

The Redstart Primary School



Tuesday 23rd July 2024

A message from Mrs Collins

What a bumper year we have had! It has felt like the busiest year at times with our move into the Cabot Learning Federation as well as being a hugely successful year with lots of high points and some wonderful memories made together.

I'd like to start this newsletter by saying how proud I am of our Year 6 cohort. These children have worked incredibly hard all year and received a fantastic set of SATs results which were richly deserved. I was delighted that we scored a combined score of 77% which is 16% above the national average.

However, whilst data can be a useful measure for the effectiveness of a school's teaching capabilities, it isn't the full picture. I am so proud of how well our Year 6 have turned out: they are confident, kind, polite young people who have a love for learning and work brilliantly as a team. These qualities have been much in display over the past week; they starred in their end of year production, Pirates of the Curry Bean and the level of talent and energy was outstanding. They also had their final forest school session last week where their qualities of teamwork, thoughtfulness and a love of enthusiastic play was very much in evidence. With their wonderful art on display at our exhibition and their brave, though ultimately vain attempt to beat the teachers at rounders, I think we have succeeded in our aim to produce children who are ready to step confidently into the next stage of their journey.

Part of our improvement plan this year was to further develop what it means to be a member of our community and from this came the initiation of the Redstart Citizenship awards. All children had the opportunity to gain different levels of the awards and many should have come home with a prize for their commitment to being a good Redstart Citizen. We will continue to refine this programme so that we can successfully support the children to develop into young people who are both emotionally and physically strong with a well-developed sense of community and respect.

Thank you to those of you who engaged in our survey on uniform. It certainly seemed to inspire some strong feelings and we have listened to your thoughts. I hope that you recognise our purpose behind the changes was to support our children to be able to thrive and participate fully in school life. We are not lowering our standards or our high expectations of children's behaviour or presentation. Instead, we are keen that they are able to play and learn in an active manner.

Thank you for everything you do to support the school and staff. I wish you all a good summer and we look forward to seeing you on our return on Wednesday September 4th.

Value: Purpose

Quote: "Find purpose and the means will follow." Gandhi

The Photo of the Week



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Dates for your Diary

24th July – Inset day

2nd & 3rd September – Inset days

4th September – Autumn term starts

19th Sept – Year 1 Vision Screening

14th-18th October – Year 6 Kilve Residential

21st October – Flu Vaccination for Year R – Year 6

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Nursery- The Redstart Primary School

What a very busy term we have had at nursery. We have made it to the end of the school year, which makes it a good time to stand back and reflect upon how much our children have achieved this year. In fact, at this time of the year, we often find ourselves standing back, no longer needed, redundant and that is exactly how we like it, it shows how independent and capable the children are, they are following their interests and often busy playing with others.

The older children have enjoyed their transition visits to reception in the morning and afternoon. They have engaged in many discussions about moving on to big school and are very ready and excited.

We will celebrate their achievements at the Graduation ceremony on Tuesday at 2pm to support their understanding of leaving and for those children that return to us in September.

We have also had a number of open evenings for our new families to come and have a look around the nursery; to meet staff and ask questions, this is a nice way of getting to know everyone before we begin settling in children in September.

We would like to thank all the parents for their lovely gifts and cards with the wonderful comments about their child's journey in nursery. We have all enjoyed going on a learning journey with them and wish them well as they continue their journey onto reception.

We would like to wish all our families a happy summer holiday!!



Reception

What a year we have had in Reception! The children have all grown in confidence, become independent learners and are fully ready for their next step in Year 1. We are all so proud of what they have achieved and this was summed up with their amazing Summer Show! Big smiles, big voices and a shed load of tears from the audience!

Don't forget to take part in the library's Summer Reading Challenge and we hope you all have a lovely summer holiday. We can't wait to hear what you got up to when we see you again in September.

The Reception Team



Year 1

Kingfishers and Skylarks have been incredibly busy in the final few weeks of term! Despite the rainy weather on the day, we had a fantastic visit to Magdalen Farm. The children were so well behaved on the coach and around the farm site. Several members of the staff there commented on how fantastic the Year 1 children were. They made us very proud. We collected herbs to make potions, made our own pizzas and met all the animals on the farm. We visited the polytunnels and tried some organic produce, including the edible nasturtium flowers!

