

# Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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## Letter from Mrs Frey

Dear Families,

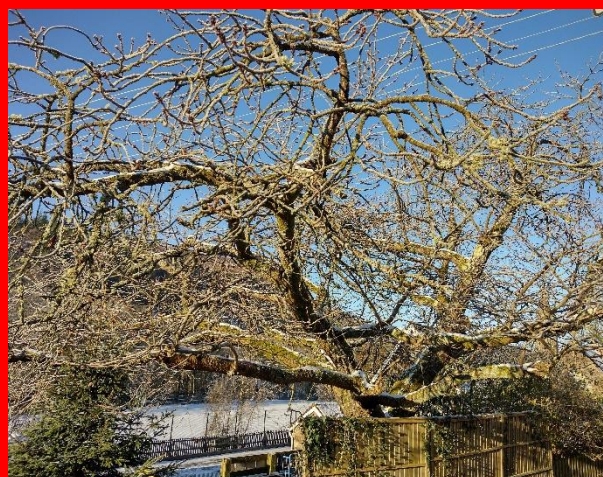
I can't quite believe that we have come to the end of the first term and that Christmas is almost upon us. There has been so much wonderful work going on at Redbrook this term and it has been super to see the children are flourishing in their learning and their care for themselves and one another. We are so blessed to have Mrs Evans our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistance) TA who works with children to explore their feelings and when life gets challenging, she gives them a space to talk and explore what is happening. She has made a huge difference to many children over the past term and we are hugely grateful to her for all she does.

We have also loved welcoming you all into school for a number of events as the term has progressed. We started the year with welcome meetings in each class, then our harvest festival, a parents evening for Robin's and a meet the teacher event for Kingfisher's and of course our Christmas performance. Later this week, I hope that you will also be able to join us for our Christingle service. I know this is a particular favourite of staff, children and families as it prepares us for Christmas in such a beautiful way in our local church.

As the children break up, I hope that you are all able to spend some time together as a family. Christmas can be difficult for some and whilst many of us celebrate joyfully, others find the time of year overwhelming. However you choose to spend the next couple of weeks, please know that you are all held in my thoughts and prayers and that I look forward to seeing you all again at the beginning of January ready to embrace a new term together.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey



## Robin Class



This has been a very fun and busy half term for Robin Class, with lots going on!

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring the text Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin, a twist on the traditional tale. They have used conjunctions, common nouns & proper nouns in their writing, predicted what might happen next and are beginning to write their own versions of the story! Reception have been looking at 'People Who Help Us' - Vets and Paramedics. They have enjoyed practising their number and letter formation & making groups of objects outside with natural resources.

We had a visit from Darren, Mrs Evans husband, to talk about his role as a paramedic. The children were very excited to walk out onto the playground afterwards to see a 'real life' ambulance! They had a look inside and sat in the drivers seat (please see photos attached).

Robins enjoyed a trip to Drill Hall in Chepstow to see a performance of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school.

We are looking forward to all the Christmas festivities ahead - the Nativity, Christingle, Christmas dinner at The Bell to name a few!

I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas break & a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Claire Marfell









## Kingfisher Class



Kingfishers have worked very hard this half term and as a result, earned a well-deserved treat; Art Day! We focused on the artist 'Jackson Pollock', exploring abstract expressionism through flicking, splatting and generally getting a bit messy with paint. They created their own fantastic representations of Jackson Pollock's work, thoroughly enjoying themselves. Well done, Kingfishers.









## Open Morning

In November we had a very successful open morning for prospective parents of Reception children with more families than ever showing interest in sending their children to Redbrook.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please do let them know about us - we are always happy to show people round. We also have spaces available in other years and offer flexi-schooling. People can contact us at [admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk) or call the office on 01600 713501.

**Thank you!**



**We'd like to say a great big THANK YOU! to Nick Till at The Bell Inn for providing a lovely Christmas Dinner for all the staff and pupils of Redbrook. Many thanks, we all had a lovely time!**

## Fundraising Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children In Need day - we raised £55, well done!

We also raised a further £35.50 on the Christmas Jumper day, this was for Save the Children. Well done everyone!

## Lilly's Fundraising

Lilly held a fundraising fair at Redbrook Village Hall to raise money for Ronald McDonald Houses. These offer parents places to stay near hospitals while their children are in hospital. Lilly raised an amazing £730! Well done!



## National Online Safety

National Online Safety has a range of guides for parents about keeping children safe online, including information about specific apps (eg TikTok) and also more general topics such as "social media and mental health". You can find out more here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

## Forest Foodbank



The Forest Foodbank will be closed for Christmas from Friday 23rd December 2022 and will reopen again on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

If you need a food parcel between 27th and 30th December please contact Emma at the Salvation Army 07551855712.

## Dates for your diaries

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

- Friday 16th December - last day of term
- Tuesday 3rd January - INSET
- Wednesday 4th January - first day of term
- Friday February 3rd - maths morning
- Friday 17th February - last day of term
- Monday 27th February - first day of term

We update key dates on our website. Next term we have been promised that the website calendar will work through an app so you should be able to see dates on your mobile as well as through a laptop / PC. We will let you know as soon as this is available.

# 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	

## Snow Snow Snow!

We had some interesting trails in the snow on the playground this week! See if you can work out what they belong to. May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a well earned break!

Anna Oliver

Admin Team





