



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our summer term! Apparently there'll be a heatwave next week, so wellies and sandals on standby!

### Sports News

Congratulations to Isla and Logan who represented our school and the Vale/Melton area at the County Cross Country Championship. I am really proud of both of them; a special well done to Isla, who placed so highly that it contributed to her team winning GOLD!! Fantastic!

### Swimming

The second payment for swimming is due on Monday for those who opted to pay in 2 instalments. Thank you.

### Proposed Football Friendly

Further to the note on Seesaw, there will be a football friendly with Waltham Primary on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30-4.30pm here at Redmile for children in Y3-6. This will replace sports club. If your child would like to take part but does not normally attend sports club, please either respond on Seesaw or send a note into the school office.

### Class 3 Trip Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Just a reminder that all Class 3 children will require a packed lunch next Thursday when they attend the National Youth Jazz Orchestra event. Please send all remaining permission slips in on Monday. Thank you.

### Year 6 SATs

These will soon be upon us so please ensure you continue to keep up the momentum of preparation as advised by the class teachers. Reading daily is ESSENTIAL; remember, **90 words a minute**; help test and challenge them...including the spellings on the Y5/6 list. Every little helps, so please help them as it will keep their confidence up.

### St George's Day

For St George's Day this year, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, children who attend Brownies, Cubs or Beavers are invited to wear their club uniform to school for the day to mark the occasion. We look forward to seeing them.

### Change to Term Dates 2018-19

Please see attached the term/holiday dates for next year. Please note there are 2 changes to those publicised on the website earlier this year, which did not include INSET days. The changes are to the start of the Autumn and Spring terms. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### Diary Dates

To follow next week.

### Cricket

Please ensure Y3/4 children have their P.E. kits with them for the next 2 Wednesdays as they will be having cricket training.

### Seesaw

Can we please remind you to refer to Seesaw for news updates, as this will be our main form of communication now. Thank you.

### Character Muscles

Next week, you will receive a leaflet explaining the work we are doing on character education. Put simply it is recognising, understanding and developing the character traits that make us unique and then using these 'character muscles' to allow us to be the best version of ourselves. At the heart of character education is creating a culture in and out of school where pupils are given every opportunity to rehearse and strengthen their sense of themselves within an ever-changing world.

We are currently focusing our thoughts on the key word **RESPECT**. We have been considering what it means to be respectful, in and out of school, and I would urge you to discuss this with your child/children this weekend and to continue promoting it thereafter. So for example, having respect for their own things means putting them away properly after use (something we might say is: 'I'm pleased you are demonstrating respect for your school uniform by remembering to take your jumper home. '; waiting their turn to speak and not interrupting ('Thank you for waiting for me to finish speaking; that was very respectful. '); doing things when asked first time ('I'm proud of you for listening and respecting my wishes. ') I'm sure there will be opportunities to make similar responses to respectfulness at home too. We are encouraging the children to say and use the word RESPECT and to recognise it in the actions of others. We want them to praise one another when they are respectful, so that a culture of positivity is strengthened.

We are planning to run a workshop linked to the work we are doing at a later date, but please do ask your child to share their learning with you. We will keep you informed of the key character muscles we are focusing on.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

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