



Newsletter

5th December 2022



Message from Mrs Bradbury...

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our open event on Wednesday night. Feedback was really positive and the children loved showing you their classroom and learning. We plan to have more of these events over the next school year.



On Friday, the children enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day. We loved welcoming Reverend Sam to deliver the advent service first thing in the morning. The children enjoyed singing and it was a lovely start to our Christmas celebrations. Huge thanks to our

school cooks who produced over 300 Christmas lunches! It was a seamless service and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Lots of children have been representing school over the last few weeks. Our KS2 choir loved performing at Cherry Trees nursing home and for their parents, Y3 performed at Rotherham Minster on Thursday evening, some Y6 pupils attended Wingfield's Anne Frank exhibition and Y3 had a sneak preview of the Wingfield 'Cinderella' pantomime.



This week, we welcomed lots of visitors into school. Y6 enjoyed the experience of learning from an archaeologist who has studied the Ancient Maya. Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed exploring artefacts from Clifton Park to develop their understanding of the past. You may have seen on twitter, the scrapshed has

arrived and training was completed last week. The KS1 and FS2 children absolutely love using the materials for creative play. It will be replenished three times in the year and the possibilities are endless. The items have already been a den, a shop, a rocket ship and a fortress!

In other exciting news, an education consultant and visitor from another school came to look at our provision and were impressed by the quality of art work on display and the range of opportunities and experiences offered at Redscope. They have decided to take on lots of the ideas and strategies that we use. They were particularly impressed by our lead learners (Edie, Isabelle, Marcy and Mokshith) who did a wonderful mini-tour and explanation about what is special about Redscope.

Reading

Even on the run up to Christmas, it is important to still read three times a week at home. As well as our Redscope phonics books and reading challenge books, there are lots of wonderful Christmas books to snuggle up with.

Percentage of children reading at home three times a week or more this week.

Class 3	63%
Class 4	70%
Class 5	81%
Class 6	68%
Class 7	76%
Class 8	86%
Class 9	96%
Class 10	93%
Class 11	96%
Class 12	88%
Class 13	93%
Class 14	100% (5 weeks in a row so far!)

Each week, we have two prize draws in assembly. If your child's name is pulled out and they have read three times or more, they receive a £5 voucher for Meadowhall. Every person who has read three times receives house points and extra points for 6 reads.

Each class also has a chart. When the chart is full, all children who have their name on the chart 5 times or more receive the reward that that class have decided upon.

Bookshop

Ella	Tamara	Max	Hollie	Isabelle
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Our wonderful Y6 pupils have opened their own bookshop! It opens on a Tuesday in the KS1 playground (weather dependent) and in the hall on a Tuesday for KS2 at playtime. Books are priced at 50p for pre-loved books and new books are £1.50, £2.50 or £3.50. If you have any good quality pre-loved books that you would like to donate, please hand these to the bookshop children on a Tuesday morning or hand in at the school office.

Uniform/ Hair styles

Reminder – it is school policy (and the home school agreement) that all children follow the uniform policy.

Children are expected to wear black shoes or trainers (unless it is PE day in KS2).

Children must not come to school with dyed/ colourful hair or additional bright colours in their hair or have shaved shapes/ designs in their hair. We appreciate that children might have special styles for birthdays, special events etc but ask that you keep these to the weekends and holidays and remove them for school.

Lates

We are seeing an increase in the number of children who are arriving late to school. Please be aware that the first official lesson of the day starts at 8:55 each morning. If children miss the start of the maths lesson, they find it very difficult to keep up with the rest of the class so it is essential that children come to school on time each day.

Class	Start
Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14	8:40
Classes 5 and 6	8:40
Classes 1,2,3,4,	8:45
Clever Kittens	8:55 (doors open before this)
Redscope Early Years	8:45

If your child is regularly late, we will invite you into school so that we can make sure that their learning is not impacted.

Public Health

Since the pandemic, school regularly attend council Public Health meetings where information about COVID and other viruses are shared.

