

Dear Parents,

First full week back and no one has fallen asleep yet! It was great to see so many of you able to join us for assembly this morning. Don't worry if you can't be there; children do understand as do we.

Did you check-out our updated website? I've had no feedback yet!

News from Classrooms

Class 1:

The children have again impressed us with how they are settling in and they certainly enjoyed their Outdoor Adventure morning and their visit from the Wildlife Trust this week.

A few things to remember.

- Please send the children in their PE kits on Fridays (Thursday next week only) with their uniform in their bag. PE kits do **not** need to stay in school now.
- Water bottles should be left in school and taken home on Friday.
- Please check the children's reading diaries for letters each day.
- Reading books will begin to come home following the phonics workshop next week – we look forward to seeing you there.

Maths next week: Counting to 10.

Class 2:

This week Class 2 have continued their work on traditional tales. They looked at speech in the story of Goldilocks and planned what she might have said. They also read The Jolly Postman and in art started planning their own street where the postman could live. The children worked really hard on their maths place value and in science have started looking at different materials and their properties. In PSHCE they read a favourite story, Beegu, and looked at how to be a good friend.

Maths next week: Place value

Class 3:

This week Class 3 have launched their new topic 'Who Helps?' with a fab visit from The Wildlife Trust. They made bookmarks and searched for mini-beasts. They have also been learning about animal classifications in science and continued the journey into the adventures of Chilly Billy in literacy.

Maths next week: Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000.

Class 4:

The children enjoyed a visit from the Wildlife Trust this week. The class have been exploring story openers and have been using artwork to represent war.

Maths next week: Decimal place value

After School Sports Clubs - Reception

As the new Reception children have settled in to their PE lessons so well, Mr Wing is happy for them to start at the after school club with immediate effect. Please complete the yellow club letter sent home again today if you wish your child to attend on Tuesday's. They will of course need their PE kit in school.

VIKING CHALLENGE – SUN 1ST OCTOBER

Needed Please!

A car with tow-bar for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Viking Challenge weekend, either with driver or to let someone else drive (not off-road), to help with signage. Sunday 1st October is especially important if possible, please.

Mini Viking Challenge

Please remember to get the children's wheels sorted for 27th September (e.g. hikes, scooters, prams, wheelbarrows!) More details to follow. Children who have ordered Viking Challenge t-shirts can wear them.

Get Baking!

The Viking Challenge recipe booklet will be coming home on Monday. Cake drop off will be all day Friday 29th September and 2.00-3.00pm Saturday 30th September.

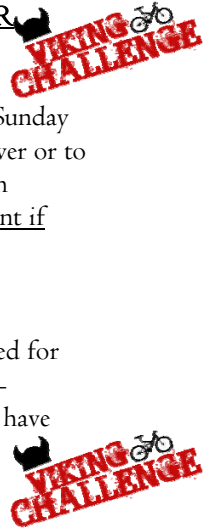
New parents – WE NEED YOU! Please contact Lisa Shores if you are able to help with baking and helping on the day if you haven't already signed up (01949 843022).

E-SAFETY

May I please remind you all, as we start this new academic year, to ensure your child is SAFE ON-LINE at home. Technology is frequently changing and often we are unaware that security settings in the home may change without us being aware. If you allow your child to use the internet, whether it is for academic work (e.g. searching for information) or socialising (e.g. Instagram, Facebook) please remember that the age-restrictions that should apply and advice is always to supervise our child when they use it. Often gaming websites can link to other sites that you may not wish your child to see, so again, please supervise their use. It might also be necessary to check your parental-controls with security settings much more regularly.

We have copied the information sent out last term as a reminder. If you need further support with this issue, please get in touch and we'll try our best to help.

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Facebook Facts – Information for parents



- Facebook restricts membership to people 13 and older.
- Facebook has created an environment designed only for teens and adults. The rules, policies, protections and safety education that Facebook has in place are all designed for people 13 and older.
- But if they are going to continue despite the site's restrictions, it's even more important to help them configure their privacy settings to the most restrictive level possible, and be sure to "friend" them or otherwise monitor their online use.

What are the risks involved in social networking?

1. The most common risk young people face online is peer harassment or aggression – in other words hurtful, harassing, or defamatory behaviour.
2. Posting information about themselves that: a) could help strangers determine their physical location; b) could be used to manipulate them; or c) whether posted by them or others, could cause psychological harm or jeopardise reputations and future prospects
3. Harassment or online bullying ("cyberbullying") on the part of your children or others'
4. Spending too much time online, losing a sense of balance in their activities.
5. Exposure to inappropriate content
6. Potential for inappropriate contact with adult.

How to keep your child safe on the internet:

1. Set **restrictions / privacy settings** on the ipad/ tablet/ computers/ consoles/ wifi (For help see <https://www.internetmatters.org> or Miss Geeson)
2. Set a time limit for children using devices
3. Ensure they are ALWAYS in sight of a responsible adult when using electronic devices.

Head Lice

We have again had cases of head lice reported. Please check and treat your child's hair accordingly. Thank you.

PE Next Week

PE will be on Thursday next weekend instead of Friday.

Midday Supervisor

As we are still struggling to recruit, we wondered if anyone would be interested if this was a job share position, i.e. doing 1 or more lunchtimes per week? Please communicate this to anyone you think may be interested. Thank you.

Newsletter

Just a reminder that the newsletter is loaded on to the website each week, if for any reason your copy does not come home or if you mislay it.

Bus Arrangements

Please remember to send any outstanding pink letters back to school a.s.a.p. Thank you.

Diary Dates

September

- 12th Phonics Workshop for Rec parents 2.40pm
- 22nd Y5/6 girls football competition - Brooksby 1pm
- 25th Magic Maths assembly 2.45pm—details to follow
- 26th School photographs
- 27th Mini Viking Challenge afternoon
- 30th Cross Country starts at Prestwold Hall Y3-6

October

- 1st Viking Challenge
- 13th Harvest Festival 9.15am
- 16th- 20th **HALF TERM**
- 24TH Magic Maths starts (tbc)
- 28th Cross Country at Prestwold Hall
- 30th Parents Evening

November

- 1st Parents Evening
- 6th Flu immunisations Rec-Y6
- 10th Open Day for new starters 9.00-10.30am
- 25th Cross Country at Prestwold Hall
- 27th Clothing recycling collection

December

- 4th Christmas Show
- 20th **SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS**

Letters sent home this week:

Y6 Opening Evening at Belvoir High School
Home time arrangements letter
Clubs letter

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher

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