



REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It sounds like the children had a great holiday and they all have started back with a very eager approach. They all look lovely in their new shoes and sparkling uniforms (not much dinner down the front yet!); thank you for purchasing the grey uniform as per the school policy.

Special thanks to Mrs Davies for waving her magic wand over the school during the holiday; the school looks sparkling too! Thanks also to the teachers who have given up their holiday time to come in and make their classrooms look nice for the children.

A very special welcome to Mrs Cowburn our new Class 1 teacher. We hope she will be really happy here at Redmile. Thank you to Year 1 who have helped her to settle in this week.

Swimming

Swimming will begin for Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 on September 12th. Letters to follow next week. Please let Mrs Griffiths know if you can help as an observer; we cannot go without you! As we have a large number of children who are still swimming in the small pool, we are unable to take Year 1 to begin with. I understand that they will be disappointed, but the health and safety of all children is priority and the instructors at the pool have their guidelines to follow.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named with **indelible ink!** Team points will be awarded to all children next week who have their name clearly marked in their school jumpers and PE kit, including plimsolls/trainers. If you would like new book bags and gym/swimming bags please contact Mrs Griffiths during the following times:

Monday 8.40-2.10
Tuesday 9.40-2.10
Wednesday 9.40-2.10
Thursday 9.40-1.40
Friday 8.40-12.40

Book bags £3.50
Gym/Swimming bags £3.00

Friday's Assembly

Our special assemblies will resume next Friday, September 5th at 2.45pm. All welcome.

Clubs

A timetable of clubs will be sent out next week.

Healthy Eating

Please remember that older children may bring some fruit (or chopped vegetables) for a mid-morning snack if they wish. Younger children are provided with a free piece of fruit daily, courtesy of the Government's fruit scheme. Free milk is also available for children under 5 years of age. Please remember, the revised cost for school dinners is £1.80 (£9 per week or £66.60 for half term.)

Emergency Contact Details

If your contact details have changed, including mobile 'phone numbers, please let us know by Monday. Thank you.

Music lessons

Please contact the school office as soon as possible if your child would like to start violin lessons with Mrs Cocker.

School Mission Statement

Next week, a small group of us will be meeting to finalise the school mission statement and aims. If you would like to contribute any final thoughts or suggestions please do so, in writing, before Thursday. Ideas regarding our school slogan are particularly welcome; our current one is, 'Encouraging our children to enquire, care, believe' which, although is true of what we do, doesn't quite roll off the tongue in a way we'd like! Our aim is that all children, parents and Governors know what the slogan is and becomes part of the spoken ethos of the school.

 **VIKING
CHALLENGE**

OCTOBER 5th...don't forget!!!

The Viking Challenge is fast approaching and it won't be long before you'll be stopped in the streets and signed up for baking, etc!! If you'd like to help in the run up and/or on the day your help would be very much appreciated. Please refer to the parent pack sent out during the last week of term for contact details. There is a committee meeting next Wednesday 3rd September at the Peacock, 8pm; all welcome. See Monday's Leicester Mercury for a special piece about the VC.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J.V.Hopkins
Head teacher

