



REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10.1.20

Applications for Primary School Places

A final reminder that you can apply for primary school places online at

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>

The deadline for primary school applications is **15th January 2020**.

STEM Activities

To raise the profile of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at Redland School, we have decided to have a termly whole school challenge. This term's challenge involved building bridges! We had a lot of fun exploring existing bridge structures and using a variety of materials to design and build our own. The children tested their structures and identified shapes which contributed to strength and stability. Today each class shared their bridges and experiences in assembly. It was lovely to see how different classes interpreted the challenge. The children are already looking forward to their next STEM challenge!

Please see some photos at the bottom of the newsletter.

Flu Vaccinations

We have had some further information from Virgin Care for parents whose children may have missed the recent flu vaccinations.

A letter is attached to this newsletter with details of clinics where the flu immunisation can be administered.

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see all of the children back at school, and engaged in their new learning topics.

We started Monday morning with an assembly on how we can make a difference. I read the children a true story about a girl in Indonesia who made a difference to her village. We discussed lots of ways we can make a difference – showing kindness, being helpful, keeping areas tidy, etc. Later on that day, some of the children in Nightingales Class very kindly asked to help with litter collecting in the school grounds. They did a great job, and I was impressed with how they had used their initiative. Thank you to Elsie, Bethany, Annie and Eloise.

Our reading challenge continues at Redland (reading at home at least 3 times a week), and, as stated in yesterday's letter, we will be rewarding the children with an extra playtime on Friday afternoons. Class reading percentages will be published in the newsletter at the beginning of next term.

Best Wishes
Mrs Joy

Class Assemblies and Summer Production

Here is some information with regards to forthcoming class assemblies:

Tuesday 31st March-Nightingales Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Tuesday 28th April-Hawks Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Friday 22nd May-Puffins Class Assembly at 9.00am

Tuesday 9th June-Buzzards Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Kingfishers and Falcons will be doing the summer production – more information to follow.

FORS NEWS

Happy New Year to you all from FORS!

Redland School Lottery

Thank you to all those who support the Redland School Lottery which, since we launched it nearly 3 years ago, has raised over £3,300 for the school. We have seen the ticket sales slowly drop off a bit recently and would like to ask people if they could consider re-joining or signing up if you are not already a member.

It's easy to do – just visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Redland. Tickets cost £1 each per week and 40p of this goes to our school.

The draw is at 8pm on Saturday night and every week there is a winner in the Redland lottery. Your ticket is also entered into the weekly national draw with a chance to win £25,000. You can buy as many tickets as you like and can sign up for as long as you want. Also, all of our lottery supporters who are signed up as at 22 February will be entered into a draw to WIN a family Fit Bit bundle!



Future Dates

2020 Happy New Year!

January

Mon 13th – Walk Safe events (Yr1/3/6)
Mon 20th – Walk Safe events (Yr3)
Weds 22nd – Year 5 Taster Day at Sheldon (Falcons & Kingfishers)
Fri 24th – Level 2 Hockey Tournament
Weds 29th – Year 5 Taster Day at Sheldon (Hawks & Buzzards)

February

Mon 3rd – SATs meeting for Year 6 parents at 3.15pm (more information to follow)
Tues 4th – Dance Festival at Neeld Hall 6.30pm
Thurs 6th – FS2 Maths Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.00-10.00am
Fri 7th – Fizzy Discos
Fri 14th – Last day of term
Mon 24th – Back to School

TD Days for 2019-2020

Monday 15th June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 21st July 2020

Wednesday 22nd July 2020

STEM Bridges



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