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Term 5

# News from Redfield Edge

## Special Interest Articles:

- Colston Hall Stars
- Oak Class Stars
- INSET 2014-2015 P2

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### Colston Hall Stars

The **Redfield Edge Choir** was one of only four other primary school choirs to be chosen to perform at Colston Hall. They performed eight songs over three and a half hours, accompanied by a youth orchestra led by Ms Cara Clarke the conductor. The choir agreed they had a 'great © time'. All the practice was worth it, to be part of such a big production. Governors and parents who attended the South Glos music event all commented on how wonderful the choir performed. The whole school watched a DVD of the event a few days later and were thrilled to see our choir in action. A big, big thank you to **Miss Barratt** who made it all possible.

### Summer Fun Day **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Come and join the fun. There will be PIMMS and food; there will be dancing and singing by pupils: there will be a guess the teacher competition from their baby/toddler pictures; there will be football skills, coconut shies, face painting and a whole host of other fun activities organised by the 'Friends of Redfield Edge'.

**Any money raised at this fun (and hopefully sunny) event will go towards a set of iPads to be used in each class.**

### Tennis Skills

SBL coaches have worked with Willow (Yr3) and Beach (Yr4) to provide a series of taster sessions to encourage pupils to take up this healthy sport and keep active.

### Oak Class (Yr6)

The whole school is proud of Oak Class. They have worked extremely hard over the last two terms to polish their literacy and numeracy skills. Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Davies have all commented on how brilliantly every single Yr6 pupil focused and that they could not have asked for any more effort from any of them. We are sure they have done well, but whatever the results, we know they have given their best. **Well done Oak Class (Yr6)**

### The Governing Body

Following two recent incidents where **dogs** have been brought onto the school grounds (including the school field) without permission and have subsequently bitten pupils the governors wish to restate the **school policy that the police will be informed of any dog attack** .

We wish to keep all our pupils safe at school and in the surrounding area. We ask politely that you leave dogs at home when dropping off and picking up children. These times are very busy and likely to frighten even a well trained dog.

### Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back **Mrs. Brickell** from her maternity leave. She will be supporting Hazel Class, Maple and Oak for the last term. This means we have said goodbye to **Mrs. Gritten** and **Mrs. Spencer** who have covered some of Mrs. Brickell's duties in her absence.

### Paediatric First Aid

An infant teacher, a teaching assistant and a school meals supervisor have all attended a two day first aid training this term.

### Redfield Gardeners

Firstly a big **thank you** to **Mrs Darke** and two of her M&S colleagues for weeding our garden, borders and flower beds.

**Hazel Class (Yr1)** have been growing a selection of beans in their homemade green houses ready to plant out this week, and Hazel Class and **Beach Class (Yr4)** have been tending the garden and planting peas, carrots, corn, potatoes, and lettuce.

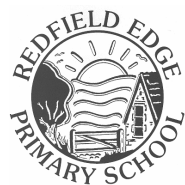
To commemorate its half century the **RHS** provided the school with some **sun flowers**. And to commemorate the centenary of the start of the **First World War the Royal British Legion** provided us with some **poppy seeds**. Look out for these colourful plants springing up all over the playground.

### **New mobile? New number?**

Please let the school know so we can contact you quickly if your child has an issue. Also you can **receive TEXT updates**.

**T6 newsletter out in July 2014**

\*\*\*\*\*Pupils return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June\*\*\*\*\*



**'Achieving now in preparation for the future'**

**INSET Days 2014-2015**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015

What are INSET days? (Or insect days as our reception pupils call them!)

An **inset day**, originally an acronym for *IN-Service Training day* and sometimes known as a *Baker day*, is one of a series of five days in most English, Welsh and Northern Irish schools during term time but on which school sessions are not required to be run, and the pupils do not attend school. On the inset day the school teaching staff are required to attend training or complete administration tasks.

INSET at Redfield Edge is focused upon school improvement priorities, addressing changes in education policy and completing core administration tasks.

**INSET 2013- 2014**

i. Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2013 ii. Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 iii. Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 iv. Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 v. Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2014		
	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Child Protection update training for all teaching and support staff.</b>	<b>Dyslexia/Dyscalculia Training for all teaching and support staff.</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Liz Thomas (LA Advisor) Numeracy Support to improve teaching staff subject knowledge.</b>	<b>Teachers' classroom administration time.</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b>	<b>Teachers' Performance Management.</b>	<b>Subject leaders and the new national primary curriculum.</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014</b>	<b>How children learn. Teachers and TAs conference.</b>	<b>How children learn. Teachers and TAs conference.</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014</b>	<b>The new primary curriculum and assessment.</b>	<b>The new primary curriculum and assessment.</b>