



REDMILE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter 1
09/09/10

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Where did the holiday go?
It's lovely to see the children skipping through the gates in the morning in their new shiny shoes and smart new jumpers!

Welcome also to our new pupils in Class 1: Ned, Olivia, Grace, Liam, Oscar, Skyelett, Lillie, Willow, Ruben, Hugo and Lily; in Class 2: Lily; and in Class 3: Callum. 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.

Our new building

We are hoping that the work will be finished next week and that we will be able to move in! Once we've come up for air, we will organise an open day for you to come and have a look round. Thank you for your patience and support during the project.

Emergency Contact Details

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

Contacting the school office

The school office is not manned 100% of the time, so if you call us the telephone may go to the answer machine (if you have followed the instructions in the message carefully!!) The answer machine is checked periodically during the day so your message should be picked up before home time.

The same applies to e-mail messages. Please do not send us important instructions pertaining to your child via this method as it may not be received in time, e.g. regarding who is collecting your child at home time or whether they should go home on the bus. If both Mrs Griffiths and I are out, then office e-mails will not be checked at all.

Home time

In order for us to ensure the safety of your child/ren we must have **in writing** any changes to their normal routine for going home. If the teacher is in any doubt the child will not be put on the bus and you will need to collect them from school.

Clubs

A timetable of clubs will be sent out next week.

Swimming

Swimming will begin for Years R, 1, 2, 3 and Y4 on September 16th. Please let Mrs Griffiths know if you can help as an observer; we cannot go without you and so far we have not had many volunteers!

Due to swimming, Reception pupils will be staying at school all day Friday, so they will either need to bring a packed lunch or you will need to order them a school dinner (see below for details). For those of you with children new to school this term, you may join your child for their first hot dinner and may pre-order a meal for yourself via the same procedure (cost £2.64). Please be here by 11.55am if you are joining us.

Friday's Assembly

Our special assemblies will continue on Fridays, at 2.45pm. All welcome.

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 who is in the office each morning.

Book bags £3.75

Gym/Swimming bags £3.25

PE

All PE kits should be in school on Monday morning.

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. All ear-rings **MUST BE REMOVED** before coming to school on PE days.

Healthy Eating

Please remember that older children may bring some fruit (or chopped vegetables) for a mid-morning snack if they wish. Children up to and including Y3 are provided with a free piece of fruit daily, courtesy of the Government's fruit scheme. If you wish to purchase fruit for older children and did not return your request before the holiday, please contact the school office for another letter. Free milk is also available for children under 5 years of age, but can be ordered via the office for all others. All children should bring a water bottle in at the beginning of the week as they have access to fresh water all day long. Bottles will need to go home to be washed.

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School Dinners

All meals must 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 dinner registers will not be taken in class.

Please remember, the cost for school dinners is now **£1.95** (£9.75 per week).

Ragtex Collection

Ragtex will again be collecting unwanted clothes, bedding, soft toys etc on **Monday 12th September**, raising money for the school fund.

Any unclaimed school uniform/clothes found in school before the summer will be added to the collection, so if you'd still like to see if any items belong to your child or you would like to take any of the items to use you will need to pop in first thing Monday morning.

Stickers for bags of unwanted items will be in bookbags today with full details. Please leave bags in front of the main reception area, next to the green house. Thank you.

Special Message

A number of our families will be running in the Nottingham Robin Hood Half Marathon this Sunday to raise money for PASIC, a charity providing support for families with seriously ill children. If you have any spare change and would like to make a donation to a good cause please visit www.justgiving.com/Christopher-Turnbull or www.justgiving.com/Ben-Lobo. Alternatively Cheryl has some sponsor forms. Good luck to the parents and children taking part.

Parent-teacher interviews

Due to a very hectic diary this half term, we have decided to hold parent-teacher interviews after the half term holiday. Before we break up there will be an open session for your child/ren to share their work with you, but if in the meantime you need to speak to the class teacher please contact them direct to arrange a mutually convenient time. Please be aware that after school is preferred as they will have a class waiting for them in the morning!



OCTOBER 2nd...don't forget!!!

It is only a few weeks away now from the big day - the school's 17th Viking Challenge event. For those parents new to the school you can find out more about it and the difference it makes to the school, on the school website or www.vikingchallenge.org.uk. It's an amazing event, attracting 1000 cyclists and

raising over £20,000 each year. It's success is down to all the parents, staff and volunteers who have helped organise it since the first one in 1995.

This year we are raising funds for the school and our charity partner, The Ear Foundation. To make sure it's another great event we do need everyone to pitch in and help. The big tasks are baking and helping on the day. Our catering queens, coordinated by Sara Evans, will be out in force signing you up for baking!

We also need lots of volunteers for helping on the day - there are loads of different jobs to do out on the course and at school. Some involve being available all day, some just a couple of hours. It's great fun and there is a real buzz - it's quite a spectacle seeing a 1000 cyclists congregate at our small village school - and we get a lot of great feedback from the entrants telling us how well organised it is.

So if you haven't already, please block out Sunday 2nd October on your calendar and find out how you can help by contacting Kirsten Hughes 01949 842681(Chair, Viking Challenge Committee).

You will also find a flyer promoting the event in book bags - please pass it on or pin it up - get friends, family and colleagues on their bikes!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins, Headteacher

Diary Dates

September

12th Ragtex collection
15th e-safety meeting 6.30pm
16th Swimming starts/Reception start full time.
21st School photographs
28th Harvest Festival 9.30am
30th Marquee going up
Viking Challenge disco

October

2nd Viking Challenge
14th Break up for half term
24th/ Parent - teacher interviews
26th 3.30-6.00pm
31st Closing date for secondary school places

December

12th/13th Christmas Production (times t.b.c)
14th School trip to Panto
22nd Break up for Christmas holiday

Further details of these and other activities will follow via newsletters.