



Welcome Back

It was so lovely to see all of the children back this week looking very smart in their uniforms and with big smiles on their faces. There has been a fantastic buzz of energy and enthusiasm in school and we are all excited for the year ahead.

What's been happening?

Congratulations!



Year 4 Bikability (Level 1)

A number of children in Year 4 signed up to take part in a cycling course led by Sandra and Charlotte from the Road Safety team at South Glos council. The children took part in a 3-hour session in which they learnt about looking after their bike as well as practising their basic skills in manoeuvres.



For your Information

Attendance

At Redfield Edge, we are very proud of our attendance and the effort made by families to ensure their children are in school on time each day ready to learn. Although our overall attendance percentage is strong, we saw a rise in holiday requests in the last academic year, which on a number of occasions led to the local authority issuing fines to our families. We wish to remind you that term time holidays / poor attendance has a significant impact on your child's learning opportunities and the progress they make in school. Any child who has **attendance below 95%** will be highlighted as a concern. The school will then track attendance over the following term, contact parents to discuss concerns or call a meeting to offer support and discuss any possible issues for persistent absence. In severe cases, where the attendance continues to be low, the EWO could be called in to work with the family.

Word of the Week

Hazel	rescue
Pine	castle
Willow	prehistoric
Beech	embark
Maple	inspirational
Oak	comprehend

Each week we will be letting you know the word of the week for each class. We would like it if you could encourage your child to talk about its meaning, practise spelling it and using it in context.

Good bye and Good Luck

Mrs Brickell, who has been a teacher at Redfield Edge for over 13 years, is sadly leaving us this term in order to support the set up and running of an alternative project for home-educated children in B&NES. The project will enable pupils the opportunity to learn and thrive in an environment suited to their specific needs – something Louise is very passionate about.

Mrs Brickell is an *enthusiastic, inspirational* teacher who has shown a huge amount of *commitment* to the children in our school throughout the years as well as support and guidance to all of the staff, in particular those at the beginning of their teaching career. Her invaluable work as a class teacher, English Leader and Year 6 booster teacher has helped to shape our school and her *boundless energy* and *love of learning* is infectious – it simply will not be the same without her! **We will all miss Louise dearly and wish her very best of luck in her future endeavours.**



Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Charlie Walker as our new School Business Manager. Charlie has enjoyed her first few days getting to know the staff and children and is looking forward to being part of the Redfield Edge team.

Office reminders

- School meals are now £2.20 per day – this can be paid via our online system or with cash / cheque sent to the office in a named envelope.
- Please ensure all medication is sent directly to the school office so that it can be stored appropriately and the correct paperwork completed. Please be advised that all medication administered in school needs to be prescribed by a GP.

You Tube

Concerns have been raised by parents regarding incidents of pupils watching inappropriate You Tube videos (of gamers playing computer games) and becoming extremely upset by its contents. At first glance, the videos in question seem innocent however are not appropriate for children and have caused distress. We strongly encourage parents to closely monitor children's use of You Tube, ensure parental settings are in place and talk with your children about what to do if they see something that upsets them.

Dates for your diary!

DATE	EVENT
Wed 12 th Sept	Oak Class cake sale
Tues 18 th Sept	Welcome meeting - Y1, Y2 + Y5
Wed 19 th Sept	Welcome Meetings - Y3, Y4 +Y6
Tues 25 th Sept	Parents Evening 4pm - 6pm
Thurs 27 th Sept	Parents Evening 4pm - 7pm
Fri 28 th Sept	Edgelets 09.30 - 11 am
	Willow Class visit - Cheddar Gorge
	MacMillan Cake Sale 3.30 pm
Tues 2 nd Oct	Theatree company performance to KS2
Wed 3 rd Oct	Oak Class Swimming
	Maple Class Swimming
Thurs 4 th Oct	Willow Class assembly
Fri 5 th Oct	Friends Coffee Morning