



Dear Parents,

### Pantomime Trip

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime trip on Tuesday to Newark theatre to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. This was a magical and memorable experience for the children and adults alike. Thanks to the Viking Challenge for funding the transport costs for this special seasonal outing.

### Redmile's Got Talent

A very entertaining morning was enjoyed by all. A special bearded visitor arrived to surprise the children... Mr Williams!! He is starting to feel much better and we all have fingers crossed that he will be back next term. He wishes me to say a huge thank you to all those of you who contributed towards his special card and Christmas present; he was overwhelmed.

### 'Back to the Future'

Our spring term, whole-school topic is 'Back to the Future'. The topic will be based on science, technology and innovation, whilst also looking at past inventions and inventors something the children asked to learn about. To launch our topic on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, we are asking children to come **dressed as a famous designer or scientist and bring in items for junk modelling**. The children will be transforming themselves into scientists and designers for the day! If they don't wish to dress up, they could come to school in their usual uniform... perhaps with a mad-scientist hair-do!!!

If you have time to take your child to the library to get some books out please do so and do encourage them to:

**Read** (anything and everything!)

**Write** (anything and everything!)

**and practise their maths** (especially times tables)

Having a rest to recuperate is essential over the holiday but if the children go two whole weeks without doing any reading, writing, etc. they will be much further behind when we return and it will take a while for them to get back up to speed, so please build in some quiet time with your child/ren over the holiday. Thank you.

### Y6 SATs Information Meeting

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 6-7pm, Mrs Longden and Miss Geeson will be holding an information evening about the Y6 SATs this year. It is a very informative session to prepare parents and children for the assessments in May. **All Y6 parents are encouraged to come along with their children.**



### P & G Parent Workshop

After the positive feedback from the maths workshop in the summer term, parents have asked for a workshop focusing on **punctuation and grammar**. Within the English curriculum there is a huge focus on punctuation and grammar at a high standard and the workshop will allow you to support your child at home with confidence. Mrs Longden and Miss Geeson will lead the session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30-7.30pm; it will be very informal and flexible – with no test at the end, we promise!

### Attendance

The children have had an outstanding attendance record during the autumn term, with 39 out of 82 pupils having 100% attendance, with Reception and Y2 the best performing year groups! Well done to all our 100% attendance children.

### Potential Battery Risks

Button batteries, often found in toys and gadgets, can be extremely harmful if mistakenly swallowed. Children under the age of 5 years old are predominately at risk – for instance they may mistake these as sweets. If you think a child may have swallowed a button battery: (please act immediately)

- Take them straight to A&E or dial 999 for an ambulance
- **Do not** allow your child to eat or drink
- **Do not** try and make your child sick

### Dinner Money

Please remember to send in dinner money on the first day back. If you wish to pay for dinners for spring half term, the total cost is £61.60 / £2.20 per day. Cheques should be made payable to LCC Redmile School. Thank you.

### Clubs first week

There will be no clubs taking place during the first week back after the holiday. All clubs will resume week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### St Peter & St Paul, Barkestone

**LIGHT A CANDLE on SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DEC 3-4pm**

This is an opportunity to light a candle and have a prayer for those you will be missing over the festive period. This will be followed by COMPLINE at 4pm, a short reflective service.

### Head Lice Reminder

As we have had several cases reported, please take the opportunity to treat any head lice during the holiday, so that we can start the new term clear. Thank you.

Learning together, having fun  
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## Spring Diary Dates

### January

- 9<sup>th</sup> Before & after school clubs restart  
11<sup>th</sup> Y6 SAT's meeting 6.00-7.00pm  
Viking Challenge AGM 8.00pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Parent's P&G workshop 6.30-7.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Mad Science assembly 2.45pm (parents invited)

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Next Kingswood payment due  
7<sup>th</sup> KS2 Vale Cross Country at Hose 1.00-2.30pm  
w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half term  
22<sup>nd</sup> Class 3 dance show - Melton Theatre 7.00pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mad Science club starts (1 of 5)  
Year 6 parents evening

### March

- 7<sup>th</sup> Ragtex collection  
15<sup>th</sup> Vale Choir performance 7.00pm  
16<sup>th</sup> No Mad Science  
27<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Vale tag rugby BHS 1-2.30pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Last Mad Science

### Redmile Cinema

'Home Alone' - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
St Peters Church, Redmile, 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm)  
Soft drinks and refreshments on sale.  
BYO cushion/throw/drinks etc.  
Tickets Adults £4.50 / Children £3.50. To book, email  
[p.alcock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:p.alcock@yahoo.co.uk) or 'phone 07917 550 685

### Thank you

Thank you for your support this term and for the cards and gifts received by all staff.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday and all good wishes for the New Year.

Don't forget, school reopens to pupils on the morning of Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Head teacher

### A Christmas Blessing

Loving God, Help us remember the birth  
of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the  
angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the  
world.

Let kindness come with every gift and  
good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which  
Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear  
hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us  
happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our  
beds with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

