



# Newsletter

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

*'Achieving now in preparation for the future'*

## What's been happening?

### Holly Class Phonics Workshop

It was fantastic to have so many parents able to make this week's phonics workshop led by Miss Turner and Mrs Williams. The aim was for parents to have the opportunity to gain an understanding of how phonics is taught in school, and to leave with a range of ideas on how to support their children at home with their learning.



During the morning, the children from Holly Class were involved and worked alongside their parents to create a monkey mask. We would like to *thank* all of the parents for their time and hope they found the session and learning materials useful.

### Prospective Parents look around

School seemed incredibly busy this week with lots of prospective parents looking around in preparation for selecting a primary school setting for their pre-school child in 2019. Following a tour of the school, the parents had the opportunity to look at some photos of the variety of curriculum enrichment activities on offer at Redfield Edge and ask both myself and Mr Foss questions about school life, standards, our vision and values and hopes for the future.

We were both very proud of the school and in particular the behaviour and engagement of the children throughout the visits. The children were polite and courteous and represented our school brilliantly. Well done all!

### Redfield Edge v The Park 1-1

On Thursday after school our football team, with the support of Mr Monks, was in action again. This week they travelled to The Park Primary school for an away match. The boys played well with lots of chances to score. Mr Monks said the game could have easily gone either way. Our boys came away with a draw. Well done boys!



### Chocolate making

Mrs Fish was in school on Wednesday to make chocolate with Willow Class. This term the children are learning all about chocolate and where it comes from. They had the chance to taste a range of different chocolate - even a cocoa bean which did not taste pleasant!



Thank you Mrs Fish for your time, the children loved it!

### Maple Class Cake Sale

This week it was the children from Maple Class running a cake sale in order to raise money to spend on resources for their classroom. The children baked and bought a range of delicious looking cakes to sell under the shelter at the end of the school day.



I am delighted to inform you that Maple class made an incredible **£148.43**

The children will now put their thinking caps on to come up with a shopping list of items linked to their topic to further enhance their learning.

I will keep you updated with news of what they buy.

Thank you to anyone who supported Maple class by either providing or buying a cake.

## Word of the Week

Holly		(decided by the children throughout the week)
Hazel	fossil	predator
Pine	herbal remedies	courageous
Willow	cacao	ferment
Beech	circuit	conductor
Maple	engineer	dimensions
Oak	poignant	entrepreneurial

## For your Information

### Attendance

There is a clear correlation between *good attendance* and *good outcomes* at school. Children need to be in school to learn well. Any child who has attendance below 95% is highlighted as a possible concern. The school will then track attendance over the next term, contact parents to discuss concerns or call a meeting to discuss possible issues and offer support if needed.

In severe cases, where the attendance continues to be low, the EWO can be called in to work with the family.

Requests for holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

### From the Office

We currently have almost £1000 owed to the school for school dinners and wrap around care. This is obviously a concern to us as it can ultimately impact on the resources we are able to purchase for the children. We urge all parents who owe money to process their payments as a matter of urgency. If you are having difficulty using the online system, please contact the office to discuss alternative payment options.



Year	All Pupils
Hazel	93.9
<b>Pine</b>	<b>98.3</b>
Willow	98.0
Beech	97.3
Maple	96.4
Oak	96.2

## Congratulations!



## Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pine Class Pharmacist visit
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Beech Class Swimming
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maple Class Assembly @10.20pm Redfield Edge v Mangotsfield (away)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Palaeontology students visit Hazel Class
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Beech Class Swimming
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Beech Class Ukulele lessons

Mrs Robinson