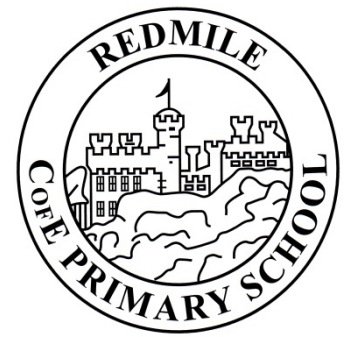


Governing Body Newsletter

Summer 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer newsletter.

I hope you will all agree it has been another fantastic year for the school and for your children. We are very proud of the educational opportunities that all our pupils benefit from and of once again being recognised as offering outstanding provision in our DLAT Review. Our sincere thanks go to the entire staff for all their hard work this year, and also to all of you for your continued support.

New Class Structure and Expansion plans

You will all have received the letter from Mrs Hopkins and Cheryl detailing plans for a fourth class for the forthcoming academic year. We hope you will all feel as excited as we do that we are able to offer this provision to our children, enabling us to maintain the small class sizes that we know you all value and also maximising the teaching and learning opportunities for the children by welcoming an additional full time teacher to the school from September.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Q&A session held after special assembly on 7th July. We understand that some of you had concerns over the temporary use of the Hall as a fourth classroom while we await the installation of a new purpose built classroom. We hope that we were able to address your concerns and that you have had further opportunity to talk with Mrs Hopkins or your child's class teacher over any issues specific to your own child. The feedback that we have received since has been overwhelmingly positive.

Part of the role of the Governing Body is to plan for the future and we would like to assure you that we work extremely hard to ensure the sustainability of our small school in the face of very real cuts to budgets and increasing pressure on teaching staff. We feel very strongly that in order to continue to provide the high level of education and opportunity that we currently offer to all children that moving to a four class structure is the correct way to move forward but the financial implications of this will be monitored very carefully and will influence our planning for future years.

Health and Safety Committee update

The committee, together with Mrs Elliot, continue to monitor all aspects of health and safety throughout the school and there are currently no concerns. The DLAT, Local Authority and H&S experts from YMD Boon have been and continue to be intensively involved in planning for the school expansion, including the temporary use of the Hall.

Finance Committee update

This has been a challenging year for this committee and we have held many long meetings regarding the planned changes to staffing and school structure as detailed above. There are currently no concerns regarding our budget which we set in close collaboration with financial advisers at the DLAT, however as you are aware, school budgets everywhere are stretched and we continue to monitor ours closely.

Standards and Values Committee update

The S&V committee continues to meet regularly to monitor progress and attainment of pupils throughout the year (please note that at no time are members of the committee given information that could identify an individual pupil). We hope that you are all pleased with your child(ren)'s end of year report. Overall the children have made very good progress throughout the year and as governors we are proud of what they have all achieved.

Out of hours provision

As mentioned in the Spring newsletter, a group of governors has been working with Mrs Hopkins to investigate ways in which school may be able to support parents in need of out of hours care. We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have been working closely with a newly formed childcare company to look at the feasibility of offering on-site before and after school care for pupils. Unfortunately it has not been possible to put this in place for September, but we hope that plans will come to fruition during the Autumn term. Watch this space...

School website revamp

The new school website will be up and running in time for the start of the next academic year. We hope you like it. Special thanks to Caroline Addison (Noah's mummy) for helping us with the photographs.

Viking Challenge

Plans are well under way for the next event – Sunday 1st October, in which we will be fundraising for the school and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. Thank you to all who have pledged their support so far, none of it would happen without the involvement of parents or of course the tireless efforts of the VC committee – huge thanks to all from the Governing Body.

Who's Who in the Governing Body:

All governors are DBS Checked.

Cheryl Lobo	Director appointed Governor	Chair of governors
Ann Hudson	Director appointed Governor	Vice chair
Lisa Shores	Parent elected Governor	
Alex North	Parent elected Governor	
Steve Cardy	Director appointed Governor	
Jo Jackson	Director appointed Governor	
Darren Bicknell	Director appointed Governor	
Sarah Glendinning	Director appointed Governor	
Alex Ebo	Co-opted Governor	
Hollie Geeson	Staff elected Governor	
Sean Williams	Staff elected Governor	
Julie Hopkins	Ex-officio Governor	Executive Head teacher
Vacancy	Ex-officio Governor	C of E Incumbent (vicar)*

* We are hoping our new Incumbent, David Payne, will join us in the new term once he has settled in as new vicar for our catchment area

We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,

Redmile C of E Primary School Governing Body



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