



**REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parents,

This week we launched our first mini Viking Challenge – complete with noisy megaphone (which brought the neighbours out!), bananas and the famous Viking Challenge cakes! The children looked great in their Viking helmets, and I'm sure they know far more now about the Challenge from all the signs and map reading skills they put to use.

Thanks to Liz Herring for the inspiration and organisation of the event; she worked really hard to involve the children fully in this year's event – and made it a very worthwhile venture. Thanks also to those who made cakes, Sally Morley and Claire Moody for letting us stop to eat at their houses, and to those of you who joined us.

Look out in the Leicester Mercury for the publicity shots.

School Bus

We have a number of concerns regarding children who live in Barketstone and Plungar, who use the school bus. The problems centre round communication and also arrangements changing at the last minute. I therefore have a number of requests that I urge you to support us with:

1. Make sure your child knows whether they are going home on the bus or not, and can then tell the teacher during registration e.g. Class 1 stick their name onto a school bus poster so everyone knows if they are on the bus and all teachers do a bus register.
2. If there is a change in plan, please write a note to the class teacher – the visual aid really helps a busy teacher!
3. If you have told your children that they are to go home on the bus, please don't change your mind and collect them at the school gate as they are walking to the bus. The teacher takes the register first thing in the morning and this is checked once the children are on the bus. Confusion and concern occurs when a child is not there – it's even worse when several children are not there.

Clubs

I am very sorry if you or your child are upset that they can not do all the clubs that are on offer at the present time. As we only have a small number of staff (and willing parent volunteers), numbers have to be manageable and age-appropriate. Everyone will get their turn at some point!

Could I also request, that if your child is not able to attend sports or drama club, to please let us know in writing, otherwise children signed up for clubs will obviously not be put on the school bus. This will ensure the safety of your child, as there will be no confusion. Children should be collected from their club at the appropriate time.

Vale Extended Services

Please see the letter in book bags.

Reading Workshop

Just a reminder that there will be a reading workshop, for the parents of our new reception children, on Tuesday 23rd September at 2.30pm.

Viking Challenge Sign

Thank you to Roy Hughes and Tracey Neville for making and painting the Viking Challenge sign which is now on the school railings.

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum will be held on 23rd September at 7pm. Please complete the slip below and return to school a.s.a.p. so that I can organise wine and nibbles.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins
Head Teacher

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PARENT FORUM

I/we will be attending the Parent Forum on
Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm.

Name/s:

Signed:

Date: