



Dear Parents,

### News from Classrooms

**Class 1:** This week Class 1 shared the beginning of the Easter Story and started making their 'Last Supper' pictures for the Head teacher's Easter Challenge. In maths they have been working with money and in science the children learnt about the different parts of plants.

**Class 2:** This week Class 2 have had an exciting science week, experimenting with flowers to see what would happen if they added food colouring. They will amaze you next week with more details! They also explored information texts and the features of them.

**Class 3:** This week Class 3 have been using subordinate clauses in literacy and have started to look at the Young Innovator Challenge. In science they made lungs with balloons in bottles.

### Maths Next Week:

**Class 1:** Measuring related to science

**Class 2:** Problem solving

**Class 3:** Adding fractions

### Parents Evening:

Appointment slips were sent out this week to all Y2-5 children for parents evening next Monday and Wednesday. Parents of Class 1 children may attend the open classroom sessions on these days to share the children's books and to have an informal chat with Mr Williams if required.

### Vale Choir:

Well done to all those children who took part in Wednesday's concert. Our children were on the front row and could clearly be seen singing their hearts out. Thank you to everyone who made these magical memories possible, especially Mr Cope who has helped the children over the weeks and supported them on the night. I was very proud once again.

### Red Nose Day/Special Menu

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> is Red Nose Day and the School Council will be fund-raising for Comic Relief by inviting the children and staff to dress up in clothes of their own choosing, in return for a donation (minimum amount suggested £1). Thank you.

The special menu for this day is on the reverse of the newsletter (available at the usual cost of £2.20 for children Y3-6). Orders on Monday please.

### Science Week

For science week, we are planning to host a Super Sensational Science Show during special assembly time on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please do try and join us.

### SPAG Workshop

There will be a repeat of the SPAG workshop for parents at Waltham-on-the-Wolds Primary School on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Redmile parents are invited to attend if they missed the original workshop at Redmile.

### Menu Changes

Following feedback, the school food service will be changing the menu on 2 days, with immediate effect:

**Wk 2** Wed Pork curry Spaghetti Bolognese  
Pasta or rice

**Wk 3** Thur Roast turkey Chicken/veg stir fry  
Rice or noodles

### Fit-bits

I have been looking into the issue of whether Fit-bits and similar pedometer wristbands may be worn during PE lessons. Advice from Leicestershire and Rutland Sports Committee is that these devices are bracelets and should not, therefore, be worn during PE lessons for health and safety reasons. However, some athletes choose to wear a stretchy towelling sweat-band to cover their Fit-bits, which allows them to be worn safely during sporting activities. We will be trialling this approach, so Fit-bits may be worn for PE and sporting activities but only if covered by an elasticated sweat-band. Otherwise they must be removed.

### Welcome!

We would like to welcome Bode (Y4), his brother Todd (Y2) and their family to Redmile School. We hope they will be very happy here.

### Viking Challenge Update

The committee and team leaders will be in touch with last year's volunteers over the next couple of months. If you did help last year, you will be asked to cover the same role, but please say if you'd prefer a change. This will then show us where there is a shortfall in volunteer cover, so we'll be able to ask families who haven't had chance to sign up yet, where they would like to help. We sincerely need every family to help so all of our children can benefit. We need help at various times of the day from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. Any help over these days is very much appreciated. Thank you.



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**Corporate Social Responsibility Programme**

Over the last few years, many employers have written in to their HR policies, their support for volunteer work. As we need help setting up and clearing away for our Viking Challenge event, please consider asking your employer about volunteer leave on either Friday 3rd or Monday 6th October 2017. Many committee members get to help on a Friday/Monday whilst still being paid by their employer - it's a win/win for us all!

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Head teacher



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