



Redmarley C of E Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Curriculum at Redmarley

In Class 1 we have been learning all about the Three Little Pigs through Drawing Club. We are loving our new number block resources to support our maths. The Class 1 team have been working hard on enhancing the home corner, visiting charity shops to find some homely touches to encourage the children's curiosity and play.

In Science in Class 2 we have been looking at everyday materials and discussing recycling. In Geography we have been looking at the four countries of the United Kingdom and in English we have been writing our own version of Little Red Riding Hood.

In Class 3 we have been researching places in Paris to write a short story set in Paris. In maths we are focusing on times tables and in RE next week we are finding out about different denominations of Christianity and will be interviewing two visitors about their faith.

In Class 4 we have been looking at suspenseful writing and writing a setting description inspired by Whitby Abbie and the story Dracula. In Maths we have been converting fractions by adding, and multiplying and in Science we have been learning about light.

A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful PTA

We want to start by expressing our thanks to our amazing PTFA for their tireless fundraising efforts and to all the families who support events. On Monday 10th November, the PTFA met to plan all things Christmas and what an exciting time we have ahead! Thank you for all the hard work going into Elfridges, the Christmas Party, and Wreath Making.

The morning coffee stand was a big hit, and we're delighted to share that a hot chocolate stand is in the works by popular request from the children!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently sitting at around 97% which is above national average.

We thank families for working with us to ensure children have access to a full education.

Shine as a Light in the World

Redmarley's Got Talent – A Time to Shine

Our recent talent show was a wonderful celebration of creativity and confidence—a real opportunity for the children to “shine as a light in the world.” Thank you to our incredible House Team Leads for planning such a memorable event. Mrs Hankins has been so impressed with their commitment, creativity, and enthusiasm. A special thank you to Sophie Turpin for organising the prizes!

Our Worship Team

We are so proud of our School Worship Team, who work closely with Mrs Hankins to plan engaging and meaningful worship for everyone. They ensure that even our youngest pupils feel included, with the help of our mascot, Oscar Owl. Their leadership and thoughtfulness are inspiring!

New Outdoor Lighting

A big thank you to Slatter's Electrical for installing our new external lights. We now have outdoor lighting that works beautifully—making our school safer and more welcoming.

Healthy Snacks

We've noticed fantastic healthy snack choices in Class 1 and Class 2, thanks to the Fruit for Schools programme. We encourage parents to continue promoting nutritious options as children move through the school—swapping crisps and chocolate for healthier alternatives. Of course, we understand there are exceptions for children with specific dietary needs. In the new year we will be working towards our Healthy Schools Award- further information to be shared out in the New Year.

Behaviour Focus

Our school community is working hard on behaviour, using Restorative Practice as our foundation. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting us in this team effort—your openness and encouragement makes a real difference. Parents' Evening was a wonderful showcase of this partnership, and teachers loved meeting with you all.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair was a great success, and we're eagerly awaiting the final total. Thank you to Miss May and Mr Woodall for organising and running this event for us.

Christian Value of the Term: Compassion

This term, we are focusing on Compassion—showing kindness, understanding, and care for others. Compassion means noticing when someone needs help and doing what we can to make a positive difference. We encourage everyone to think about how they can show compassion at school, at home, and in the wider community.

Reading at Redmarley

We are excited about the progress in reading across the school!

- In Early Years and KS1, we've introduced guided reading for Little Wandle Phonics, and the impact on fluency and accuracy is clear.
- Further up the school, we're focusing on retrieval and inference skills, while also encouraging children to read with expression and fluency-helping them enjoy reading even more.

We're currently refreshing our book collections to ensure we have texts that inspire and engage every reader.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Laura Hankins

Diary Dates

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| • Friday 28th November | Nativity Costumes in School Please |
| • Friday 5th December | Elf Panto in School |
| • Monday 8th – 12th December | Final week of clubs (Happy Stars still on) |
| • Wednesday 10th December | Nativity performance in school hall 2pm |
| • Thursday 11th December | Nativity performance in school hall 9am |
| • Friday 12th December | PTA dress down Friday – Please bring in a raffle item (Rainbow raffle – more details to follow) |
| • Tuesday 16th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party |
| | Christmas Carol Service 6pm in Church |
| • Wednesday 17th December | Elfridges Open |
| • Thursday 18th December | Christmas Lunch |
| • Friday 19th December | End of Term service in Church 2.30pm & Raffle |