We hope you were able to make it to our brilliant art exhibition last week. The children all contributed a piece of artwork to the show. This included our animal paintings inspired by Magdalen Farm, Van Gogh style sunflowers and collages inspired by fairy tales and the Great Fire of London! It was a lovely opportunity to see how much progress the children make throughout their time at Redstart, from Reception all the way to Year 6.

Our book focus for the last couple of weeks has been 'Meet the weather' by Caryl Hart – very appropriate for all the changeable weather we have been having! We have been writing sentences about different weather types and thinking about how the weather changes from season to season. We managed to have our last Year 1 Forest School session in the sunshine; the Kingfishers and Skylarks went out together and worked in teams to play rope games.

We have had a truly fantastic year with your children, who have all worked so hard and made so much progress. They should all be very proud of themselves. We will miss them all very much but wish them all the best as they move into Year Two. We hope that you all have a fantastic Summer break.



Year 2

We can't believe we are writing our final newsletter for this academic year! When we reflect over the year it has certainly been a busy one! Firstly, thank you for all you have done in supporting your children's education. Whether that has been listening to them read, asking questions about their day, setting them up so they use Spelling Shed at home or ensuring they have their book bag (and its contents!!), spelling book, P.E. kit or Forest School clothes in school on the right day! It is lovely to see how the children have developed academically and personally over the year.

We were lucky to have good weather when we went to Lyme Regis. Everyone had a truly lovely day, and we received numerous positive comments from members of the public about the children's behaviour. The children walked the length of the bay, stopped and sketched the many places we had looked at online and on maps at school. They all posed for their photos with the statue of Mary Anning. However, the highlight for many was the ice cream on the beach!

Our Design Technology this half term has been inspired by our visit to Lyme Regis. With the availability of beach huts on the promenade at Lyme Regis being limited. The children's task was to design models of beach huts on stilts in the sea off the Lyme Regis coast. The children used cardboard nets to make their beach huts. Then after guidance and a bit of practised designed elevated structures to place their beach huts on.

As the children move on to the next step in their journey we wish them well. We hope you all enjoy a restful and happy summer break, and we will see you all when we return in September.

Thank you,



Year 3

The Year 3 children have had a busy end to the year and are all looking forward to a well earned rest – as are the staff! We concluded our unit on Vikings by learning about their origin stories and the adventures of some of the gods. We also explored Viking artwork inspired by the dragon heads on their longboats and learnt about the runes they used to write with.

The children enjoyed our last writing unit where we took inspiration from a story called Arthur and the Golden Rope. In the book the Brownstone family have a legendary vault full of ancient artefacts and wonders. So the children created their own persuasive leaflets to encourage people to visit their family vault, also filled with ancient artefacts and magical family heirlooms. These looked amazing and were really brought to life with colourful titles, detailed pictures, maps and even QR codes to find out extra information. In Maths we have been learning about capacity and exploring units of measurement. The children enjoyed finding the capacities of various containers and were surprisingly accurate with their measurements. We also made little mosques in RE that we hope made it home safely.

All the Year 3 team are so proud of the progress the children have made this year and know that they will make excellent Year 4's! We wish you all a restful and happy Summer, ready to come back rejuvenated and ready to learn in September.

Year 4

How can it be the end of this academic year already? We really can't believe that another year has gone by.

We have had a super end to the term finishing off our Mayan topic, we have all really enjoyed learning about this ancient civilisation. We have also enjoyed trying lots of traditional Mayan foods and designing our own Mayan menus. In Science, the children have also created a non-fiction text about an endangered animal from their own research using their computing skills to add in photos from the internet and adding in their own title and subtitles.

We are all so proud of each and every child in Year 4. They have all made super progress across the curriculum and are now ready for Year 5. It was really interesting reviewing the year for their pupil report comments and sharing our memories. They all had such brilliant ideas about what they have enjoyed the most and they were all so different, even though everyone had experienced the same year with us!

We have all really enjoyed teaching your children and we will really miss them. We wish you all a lovely summer holiday together and we look forward to continuing to hear about their learning journey through Redstart from bumping into them around the school, on playground duty or in town. Keep up all of your hard work Ospreys and Buzzards as you become Kestrels and Sparrow Hawks.



Year 5

We can't believe we have arrived at the end of the term as it's flown by so quickly.

To finish off our year, we have had a great time learning about the Ancient Egyptians, finishing off our literacy about the Journey and looking into metaphors in poetry by Valerie Bloom. Our yarn bombing attracted lots of attention and brightened up our environment for a short while.

