our school!

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes, Claire



**Kingfisher Class**



## Viney Hill Activities

Kingfishers had a marvellous time at Viney Hill on their teambuilding activities day doing climbing, balancing and ropework.





### Jubilee Celebrations

Redbrook Children were invited to a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration, where they learnt about the history of Redbrook, had their designs for a plaque displayed and helped plant a commemorative tree. Many thanks to Alan Purvis and the village for inviting us to take part.





## Open Morning

We have an open morning on Tuesday November 22nd (9.30-11.30) for anyone who is looking for a school for children starting reception in September 2023. Please pass this onto anyone know who might be interested. Timeslots need to be booked through the office at [admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Year 6 Apply to Secondary Schools

If you live in Gloucestershire please note that the closing date for secondary school applications is approaching: 31 October 2022. You can find out more information here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school/>

If you need a paper form to fill in please ask in the office.

If you live in Monmouthshire the deadline is 23rd November, here is more information:

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school/>

## Covid Vaccines for 5-17 year olds

COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
- Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)

\*children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

\*\*people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital ([www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#).

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).

## Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

- Friday 21st October - last day of term
- Monday 31st October - first day of term
- Tuesday 8th November Parent / Carer Evening
- Thursday 10th November Parent / Carer Evening
- Thursday 10th November - KS1 Panto trip
- Tuesday/Weds/Thurs 15th/16th/17th November Jamies Farm days - details tbc
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need
- Monday 21st November - School Photos
- Tuesday November 22nd - Open morning for prospective reception children - contact office to book a place
- Wednesday 23rd November Flu Immunisations
- Thursday 8th December - Nativity
- Monday 12th December - KS2 Panto trip
- Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch

- Thursday 15th December - Christingle
- Friday 16th December - last day of term
- Tuesday 3rd January - INSET
- Wednesday 4th January - first day of term

## Term Dates 2022-2023

There is a downloadable version of this on our website at:

[https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term\\_dates/363933](https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933)

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	