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Term 2

News from Redfield Edge

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Guinea Pigs 1st Christmas

Hazel Class (Yr1) have made sure their new arrivals have been fed and watered, and exercised regularly. They were also delighted to see that they each received a Christmas present. Happy Christmas Shadow and Buttons.

Winter Garden

Thank you to Helen Luff who volunteered to tidy the school garden ready for the winter.

Love to read

Holly Class (YrR) parents were given free books and support from the teachers and family link worker to help foster a love of books in their children.

Oak Class (Yr6) Project

Oak Class applied all of their literacy and numeracy skills as well as skills of team work, imagination and ingenuity to their Christmas Fayre project. Together the teams made **£486 profit** and are well on the way to raising the money needed to go to London to see the West End show Matilda.

Pupil Premium Funding

Did you knowif you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below **you could raise £1300 Pupil Premium for the school** simply by signing a piece of paper. Contact the school for details.

Income support

Income based jobseekers allowance

Income related employment and support allowance

Child tax credit with an income less than £16K

Working tax credit

Universal Credit

☺ Interesting fact ☺

Of the 16000 schools in England where pupils took KS2 SATs in 2014 only 693 saw all their pupils achieve Level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths. Redfield Edge was one of those schools. (Source BBC News)

The Eco School *Dream Team*

The team organised a roadshow visit from the SORT it! recycling team who work on behalf of South Glos. The aim was to encourage more people to recycle their food waste from home. **Did you know.....** Residents are now allowed to use plastic bags to line their food recycling boxes.

The Infant Nativity

The 2014 show was the most ambitious and most successful to date. A big thank you must go to Miss Lewis who coordinated the production. The singing was wonderful, the actors great, the Head Teacher smarter than any real Head Teacher would ever be! And the angels and sheep were amazing; definitely the best yet.

Violin and Cello Performance

Beech Class (Yr4) gave their first whole class music performance in front of the whole school and parents too. (Photos on the website soon) Thanks to the music hub they have made great progress with these challenging instruments. Three pupils from Maple showed what can be achieved after a whole year of practice.

Term 2 visits and visitors

Willow (Yr3) - Cheddar Gorge
Maple (Yr5) - Clifton Cathedral Christmas Carol Concert (On BBC radio)
Holly, Hazel and Pine - Dick Whittington at The Hippodrome.
Rev Halsted- Assembly
Jan Hawkins – Assembly
Willow and Oak- S.Glos road safety team-workshops

BOOK @ BEDTIME

As usual this event was very well supported with over 100 pupils turning up in PJs clutching favourite fluffy toys and in one case the biggest Teddy ever, to hear stories read by the teachers. The **Book Fayre** also raised £349 for the school to buy books.

Harvest Collection

The collection raised £69-71 which the school donated to Julian House, the local charity for homeless people.

The Christmas Fayre

As usual the 'Friends' event was very well attended and raised £1318. Many thanks to all those people who helped out on the night and the following day as well.

Bag2school

Thank you for all your donations.

New mobile? New number?

If your child is ill we need to contact you quickly. Please provide us with up to date numbers. You will also be able to **receive TEXT updates.**

T3 newsletter out in February

***** Happy Christmas *****

*****Pupils return on Monday 5th January*****





OFSTED style survey 2014

Thank you to all those parents who completed the recent OFSTED style survey. There were 60 returns. The results were overwhelmingly positive with a larger percentage of people indicating 'strongly agree' than in the 2012 and 2013 surveys. The comments were especially helpful, enabling the school to identify areas for improvement.

A few comments highlighted a concern regarding **traffic outside the school**. The school action plan 2014-2015 has an element on travel to and from school. A **travel working party** consisting of parents, governors, staff and local residents has been set up and will be holding an action planning meeting early in January. If you would like to be involved with the action group please phone the school and ask to speak to Lisa Robinson.

Following the survey **class assembly dates** will now appear on the **website** and on the **diary of events** which goes out at the beginning of each term. This will give parents and carers who wish to attend the assemblies plenty of time to make the appropriate arrangements.

We have had a number of technical issues with our website over the last two months. We have worked hard with the South Gloucestershire technical support team and our website provider to iron out these problems. The school improvement plan 2014-2015 also has an element to improve the teaching of computing. We also hope to introduce **class blogging** later in the year via the **class pages on the website**. This should improve the regularity that those particular web pages are updated.

The school governing body is still working hard to get **the school field** fenced off. No action was permitted until the village green application had been rejected at a hearing. We have also had to apply to have the public right of way across the field moved. It is my understanding that the council has now agreed the change of right of way in principle. We will continue to work towards getting a fence. In the meantime the field has been **fully risk assessed** for use by pupils and I am pleased to say we have had no issues of security regarding the field.

Governor News

2014 has seen some significant changes in the governor team. We will launch into 2015 with a stable team focused on driving improvement and strategy. As part of new government legislation all governing bodies are required to reconstitute by Sept 2015. What does that mean? The process instructs the governing body to shape itself based on key roles, tasks and strategy. It also allows you to recruit based on skill requirements and needs. Reconstitution will help the governing body support school improvement and strategy more effectively. We are also working with the Alliance (Six local schools working together) looking at opportunities to share best practice and resources.

Community issues are also a key focus. Currently we have open projects on road safety and fencing the field.

If you have any ideas or questions for the governing body please submit to me via the school office.

Simon Widdicombe
Chair of Governors



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