



Dear Parents,

Today I received a cheque on behalf of the school for the amazing sum of £18,000 from Jane Noad, the chair of our Viking Challenge Committee. What a terrific amount of money... a record in fact!! Having looked at all the suggestions from children, parents and teachers, some of the main things that a lot of you are passionate about spending some of the money on this year include:

- Updating our laptops/computers, as they have been well-used and children are experiencing lots of problems with them
- Purchasing more iPads so that classes can have their own, as they would like to use them in all lessons
- More trips
- More outside tables
- Clubs that include art or music and climbing
- Child care (we continue to seek a resolution for this) or youth club
- An outside reading area
- Stage lights

Other popular items included new skipping ropes, colouring pens, water bottle holders, new PW kit for competitions and more lego (especially for older classes).

Most of these are doable and will be something for me to work on with the assistance of the children, Mrs Griffiths and staff.

A lot of the children would like lockers, so this is something we can look in to see if there's space for them.

Some of the more 'interesting' ideas included swings, vending machines, individual desks, hot chocolate machine, and a sleeping area! Thank you for those!!

Many children said they'd like a change of uniform: something brighter, with a tie. This will be something that the school council could investigate further.

Thanks to everyone who made suggestions. My personal favourite was a zoo 😊

### Handball Competition

Well done to our amazing team for winning every game and winning gold. They played brilliantly as a team and scored some impressive goals. I was really proud to accompany you: Stanley, Felix, Evie, Ruby, Todd, Matilda, Bella W-H, Noah, George and

### Case of Threadworms Reported

We have had a case of threadworms reported. Parents should remind children of the need to wash hands carefully before eating and after visiting the toilet. If you suspect that your child has threadworms, please seek medical advice.

### Redmile Cinema Cancelled

Please be aware that the Redmile Cinema event planned for tonight is now cancelled due to lack of interest.

### Kingswood Payment

Reminder that the next instalment for the Kingswood Trip is due on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember to send your payment book in with your payment. Thank you.

### SAT's Meetings

A reminder that we are running 2 parent information sessions that we would urge you to attend-even if you have had a child take the tests in previous years. These have been arranged as follows:

Y6: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 6pm

Y2: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am

If these times are unsuitable, please liaise with the class teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

### Cross country at Hose Cancelled

Please note that the Cross Country at Hose planned for 6<sup>th</sup> February is now cancelled due to lack of facilities.

### Eligibility for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) continued

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is entitled to free school meals we will receive additional funding for them, enabling us to offer additional financial help to support your child's education. If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions please contact the school office.

**Letters going home this week:**

'Design a Menu' competition

Have a lovely weekend and please look out for a special Viking Challenge video on YouTube.

Yours sincerely,



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