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## REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Once again, our children have received high praise! Neil Atkins, basketball coach, says Class 3 are the best class he's worked with in the Vale and Melton, and our teachers were delighted with the exceptional behaviour of children visiting Belvoir Castle this week. Well done everyone! Thank you to Mrs Mehra and Mrs Taylor for joining us on the visit.

### Class 1 Trip

It's Class 1's turn to visit Belvoir Castle next Friday. The Christmas theme at the castle this year is 'Beauty and the Beast', so if the children would like to dress up as a character from the book, it will make the visit even more memorable for them – a nice opportunity to get the boys in a shirt and tie (butler-style) if no beast costume is available, and for the girls to wear their princess outfits!

### Book Week

The book fair will be open Monday to Thursday 3.15pm – 3.45pm next week. Please come along and have a browse. All the children will visit it at some point during the day, so they may spot something they'd like. If you are unable to visit, but would like your child to purchase a book, we can open up for them during the day, but please ensure all money is in a named purse.

### Castle Character Competition

Please do encourage your child to enter. Book vouchers to be spent at the book fair are up for grabs as prizes, so it's well worth entering! Classes 2 and 3 are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character on Thursday 27th – perhaps on the castle theme if possible.

### Operation Christmas Child

A total of 57 boxes were loaded onto the van on Wednesday. Apparently, they'll be shipped off as soon as next week! Look out for the photograph in the Melton Times. Thanks again for your support.

### New Visualiser

This week, Viking Challenge funds have enabled us to purchase a new Visualiser for use in the class rooms. It looks like an overhead projector, but it

captures images like a camera, which can be seen immediately on the Smartboard. This will enable staff, for example, to project samples of children's work straight up for editing or modelling excellence, following the text in a book – it can even capture images of the children as they work, which can be printed out or used in power point presentations.

### Basketball Tournament

This will be next Friday, 28th November, 1–3pm, at Belvoir High School. Supporters welcome.

### Children in Need

The final total was £55.30. Thanks to everyone.

### New French Teacher

Next week, Madame Sumpter will be taking over as French Teacher on Tuesday afternoons. Madame Fenton has begun a university degree course and her timetable is now full. She will pop in before the end of term to say "goodbye" properly; I'll let you and the children know when. I'm sure you'll agree, she has done a fantastic job, the children love their lessons and I know she'll be missed. Madame Sumpter, who has been working with us on supply this term, will continue in a similar way – making learning fun and meaningful, and is very excited about teaching French here at Redmile.

### The Snow Queen

Thanks to the Viking Challenge, next Thursday, 27th November, The Working Space Theatre Company will be putting on a performance of the Snow Queen, at St Peters Church, starting at 1.30pm. You and younger children are welcome to come along and join us, but we respectfully ask that if your toddler becomes unsettled, that you take them out of church so as not to cause too much distraction from the performance.

### Sunday Supplement

John Bartlett will lead an informal, child friendly service in Plungar Village Hall on Sunday 23rd November at 10.30am. Refreshments included.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins, Head Teacher

