



## Headteacher Update

22.10.21

Dear Parents,

I hope you all received and read our latest Newsletter yesterday. You will find in there class updates, dates and my end of term letter to you all.

I wanted to end term though with an update with more important information you need as parents going into the next term.

### Staffing

This week we are very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Shera. She has only been with us a short time but due to changing circumstances she is unfortunately unable to stay with us. We have loved having Miss Shera with us and thank her for all of her hard work with Robin class this term. I am though delighted to announce that Miss Claire Marfell will be joining us after half term to take Robin class for the rest of the academic year. Miss Marfell has met the children who were in today and I look forward to you all getting to know her. Please give her a very warm Redbrook welcome on our first day back.

I am keenly aware of the disruption that Robin class have suffered over the past few months and apologise for a further change in staffing. I know this hasn't been ideal for the children or you but am hopeful that we can now look forward to a more settled period of time as we move on.

Mrs Helm continues to be off sick and we now know this will be for an extended period which takes us until 31.3.22. We of course send her our love and best wishes. The governors have asked that I continue to lead the federation as Acting Executive Headteacher during this period of time. They have also recognised that whilst I continue to work as Acting Headteacher, we need to replace my Deputy Head role. I am pleased to announce that Ms Amy Davis has been asked to step up into this role which has been designed to strengthen leadership across both schools. Ms Davis will be spreading her time across both Redbrook and St Briavels. She will be at Redbrook on a Monday and Friday whilst I will continue to be with you on a Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any worries or concerns, please do speak to either of us. We are happy to help.

### Uniform

Thank you everyone who has ensured their children are coming in wearing the correct uniform. Our day to day uniform is looking smart and we have many more children in the school PE kit.

As a reminder about our PE kit, children should be wearing

- the school PE t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt
- a pair of black shorts and/ or a pair of plain (no logos please) black joggers.
- They will need to wear a pair of trainers too. These do not need to be a specific colour but must be suitable to do PE in.

One thing I have noticed is that we still have a plethora of sweatshirts being worn into school on PE days. Please can I remind you that children should wear their **school jumper or cardigan over the top of their PE t-shirt**. This will help our children look as smart on PE days as they do in their daily uniform.

### **Attendance and Covid 19**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us to keep our school community as safe as possible. Many of you have had to take children for PCR tests this term as colds and viruses that are not Covid related have gone through the school.

As you will all be aware we have had a small number of Covid cases this term but I consider us very fortunate that these have been isolated and grateful the spread continues to be limited.

Attendance at school is of course a priority for our children as every missed day is missed learning. The school office is knowledgeable about Covid procedures (which keep changing) and will be happy to advise you if you are unsure as whether to send your child into school or not. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Events**

We have a few events coming up at school that you may want to put in your diary:

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Appointments for Parents Evening can be made with the school office after half term.

At present, we still intend to hold face to face meetings with you on these dates. However, we are monitoring the Covid situation closely and the government guidelines. Should circumstances change, we will let you know with as much notice as possible.

If you do not feel comfortable coming into school for a meeting, please let the office know and we will arrange a telephone call or Zoom meeting with you instead.

**New to Reception September 2022 Open Mornings:** Thursday 18th November

If you know anyone who would like to apply for a place in our Reception class for next September, please do share this date on with them. A visit will need to be booked through the office.

**Children in Need:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Children are welcome to wear spots or non-school uniform to school on this day for a small donation. All donations will be given to Children in Need.

All arrangements for Christmas events will be sent out after half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Kindest regards

Natalie Frey