



REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Where did the 7 weeks go? It's lovely to see the children skipping through the gates in the morning in their new shoes and smart new jumpers! It sounds like you gave them a fantastic holiday.

Special thanks to Mrs Davies for waving her magic wand over the school during the holiday; the school looks sparkling too! The building work was successful and I'm very pleased with the results: a new ceiling and lick of paint in Class 1 and a new doorway in Class 3. Finger-guards were also fitted in the hall, making it safer for all.

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 our new staff members: Miss Brown, Class 1 teacher, Miss Doyle, Class 3 teacher, Miss Maloney, assistant in Class 1 and Mrs Laywood, midday supervisor. I hope they will be really happy here at Redmile and we look forward to working with them this year.

Welcome also to our new pupils in Classes 2 and 3, Eloise and Isobel Evans, and Lewis Fitzgibbons. I hope they and their families soon settle in and enjoy the full life that Redmile has to offer and that they too, are really happy here. Thank you to both Classes for helping them this week.

Emergency Contact Details

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

Swimming

Swimming will begin for Years 1, 2, 3 and some of Y4 on September 18th. Letters to follow next week. Please let Mrs Griffiths know if you can help as an observer; we cannot go without you!

Friday's Assembly

Our special assemblies will resume next Friday, September 11th at 2.45pm. All welcome.

Clubs

A timetable of clubs will be sent out next week.

Music lessons

Please contact the school office as soon as possible if your child would like to start violin lessons with Mrs Cocker (Classes 2 and 3 only.) Flute lessons are also available for Y5 and 6.

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

PE

All PE kits should be in school on Monday morning. Class 1 PE will take place regularly on Thursday and Friday and children will get changed in school prior to the lesson. Last year children were asked to come already changed in to their kit on Tuesdays, but the timetable has now changed and Miss Brown is keen for them to practise getting themselves dressed, so we would appreciate your support in encouraging them to dress themselves at home too.

Please remember that, for health and safety, all long hair should be tied up for PE (this includes boys too!), so please ensure your child has a plain bobble in their kit bag. Children should also have a change of footwear for PE, e.g. trainers outside, non-marking plimsolls for inside the hall.

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.

School Dinners

All meals must now be ordered and paid for on Monday morning. If your child, for example, only wants a school dinner on Wednesday, the order for this must come in on Monday morning. We

understand that there may be some exceptions when a last minute request for a meal is needed; this will be fine on occasion, but your child will need to remember to take the payment and request to Mrs Griffiths first thing in the morning, as daily registers will not now be taken in class.

Please remember, the revised cost for school dinners is **£1.85** (£9.25 per week.)

New Reception Pupils

For those children in Reception who will be here in the mornings next week, they are very welcome to stay and have a school meal with us on FRIDAY 11th September. They may bring their pack-up or you may order them a school meal at a cost of £1.85. All children must then be collected at 12.45pm at the main entrance. This will give them an insight to how things are at lunchtime and helps ease their mind before starting school full time.

We will offer the same opportunity for the other group the following week, unless you feel they are anxious and would benefit from having a lunch this week instead.

Water bottles

New bottles are on order, so in the meantime please provide a named bottle for your child to use in school when they need a drink between meals.

Thank you.

Wellies

Miss Brown has requested that Class 1 children have their wellies with them in school at the beginning of the week. This will enable them to go on the grass even if it's wet. Please do make sure each boot is named!

Barkestone Family Fun Day

This Sunday on the football field, from 12 noon. Attractions include – dog show, games + races for children (and grown ups!), tug o' war, pancakes, balloon release and raffle (prizes include signed Nottingham Forest football, Paul Potts tickets and more).

All profits to St Peter and St Paul's church.

Everyone welcome – pay on the gate!!

VIKING CHALLENGE



OCTOBER 4th...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 contact any member of the committee for immediate details or wait for future updates.

Press releases in this week's Melton Times and The Village Link.

Yours sincerely,

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Head teacher

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