We have been working hard to learn the song and dance for the children's carnival which we will enter on the Saturday 12th October (look out for more information closer to the event).

We have really enjoyed teaching this year group and hope they continue to enjoy learning in Year 6! Have a lovely Summer!

Mrs Preston, Miss Baker, Mrs Richards and Mrs Organ



Year 6

What a busy and wonderful end to the term for Year 6. We are so proud of their play performance and we would like to thank everyone of you who came to watch. The children really enjoyed entertaining you and their enthusiasm gave the show such energy.

We have been making the most of the sunshine with the whole year group going out for their last forest school day. They chose to do some bridge building, pond dipping and hide and seek games. We had great fun and found a lot of newts in the pond.

Both classes have continued with their Ancient Greece history work, making theatre masks, learning about the Olympics and doing some Greek clay sculpture.

We must thank FoRS for all that they have done for Year 6 in recent weeks from providing refreshments at the play to funding our end of year bowling trip. Thank you so much.

All that is left to say is have a wonderful summer and a massive good luck for September.



Forest School

Forest School

It has been another great year for Forest School at Redstart. We have made excellent use of our new shelter which has provided lots of opportunities for us to be outside in the rain. Talking of rain, it feels like this has been one of the wettest years we can remember. There were times when there were just puddles and floods everywhere! Despite the rain we have been out repeatedly, once again building shelters, lighting fires and playing lots of games. A big thank you to Mr Robinson who has stepped up to lead most of the Forest School here - this will continue to be the case next year. With Mr Terrett now having many other responsibilities in the school, we are lucky to have in Mr Robinson a Forest School Level 3 leader who now has over 4 years of Forest School experience.

All the Forest School team hope you all spend some time in the great outdoors during the summer holiday - go to the beach, walk by a river, spend a night in a tent.....

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is high priority at The Redstart Primary School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well, both physically and mentally.

Our Safeguarding Team

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Rebecca Collins:



and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Joanne Margetts, Early Intervention and Attendance Lead



Mrs Tara Duke, Nurture Lead



The DSL for Nursery is Mrs Caroline Miller:



Safeguarding

Our Policy

We follow the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy is updated in line with the most recent Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance. You can find our policy on the website in the Safeguarding section. www.theredstartprimaryschool.co.uk/449/safeguarding This gives information regarding the measures we have in place to safeguard every child at The Redstart Primary School.

Online Safety

You can find online safety advice on our website – please follow this link to help keep your child safe. Also, please watch out for any online safety information from The National College shared on our social media page.

How we keep our pupils safe at school

All staff and volunteers are trained in how to recognise signs of abuse in children and the internal processes for the reporting of such concerns. Whilst all members of staff are on hand and willing to speak to children who may be upset or concerned, we also have child -friendly posters displayed around the school and on the main board in the school hall with photographs of the Designated Safeguarding Leads who the children may also ask to speak to. Every child will also be aware of the 'Worry Boxes' in their classrooms where they can write and post their concerns should they wish to do so. Please do remind them of this option

What to do if you have a concern

Should any of our parents/carers or members of our local community have a concern about any child, you may contact a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you may report your concern directly to Somerset Children's Social Care on **0300 123 2224**.

Where parents and children become aware of abuse happening within a school setting, it is also possible to contact the NSPCC helplines:

Help for adults concerned about a child: **0808 800 5000**.

Help for children and young people: **0800 11 11**.

If you feel you or another child is in immediate danger, please call 999.

Attendance

School Attendance - information for parents/carers

As per our attendance policy, the school undertakes regular monitoring of attendance to ensure that, where required, help and support is offered at the earliest opportunity.

In order to ensure parent/carers are kept up to date with their child's attendance record, the school will send out letters at specific intervals, for example, where there have been frequent absences or where attendance has fallen below a certain percentage. This is regardless of whether absences are authorised or where the school has been kept fully updated with the reasons for absence.

We do appreciate that it can be frustrating to receive a letter when your child has suffered absences which could not be helped i.e. where there is a rule to stay at home for 48 hours. Where the school identifies concerns (unexplained, sporadic or lengthy absences or continued lateness) parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting to discuss what support the school can provide to improve attendance.

