



Autumn Newsletter 9  
31/10/08



## REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term and for those of you with older children, I hope you've not been High-School-Musicalled out!

### Cold Weather

Now the days are colder, it is vital your child has their school fleece or coat with them – especially on swimming days. Don't forget to ensure it is named.

### Snow Tree

In preparation for the eventuality of unexpected school closure, it is time to re-do our snow tree. For those new to the school, this is a system we have in place in case the school should have to close due to inclement weather or the heating system failing, etc. This is how it works:

1. Head teacher and Chair of Governors decide to close school.
2. Head teacher contacts Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Humphris who then activate The Snow Tree.
3. Parent volunteers contact all parents on their list.
4. Head teacher contacts the local radio stations, bus driver, staff and County Hall.
5. The same procedure will be followed to inform everyone when the school will re-open; you should assume the school is closed until you receive this confirmation.

If you would like to help us by being at the top of a list of contacts, or if you volunteered last year and would like to help again, then please let Mrs Griffiths know next week. Thank you.

### School Bus

The recent problems with the school bus either not having enough seats or arriving late (due to road closures at Bingham) have now been resolved. The large coach will begin it's Toothill run 10 minutes earlier, thereby getting to our villages hopefully on time.

The County Council are responsible for all forms of school transport, they hold the contracts and decide

which company to use etc; we have no part in this process. I would therefore urge you to contact them direct on 0116 305 8777 if you have any concerns or comments, in order that they can deal with it straight away. I would also appreciate it if you would let us know at school, so we can follow it up as well, if necessary.

Thanks to those of you who were able to bring children in to school the morning when only a minibus arrived (due to an accident on A52).

### Quiz Night

Reminder – see leaflet in book bags.

### Books for Schools

The Times and The Sunday Times newspapers are starting their 'Books for Schools' campaign in January 2009, for 12 weeks. Readers may collect tokens during this period which schools can then redeem for free books. We would very much like to take advantage of this opportunity and would appreciate any tokens you can collect. Thank you.

### Key Diary Dates

**W/c 10th Nov** Open week  
**W/c 24th Nov** Book Week – Scholastic book fair here all week  
**Thur 27th Nov** Performance of Snow Queen  
**Wed 3rd Dec** Belvoir by Candlelight  
**Tue 16th Dec** Christmas performance afternoon & evening

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins  
Head Teacher