



Dear Parents,

**Wow...101**

We are launching our new reading opportunities programme for children next week. We are calling the sessions WOW...101 (Wonder Of Words...One On One). The plan is for individual pupils to share books and/or other reading material with a Voluntary Reader Helper, as least once a week which will be in addition to the reading time they share with staff.

The aim is to enable children to read *to* and *with* a wider audience, which will in turn support us in nurturing the love of reading which we promote throughout the school.

VRH's have been assigned to each class and will have a regular time slot for coming in to school. They will write a special message on a post-it which the children can share with their friends, teacher and parents to celebrate the joy of reading.

**Friday Swimming**

Today was the LAST swimming session in this block. There will be NO swimming next week.

**New Thursday Swimming**

On Thursday 17th February, Classes **1** and **3** will be going swimming for a block of 8 sessions. Look out for the letters!

**After School Sports Club**

Due to the new swimming arrangements, we have decided that it will be better for Class 1 pupils if we swap the sports clubs round-otherwise Class 1 will have swimming, PE, then sports club all in one day!! So, **beginning Thursday 17th Y3-6** will be able to attend Sports Club after school and on **Friday 18th February R-Y2** will be able to attend sports club after school. This pattern will then continue up until Easter.

If this means your child can no longer attend, please let us know in order that we can amend the register.

**Football Friendly**

Next Friday, our older pupils will be playing a couple of friendlies against Ab Kettleby School. Kick-off is 1.30pm so please come along and cheer the teams along if you wish.

**Class 1 assembly**

Following the football friendlies, Class 1 will do their first Assembly for parents and the whole school. We aim to start at 2.30pm which will lead in to the usual Special Assembly, so please do try to join us for this.

**Message from Mark Dennison**

On Monday 7th February at 7.30pm, there will be a Confirmation Service at Barkestone Church, led by Bishop Christopher Boyle. 8 young people will be confirmed, including Redmile pupils Hannah Chaldecott and Caitlin, along with several ex-pupils. We hope you can join us for what will be a very special evening.

**Kingswood Trip**

We still have a couple of outstanding deposit payments which were due in on 31st January. Please can you ensure these payments are sent into the school office by Monday 7th February. Thank you.

**Sainsbury's Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year and would be grateful if you and your family/friends could send them into school. Thank you.

**School Football**

Starting next week, we will be giving all children the opportunity to play football on the field during lunchtime play. There will be two pitches, one for older children and one for younger so this is open for all children throughout the school. The field will be used exclusively for football in the first instance, so all other games/play activities will take place on the playground.

If your child expresses an interest in playing football, they **must** have a change of trousers/skirt and footwear as the field is still very muddy. Footwear must be different from all indoor shoes, including different to the ones these use in the hall as well; we do not want muddy trainers being used for PE lessons/sports club in the hall, so old shoes/trainers or even wellingtons which are in a carrier bag ready to put on the pegs in the hall changing rooms when not in use will do. Any child who doesn't have a change of footwear and clothing will have to remain on the playground.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Head teacher