



New Academic Year Routines

We are finding that now we have more children at school, it is becoming too hectic in the cloakrooms with parents helping their child in the mornings; it is also over-crowded in the Class 1 outdoor learning area after school, which is causing the area to become spoilt. We are also in pursuit of encouraging more active learning and independence, so we are going to trial some new systems and routines when the new term begins. Please support us in promoting these, as it will also support the development of Character Education, something you know we have focused on this year.

DROP-OFF

Gate opens/bus arrives at 8.40am. Children should be left at the side gate near the main entrance (not playground gate).

Class 4 will go straight in and get ready for lessons.

Classes 1, 2 and 3 will stay on the playground and if they arrive early enough, will have the opportunity to run around and play. The teacher will be on the playground ready to take them in to lessons just before 8.50am.

The gate will be locked at 8.50am. Late arrivals must be dropped off at Reception, although it is much healthier for them if they arrive on time.

If you need to get a message to the class teacher, please write a note or speak to the teacher on the gate who will record it and pass it on. If you need to speak confidentially to the teacher, please arrive at 8.35am and enter via the main reception. If lessons have started, then it may be necessary to make an appointment to see the teacher. Either myself or Miss Geeson are usually available at this time and we are more than happy to speak with you if urgent.

We will make an exception to this for the parents of the new Reception children for the first couple of days.

HOMETIME

Class 1 will be released from the blue door off the playground, so please wait near the assault course; when the teacher sees you, they will send your child to you.

Class 2 will be released from the new classroom, so please wait near the fire collection points; when the teacher sees you, they will send your child to you.

Class 3 and 4 will be released from the link door; the teacher will then go to the gate to ensure all are going home with the correct adult. They will then go round to assist with the bus. Older Redmile children are enjoying the independence of walking home on their own; we are happy to support this, but do need your written permission first.

If you have children in different classes, please wait for the youngest first.

If you need to speak with the teacher, please wait for them to finish seeing the children home.

BUS COLLECTION

We rely on parents to organise safety systems at the bus stops. It is not the responsibility of the bus driver (or the school) to ensure that the child's parent is there to meet them, as they are contracted by Leics County Council to drive the bus only. Please ensure your child knows who is meeting them and what they should do if that person isn't there.

Promoting Independence

We have noticed that some of the children are becoming very dependent on others and we would greatly appreciate your help in reinforcing that they are able to do things for themselves. For example: please make sure your child carries their own belongings to and from school; create a checklist with them of things they need to bring to and from school every day (make sure you include their sweatshirt!); getting themselves a drink of water when they need one.

Assemblies

We know how much you and the children value our Special Assemblies so we are planning to continue with them in the autumn term, but there will be a few changes. Each class will lead an assembly once every 4 weeks. They will showcase their learning, whether it is a drama sketch that they have just created or share some work from over the term; they will put the assembly together themselves and will include an element of worship. Each presentation will last no more than 10 minutes, but it will give each child an opportunity to participate. We will continue to present the Merlin Award for demonstration of the Christian Value of the week, as well as the class of the week trophy for outstanding contribution to our Christian ethos; birthdays and special performances (e.g. music, sports achievements) will continue to be recognised. Children will be awarded in-class merit and Hand of Friendship certificates and these will be acknowledged in some way too. The Endeavour Cup will be awarded to someone from the class who has led the assembly that week. We will continue to provide tea and coffee free of charge and hope that you will continue to join us each week or whenever possible; it's a great opportunity to bring our community together.

The table below provides an outline of assemblies for the term, so that you can make plans to be there if you wish to do so. If unforeseen circumstances mean an assembly has to be postponed, then there are catch-up weeks built in. If the catch-up isn't needed, then the assembly will still go ahead, but will be shorter.

DATE	LEADERS
7.9.18	CLASS 4
14.9.18	CLASS 3
21.9.18	CLASS 2
28.9.18	CLASS 1
5.10.18	NO ASSEMBLY: VIKING CHALLENGE
12.10.18	HARVEST FESTIVAL TBC WITH CHURCH
19.10.18	HALF TERM
26.10.18	CATCH-UP
2.11.18	CLASS 4
9.11.18	CLASS 3
16.11.18	CLASS 2
23.11.18	CLASS 1
30.11.18	CATCH-UP
7.12.18	CHRISTINGLE TBC
14.12.18	NATIVITY TBC
21.12.18	NO SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

We will review these systems by half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J V Hopkins Executive Head teacher