



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Children have settled back in to school well and are full of exciting things to tell us about their holiday. Thank you for supporting them with homework and kitting them out beautifully in smart uniforms; **please remember to write their NAME in everything!!**

New Starters

A special welcome to our new starters and their families: Edward, Amelia, Theo, Isabella, Scarlett, Ava, Bella, Mazy, William, Grace, Bronwyn, Heidi, Oliver and Noah. I hope this is the beginning of a happy and rewarding Primary School experience and we are all looking forward to working with you over the years at our very special school.

PE Kit

Please send kit in on a Monday and take home on a Friday. For any child who has recently had their ears pierced, earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons. If they cannot be taken out, then you can provide micropore tape to enable them to cover their own ears up for protection if you wish. Children should wear trainers outside and plimsolls inside; if they don't have a change of footwear, then they may have to go bare-foot inside if footwear is dirty.

Outdoor Learning

Class 1 will be participating in the Woodland Adventures outdoor learning programme this year. It will take place every MONDAY MORNING, this half term, commencing 12th September, so children should come to school in clothes and footwear suitable for the outdoors, i.e. trainers/wellingtons and a waterproof coat; they will change into their uniform at lunchtime. They will be out whatever the weather, to please make sure their clothing is suitable.



Viking Challenge October 2nd 2016

Only 4 weeks until our Viking Challenge weekend! For new parents to the school or those who haven't had chance to get in touch, we still need help serving food to the riders during the event and clearing away after the event on Sunday 2nd October. It's a great atmosphere, many hands really do make light work and ALL of our children benefit from the funds we raise. Please contact the school office if you can help.

Mums with clipboards will be at the school gate at Barkestone & Plungar bus stops collecting sign-ups for cake making for the event, from Monday. We have 1500 hungry cyclists to feed and we're renowned for our homemade goodies! Many thanks in advance!

Lisa (parent governor and Viking Challenge team member)

Dinner Money Increase - Reminder

With effect from 31st August, the price of dinners increased to £2.20 per day/£11.00 per week. Dinners continue to be free for all children Rec-Y2 but we do need to know in advance if you are opting out of the free meal, so please inform the office on Monday if you haven't already done so.

Clubs

Mr Wing's sports clubs will start again next week, as follows:

Tuesday	8.00am - 8.40am	All years
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Rec - Y2
Thursday	8.00am - 8.40am	All years
Friday	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Y3 - Y6

After school sports club continues to be fully funded by school and early morning sports continues to be part-funded, with a contribution of £1.00 per session required for all children per session, which should be sent into the office or paid to Mr Wing on the day. We will trial this reduced cost for this half term to gauge whether uptake increases.

Please complete the permission slip attached and return to school on Monday.

We are hoping other clubs will be offered as well; details to follow. I am also proactively looking at after school Child Care, as the demand for this is increasing. I will keep you informed.

Special Assembly

Please note that our Special Assemblies will resume next Friday; all welcome to join us at drop-off time for a coffee in the hall, followed by the assembly at 9:00am. We should be finished by 9:30am please stay if you can. We do understand that you may not be able to attend school functions such as these due to other commitments and we do try to explain this to the children, so please don't feel pressurised.

Please note, the adult keep fit class has now finished as the funding has now run out. Thank you for your support.

Letters sent home this week:

News updates
Fair Processing Notice
Year 2 internet permission letter
Class 3 music letter

September dates for your diary:

5 th	Magic Maths assembly 2.45pm
12 th	Forest Schools starts for Class 1
21 st	Family Challenge 1.15pm (details to follow)
22 nd	Magic Maths after school club starts for all children
26 th	Y6 Open Day at Belvoir High School 9.30-11.30am
28 th	Mini Viking Challenge (details to follow)
30 th	Harvest Festival, St. Peter's Church, Redmile, 9.15am

Have a great weekend. Teacher's will be enjoying the rest!!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins
Executive Head teacher