Points to note from Public Health:

- Children should not attend school if they have a high temperature and are unwell.
- Children who have sore throats, sniffles etc but are otherwise well are still fine to come to school UNLESS they also have a high temperature.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed by a health professional. If you do test your child and they are positive, they should remain at home for three days after the date of the test or longer if they are still unwell.
- Within Rotherham there has been a number of cases of Scarlet Fever. **Please be alert to rashes and red spots on your child's body.** Please seek the advice of a doctor or pharmacist asap if your child develops a rash. If otherwise well, once they have 24hours+ worth of a course of antibiotics, they can return to school as they are no longer contagious.
- There is also an increase in the number of cases of chicken pox in the borough.

Twitter

In the parent survey, one comment was that parents would like to know more about school life and the learning that the children are doing. We hope the open event was a good opportunity to look at your child's learning. All topic and learning related information is on our website with comprehensive curriculum plans. In the new year, we will email the termly learning out as well.

In addition, we are very well represented on Twitter. All classes have accounts and we put on pictures each week. You do not need a Twitter account to see these as they are posted publicly. Lots of parents set up a twitter account to follow the school and staff members but don't post their own tweets.

If you are struggling to set up Twitter, we will have someone available at the Christmas fayre who will be happy to help you.

Follow us

@Redscopeschool

Christmas 2022

All concerts for classes 1 to 14 are ticket only. Your child will have brought the tickets home with them this week. If you do not intend to use your tickets, please return them to the school office for others.

Redscope Christmas Fayre – TUESDAY 13th December 2022



This year, we will be holding a small Christmas Fayre in the lower hall. Children in all classes will all be creating products for the fayre and a range of food items will also be on sale.

The fayre will open at 3:15. All welcome. Please enter through the fire door (near reception) into the hall.

Christmas Parties

On the day of your child's Christmas party, they may come to school in party clothes or Christmas jumpers.

We ask that on the day of the party, you provide your child with an individual 'party' packed lunch that they will eat in the classroom. **(Please remember to not include peanuts in the lunch as we have a growing number of children who are severely allergic.)** A chilled choice lunch will be available for all children who have school dinners. School will provide squash, treat prizes for party games etc. Please see below the list of party days.

Key Dates (new or changed items are in a colour)

Date	Morning Performances enter at 9:30 am unless otherwise stated	Afternoon Performances enter at 2:15 pm
Tuesday 6th December	KS1 singing performance Parents of Classes 3, 4	FS2 Play Parents of Classes 1 and 2
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 singing performance Parents of Classes 5, 6	
Thursday 8th December		KS2 Carol Concert Parents of Classes 11,12,13,14,
Friday 9th December		KS2 Carol Concert Parents of Classes 7,8,9,10
12 th December	Christingle at church FS2 – Y6 REY pm and Clever Kittens Performances	
13 th December	3:15 Christmas Fayre after school	
14 th December	Pantomime visits morning and afternoon REY Performance pm	
15 th December	Christmas Parties – Classes 1,2,3,4,5,6 REY, Clever Kittens	
16 th December	Christmas Parties – Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14, Ho Ho Ho ... special visitor! Break up for Christmas – Children may wear Christmas jumpers	
	Christmas Break	
3 rd January 2023	INSET day	
4 th January	Children return to school	
13 th January	Bacon Butty Morning	
10 th February	Break up for half term – Creative day (messy clothes needed)	
20 th February	Return to school	
1 st March	Parents' Evening (remote option available on another date)	
3 rd March	World Book Day Celebration – Wear pyjamas	
6 th March	INSET Day	
10 th – 17 th March	Science Week	
31 st March	Break up for Easter – Non-Uniform Day	
	Easter Break	
17 th March	Back to school after Easter	
28 th April	Bacon Butty Morning	
1 st May	May day – School closed	
8 th May	King's Coronation bank holiday	
9 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATS week	
26 th May	Break up for Spring bank holiday	
5 th June	INSET day	
6 th June	Return to school	
16 th June	Bacon Butty Morning	
23 rd June	Sports day	
30 th June	Y6 Leaving Assembly – parents/carers of Y6 pupils invited to watch	
3- 7 th July	Y6 residential (over 3 different days in two classes)	
10 th July	Y6 children begin Winterhill/ Wingfield	