



REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome

This week we have welcomed our new Reception pupils: Harry & Tom Ford, Joseph Mehra, Oliver Poole, Ruben Persona, Dominic McGarry, Lola Turnbull, Luke Bartlett, Harriet Lobo, Lauren Fitzgibbons, Libby Hornbuckle, Rory Herring, Holly Beeston and Elliot Rowe. They have settled in really well and have enjoyed their first week. Welcome to our new families: The Persona's, The McGarry's, The Lobo's, The Fitzgibbon's and The Rowe's. I hope the friendships you make now through our school last a lifetime.

We've also welcomed a new French teacher, Madame Lumsden (Mademoiselle Bellamy has decided to become a nurse!) The children responded very well to her lively lessons and I know she has lots of ideas for the teaching of French at our school.

Clubs and Swimming

Letters sent separately. See also Andy Wing's letter on the reverse. Clubs start week commencing 14th Sept, EXCEPT LIVELY HOUR; this starts on the 24th.

Swine Flu

Various new guidelines have been issued regarding swine flu and I'll send this out next week – I think there's enough paperwork for one week!

A general summary is that all schools are to remain open unless there is a serious outbreak and a significant number of pupils have contracted the illness. Also, if there's a huge number of staff who fall ill and appropriate cover cannot be found, school will have to be closed. In such cases, our infamous 'snow tree' will kick in. (Mrs Griffiths will update this shortly.)

Advise from the DCSF is that pupils (and staff) should remain at home if they are experiencing the swine flu symptoms, until they have cleared up. (For further details, see www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk). I will therefore be applying a different criteria for my 100% Attendance Certificate at the end of the term.

If your child is absent from school, it is essential that they maintain constant upkeep of their school work in order that they don't fall behind. Therefore, unless they are particularly unwell and need to take things easy, it is expected that they continue with reading, writing and maths work that they've been asked to do for homework, or that you set them – there's lots of ideas on our website.

Our Website

Do have a look at it, as there's various new items which will offer you support with your child's learning e.g. our Whole School Calculation Policy. You'll also find picture of Mrs Humphris' new baby girl, Jessica.

Dinners

A reminder that all money should be in on Monday please.

Reading Workshop

I'd like to offer you the opportunity to attend a reading workshop for those of you interested in coming into school as a volunteer reading helper. It would also help you to help your own child with reading. This will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. This will be combined with the first Parent Forum of the year. A maths workshop will be held later in the term.

Head Lice

Please check you child's hair tonight as two cases of head lice have now been reported.

Diary Dates

SEPT

15th Yr 6 to Croxton Kerrial – Warning Zone
18th Andy Wing's sports club starts for KS1
23rd School photographs
Reading Workshop/Parent Forum 7pm
24th Barry Bedford's Lively Hour starts.
25th Class 3 to Bottesford Primary – French dancing.
26th Year 6 visit to Belvoir High School
28th Mini Viking Challenge 2pm

OCT

2nd Family Disco
4th Viking Challenge
14th Harvest Festival 2pm
15th WOW time and open session 2.45pm

NOV

w/c 2nd Parents evenings

Holiday Dates 2009/2010

Autumn Term

Mid Term Break Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Oct
School Closes Fri 18th Dec

Spring Term

School Opens Tues 5th Jan
Mid Term Break Mon 15th to Fri 19th Feb
School Closes Fri 26th March

Summer Term

School Opens Mon 12th April
May Day Mon 3rd May
Mid Term Break Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June
School Closes Fri 16th July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins, Head teacher