



Dear Parents,



Viking fever has taken over this week. We are in full flow getting ready for Sunday. The mini-VC was a great success. Thank you to all those wonderful parents who helped to organise it and to those of you who were able to join us. This event always gives the children a real flavour of what happens at the weekend, as of course they won't see it all...please remember that children are not permitted on site for reasons of safety, as there will be in excess of 1000 strangers on our premises! I appreciate that some older children may be cycling the course but they will be supervised at all times by their parent/carer.



Cake Drop-off Times

For those people who will be dropping cakes off on Saturday, please take them to the hall which will be open 8am-12pm. Thank you.

DLAT Review

This week we had a visit from the Trust's new CEO, Donna Moulds and our school effectiveness adviser, Ralph Wood. Donna's main aim was to learn first-hand about our school and to monitor aspects of teaching, learning, leadership and safeguarding. Needless to say, she was overwhelmed by the high standards she observed and couldn't speak more highly of the school:

She said we have a **'stunning school, delightful children, such a positive ethos, we exude high expectations and have meticulously detailed leaders including governors'**.

She saw **'fantastic demonstrations of teaching', saw wonderful working walls which she tweeted! She was super impressed with children's behaviour and attitude to learning and their ownership of their learning and independence to learn. She loved the challenge teachers posed.**

Her suggestions for further school improvement were 'minor' e.g. use Twitter to let everyone know how fantastic we are! She said she wants to send 'shed-loads of people' to see and feel the energy, positivity and family-feel she clearly felt.

I am so proud of this feedback and hope you are too.

Twitter

We now have some tweets @teamredmile. Please follow us as it's another opportunity to find out about learning at school, as well as find useful links to helpful resources and opportunities for your child/ren. #getfollowing ☺

Parents Evening

Parents evening letters went home yesterday. Please return your reply slips a.s.a.p. Times will be issued on a first come, first served basis next week.

Class I Phonics Workshop

There will be a repeat of the phonics workshop for Class I parents next Tuesday, 9th October, at 2.40pm.

Harvest Festival – Friday 12th October

Our Harvest Festival is next Friday, at 9.15am, St. Peter's Church. If your child would like to decorate a Harvest box (shoe box size) and fill with tins of food, please send these in next week. We will take these to Church to be donated to a local Food Bank Appeal for distribution to people in need. We hope to build a harvest pyramid in church; let's see how high it goes.

School Works

Next week, from Wednesday to Friday, we are having some work done to the playground area. Although the area will be boarded off, please be mindful that you should be extra vigilant during this period, when there will be additional vehicles and people on site.

School Photographs

All photo orders should be returned to school by Thursday 11th October. Thank you.

Cross Country at Prestwold Hall - Sat 29th September.

Well done to all those who took part last Saturday. I received such positive feedback from the parents who were there; well done everyone for representing our school so well.

St. Peter and St. Paul's Church Barkestone News

There will be a live musical evening this Saturday, 6th October at 7.30pm; Autumn Acoustic with "The Second Frets". All welcome.

TV Debut!

Lily in Class I will be appearing in 'Old people's home for 4 year olds' which starts again on Monday 8th Oct, 9pm. The programme looks at the effects of preschool children on older adults and the possible reversing of the ageing process in adults aged from 82 to 102yrs old! We look forward to watching it!



Letters sent home this week:

Parents evening letters

Wishing you all good luck for the weekend. I'll see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins, Executive Head teacher

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