



Dear Parents,

Thank you for the lovely cards and well-wishes; they've really cheered me up. I am on the road to recovery and delighted to see everyone this week. The school continued to operate to our usual high standards in my absence and I am extremely grateful to all our wonderful staff and Cheryl for their sterling work and support. The children have continued to make me proud and I've been excited to catch up on all their news and see their lovely work...and I'm nearly caught up on group hugs!! The DLAT have been a tremendous support to the school as well which is all testament to the excellent relationships and partnerships we have at this amazing school.

I'd like to express my personal thanks to all those of you who worked so hard to make the Viking Challenge and mini-VC such a success.

New Classroom Update

I attended a meeting this week regarding the new build and I'm delighted to inform you that work is scheduled to start week commencing 20th November. There were no issues over the planning application so the classroom is being built as I type!! Drawings of the proposed building are displayed in the hall for you to see. There will be a link-door/corridor, similar to the one we have already, that will join Class 3 to the new room where the current fire exit is. It will have its own cloakroom, toilets, sink and store room and will be carpeted and kitted out like other rooms in the school. They expect most of the building work to be completed by Christmas so all being well we should be ready to move in by the end of January at the latest. I'm sure you'll be delighted to hear this, although I do think Class 2 will really miss working in the hall! They are loving it and Mrs Copeland and the team have made it such a lovely working environment.

News from Classrooms

Class 1:

We have been busy enjoying our Diwali art and craft activities. Our phonics work is going really well and we are beginning to blend our speed sounds to make green words.

Number work over the next few weeks will focus on counting and combining groups of objects.

Class 2:

This week Class 2 have been focusing on Diwali, making clay Diva lamps, sweets, creating Rangoli patterns and painting firework posters. We designed Mehndi patterns too! In English we have been focusing on a short film clip called 'Bubbles'. Children wrote their own adventures and we blew bubbles too!

Maths next week: Written addition and subtraction.

Class 3:

This week in Class 3 we have been celebrating Diwali by creating Diva lamps and Rangoli patterns. We have also begun our new class novel 'The Fox and the Ghost King'.

Maths next week: Completing addition and subtraction.

Class 4:

This week we have been creating Diva lamps, Barfi sweets and Mehndi patterns for Diwali and have re-enacted the story of Rama and Sita. We have also been writing for emotional effect, based on the end of 'War Horse'. Mr Cope is very nervous about reading them....

Maths next week: Division.

Welcome

A special welcome to our two new families who have recently joined us; brothers Ben (Rec) and Aaron (Y6) and Freya (Y1). We hope they will be very happy at Redmile School.

Parents Evenings

Everyone should have received an appointment time for your meetings this week. Please try not to keep the teacher talking for more than 10 minutes as this puts all other appointments back and keeps others waiting. If you need to speak for longer, then please arrange to come back at a different time. Thank you of advance of your cooperation. If you would like to meet with me and I don't happen to be around during your time slot, please get in touch with the school office.

School Uniform

I have noticed this week that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform, in particular incorrect footwear and jumpers/cardigans. I appreciate that some of you may have sent a note of explanation to the class teacher (thank you for this) but I'd really like to see all children in the correct uniform so please check what they are wearing before they leave for school.

PE Kit for Winter

As the weather is changing and the field is getting muddier it is important that the children have the correct outdoor PE kit. This includes a pair of outdoor trainers as well as indoor plimsolls. Older children are permitted to play sports on the field at playtimes during these months providing they have jogging bottoms to put over the top of their school trousers. Many thanks.

PLEASE REMIND CHILDREN TO BRING THEIR COAT TO SCHOOL TOO. It may look lovely out of the window but it's quite chilly when they're outside.

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Open Morning

Reminder that our Open Morning takes place on Friday 10th Nov, 9.00-10.30am, for parents of children due to start school next autumn.

Harvest Boxes

Mr Cope, Mrs Copeland and I delivered 43 harvest boxes to Dove Cottage this week. They were delighted to receive them and asked that we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are available to purchase by donation in school all next week. There will also be special wrist bands available for which we are suggesting a minimum donation of £1. This is being organised by School Council.

Cross Country

Just a reminder about the cross country event tomorrow, Saturday 28th October at Prestwold Hall. If you are attending, you will need to register on arrival. Good luck!

School Nurse Drop-In

Just a reminder that there is a School Nurse drop-in session for parents at school on Monday 30th October 2.00-3.00pm.

Safety message: Trick or Treat

If you are going out on the streets over the next week, please make sure you have an adult with you and ensure you do nothing to upset any of your neighbours. If you see this sign displayed, please respect what it means.



Special Menu

Details of a special bonfire menu next Wednesday are going home today, the cost for which is £2.20 for those children in Y3 and above. Please place orders on Monday.

Letters going home this week:

Parents Evening Letter
Y6 Warning Zone trip
Bonfire menu

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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