Descriptor	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100% - 99%	0 - 2	0 - 10
Good	98% - 96%	4 - 7.5	20-37.5
Requires Improvement	95% - 91%	9.5 - 17	47.5 - 85
Persistent Absentee	90% - 86%	19 - 27	95 - 135
Critical	85% - 80%	28.5 - 38	142.5 - 190

We thank all our parents/carers for continuing to update the school office where your child has been unable to come into school.

If your child is unable to attend school due to a medical appointment, please ensure you provide us with evidence of their appointment. This could be a letter from a hospital or GP or even a screenshot of an appointment email or text.

Also, please do not inform the school that your child has an appointment or is sick if you are, in fact, going on holiday. At Redstart we teach the children the importance of integrity and this is undermined if you ask them to lie about where they have been. It is most likely that we will find out anyway since children like to talk about their lives outside of school. We would rather you were honest and we can code your child's absence correctly and know that they are safe.



Governance Update

My name is Tricia Brabham and I am the Deputy Head of Governance for CLF. Along with my colleagues Liz Tincknell (Head of Governance), Will Lamb (Information Governance Coordinator), and Jackie Friday (Governance Administrator), we work closely with the Trust Board and Academy Councils (the name we give to our Local Governing Boards), on all areas of governance.

Our Academy Councils are made up of volunteers from the local community, as well as parents and staff and they have an important role in providing appropriate challenge and support to the Principal to provide the best educational experience for all students. The Academy Council meets 6 times a year, with the Principal and members of the Senior Leadership Team, in addition individual councillors may link to a particular area of school to be able to provide strategic oversight to the Academy Council on the work taking place in this area. On occasion they may also sit on panels to consider exclusions or complaints.

We have vacancies across our Trust for Academy Councillors - you don't need a background in education, but be willing and able to commit time to the role, to ask questions, and to analyse data. We provide training for our councillors, and they have the support of a clerk and the wider governance team to help them in their role.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role please [complete this form](#) and we will be in touch.

Food Parcel Support

If any of our families are in need of a food parcel, please contact the school office and ask to speak with our Early Intervention Lead, Mrs Margetts. The food parcel service is provided by the Community Hub in town. Referrals made are treated confidentially. It is a 'no questions asked' service. You do not need to explain your circumstances unless you wish to and there are no income thresholds to meet to qualify. Some families may require a little support for a short time or there may be reasons for longer lasting support.

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JUL - AUGUST 2024

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TUESDAY 31st JULY

16:30-17:00 - MINIS Jazz (4+) - £3

17:00-17:45 - ACRO WORKSHOP (Cartwheels and bridges) - £4

17:45-18:30 - Level 2 ACRO WORKSHOP (MUST be able to cartwheel and forward roll) - £4

TUESDAY 6th AUGUST

16:15-17:00 - BALLET & TAP WORKSHOP (5+) - £4

17:00-17:30 - FLEXIBILITY WORKSHOP - SPLITS - £3

18:15-19:15 - CHEERDANCE WORKSHOP - £5

TUESDAY 13th AUGUST

16:00-16:45 - ACRO WORKSHOP (BEGINNER SKILLS - 4+) - £4

16:45-17:15 - MINIS JAZZ (4+) - £3

18:15-19:00 - TECHNIQUE WORKSHOP (KICKS AND TURNS) - £4

TUESDAY 27th AUGUST

16:00-16:45 - ACRO WORKSHOP - SOMERSAULTS & HANDSTANDS - £4

16:45-17:30 - FLEXIBILITY WORKSHOP - BACK & HIPS - £4

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ILMINSTER ICONS

JUL - AUGUST 2024 - ADULT CLASSES

@ Archie Gooch Pavilion, Ilminster

TUESDAY 31st JULY

19:15-20:00 - TAP (£5 PAYG)

20:00-20:45 - COMMERCIAL JAZZ (£5 PAYG)

TUESDAY 6th AUGUST

19:15-20:00 - CONTEMPORARY (£5 PAYG)

20:00-21:00 - MUSICAL THEATRE ROUTINE (Moulin Rouge - £5.50 PAYG)

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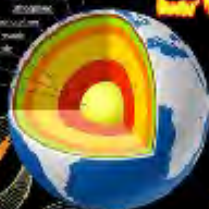
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Day 2

Earth Rocks!

In this exciting Earth Rocks Science Day we will make volcanoes, blast small Bridges and wobble tiny villages. This fun filled day is all about disaster and how scientists and engineers can keep us safe.



Day 3

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