

Dear Parents,



Some lovely pictures in this week's Melton Times!

Our Viking Challenge funds are once again supporting a school trip saving parents £13 per child. Please do join us by getting involved as it really does make a difference to you and your children.

We are starting to think about the next charity we'd like to support, which will be for the VC in 2013. We invite charities to pitch for our support in a 'Dragon's Den' style evening and charities are chosen based on their offer of commitment to the organisation and management of the event. If you would like to nominate a charity, please drop me a line and I'll pass it on to Kirsten who will contact them directly to invite them to pitch. Obviously the choice will be the charity's as to whether they want to be involved or not but a surprise invite I'm sure would be much appreciated, so please put some thought in to it and get in touch. The charity must be registered and have an official number, so please bear that in mind.

E-Safety

Regarding my message last week, it has come to my attention that some of the Facebook accounts that pupils have are 'Open Access' accounts, which means THAT ABSOLUTELY ANYONE CAN READ AND VIEW WHAT THEY AND THEIR FRIENDS HAVE POSTED. Strangers can easily find out where they live, what school they go to, where they will be after school and at what times and who with!! This is VERY worrying and I urge you to take action immediately; this is for the safety of your child/ren and others at our school.

Melton Times

Don't Miss our reception class photos in this week's paper (out Thursday 13th October).
Order at www.photostoday.co.uk or call their reception at (01664) 410041
Prices:- 6x4 £3; 7x5 £4; 9x6 £5; 10x8 £9; 12x8 £11.50

County Cross County Event

Both Joe T and Kellan ran well in the above event and really enjoyed it. There were about 250 runners and they both came well within the first 100 back. This is a very big event attended by many bigger schools, so well done to the boys for flying the Redmile Flag. If your child is interested in attending the next race, please let me know and I'll get the details to you.

Special Request

Now that all the children are settled in to the routines of school life, we would gratefully appreciate it if you could now leave children at the door in the morning so that they can then organise themselves and their belongings without relying on a parent. Our wish is to START lessons at 8.50am and at the moment we are unable to achieve this. Obviously if you need to speak to the class teacher urgently, that is an exception. We always request that for minor queries you speak to the class teacher at the end of the day, as before school they are busy getting ready for lessons.

If you would like to support teaching and learning by volunteering a little bit of your time to assist in the classroom, please do speak to any member of staff, e.g. reading, sewing, crafts, gardening.

Governor news

It is with great pleasure that I can now officially welcome two new governors to our team: Darren Bicknell who will serve as our Community Governor and Revd Mark Smith who will be our new Foundation Governor (representative of the church diocese).

Pam Chaldecott, who is one of your elected parent governors, has volunteered to change roles slightly and become our second Foundation Governor; as a church school we should appoint 2 Foundation Governors and despite much effort to recruit on the part of our benefice team, no one else from the parishes of Redmile, Barkestone or Plungar has offered to take up the post. This means we will be able to advertise for a new parent governor after the half term holiday. Please talk to any of our governors to find out about the role and think about how you could contribute positively to the life of our school by volunteering as a governor. Look out for the nomination forms when we return.

Chair of governors

Due to increasing demands on his work commitments, with reluctance Richard has stepped down as our Chair of Governors. He will, however, remain a parent governor and continue his excellent work as part of our team. I would like to thank him profusely for all the help, support and guidance he has offered as Chair; his commitment to School Improvement has been commendable and very much appreciated. Thanks, Richard!

Cheryl has kindly offered to step up to the helm and has already chaired her first meeting, doing a great job! I hope she finds the role successful and rewarding and I am very much looking forward to developing a new partnership with her as our new Chair of Governors.

Admissions

Two key dates:

1. **31st October**, is the deadline for all secondary school applications
2. **15th January** is the deadline for all Primary 2012 September starters

Both forms can be found at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions and can be submitted on line which is much quicker. Alternatively, for Redmile admissions, you can obtain a form from the school office.

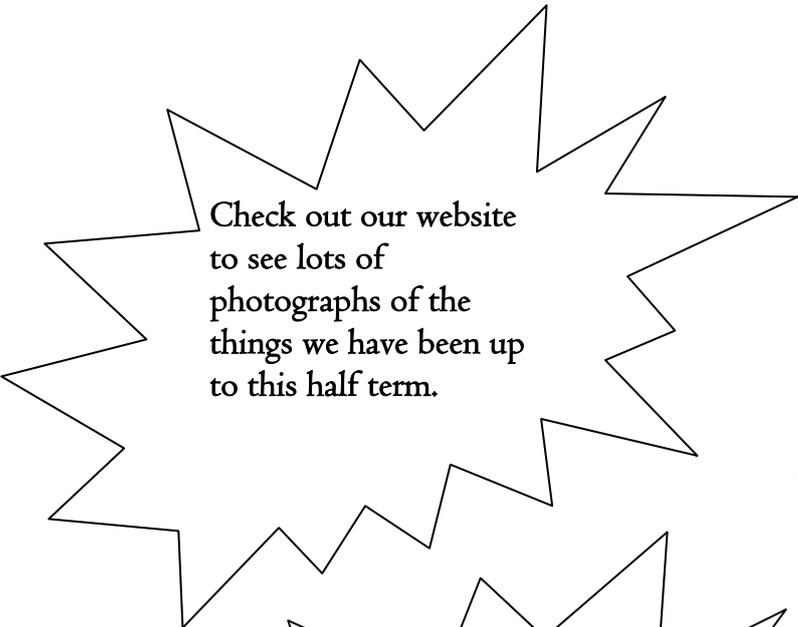
Parent-teacher Interviews

These will take place during the first week back after half term. If you haven't sent the form back, you have been allocated one of the available timeslots that are left, so check your child's book bag for this note.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term 'rest' with your family (!!) and hope you are able to re-energise for the NINE WEEK half term to follow!!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins
Head teacher



Check out our website
to see lots of
photographs of the
things we have been up
to this half term.



Check out our website
to find great ideas for
holiday homework!!



My Flame Poem By Tom

When I light a flame it
makes me think of God.
When I light a flame it
makes me feel sad.
When I light a flame it
makes me feel HAPPY.
The happiness builds up
inside me
At last it bursts out of
me.
So if you light a flame
You might feel the
same.

*John 12:46 "I [Jesus] have
come into the world as a light,
so that no one who believes in
me should stay in darkness."*