



Dear Parents,

I can't believe this is my last newsletter of the year; it only seems 5 minutes that I was writing my first! Our Reception pupils have completed their first full year of schooling and our Year 6's complete their Primary phase today; what milestones for all concerned, including their parents! Thank you all for making this a very successful year.

Our Leavers

Farewell and good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who move on to the next phase in their education: **Aaron, Joshy, Harvey, Esme, Isobel, Izzy, Joe, Aden, Will, Abigail and Thomas.** I have watched them grow and mature into fine young people and I will certainly miss their kind, caring nature and terrific sense of humour, as well as their sporting and musical talents! They are leaving us on a real high and deserve to have every ounce of happiness fall into their path on their onward journey from Redmile. Their leavers' service was wonderful and a real tribute to the fine role models they have become. Good luck to you all and remember 'Reach for the stars!' Thank you for the lovely gifts; it was very thoughtful of you all.

Special well done and congratulations to some great SATs results: Isobel all L5's, plus L6 in maths; Esme, Abigail and Will all L5's; Thomas L5 in maths; Izzy L5 in English.

A special farewell also to the Y6 families who will no longer need to walk (or ride) down to school now their 'last' (??) Y6 child is moving on: Julie Davis and David Charlesworth, Sarah and Norman Evans, Michael and Tammy Poyser, Sarah and Barry Kennedy, Ian Mansfield and Helen Snow (thank you Helen for all the little notes you have sent me over the years; every December and July you and Peter have sent a note to thank me for all I do and to tell me how happy Abigail is at school. These little notes have meant more than you will know...I tried to say that yesterday but failed!!) Your connections with the school over the years have been truly valued and I am thankful that I've had the pleasure of working with you to help your child/ren achieve the success they have enjoyed. Good luck to you all and don't forget, we always need helpers for Viking Challenge, swimming, reading, cooking, sport, SEWING, transport...etc ☺

Holiday Clubs

A reminder: Summer sports (Andy 07910 740112): 7th/8th and 14th/15th August.

WINNERS AGAIN

Well done to our cricket team who won their final game on Wednesday, beating Frisby by a convincing 85 runs with a loss of only 3 wickets in their 16 overs. The Vale and Melton Cricket trophy will be coming home again!

AYME Day – Message from Abigail Snow

I'd like to thank Mrs Hopkins for letting me be in charge of the school on Wednesday – I really enjoyed myself. I hope everyone found my lessons and assembly interesting and I hope they learned something new. Thank you to everyone for making such beautiful 'get well soon' cards. I will send them to AYME along with the MASSIVE £62.00 that we raised from buying cakes. Well done to Issy G for winning the 'Guess the name of the dragon' competition with the name Amelia – I know she will go to a good home. Thank you for your donations.

Viking Challenge

If you have a few spare minutes whilst the children are at our holiday club activities, please think about making some cakes to freeze for our Viking Challenge in October.

Holiday activities

Please don't leave it until the day before your child returns to school before you pick up a reading book or a pencil with them. Please try to maintain some regular *basic skills* practise, eg:

Reading - Share books with your child and encourage them to read on their own.

Writing - Practising spellings; writing postcards/ letters, stories in full sentences.

Maths - times tables practise; rapid recall of basic number bonds to 20; adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing using methods the children know. "Maths Web" on the Leicestershire website gives full details and help sheets for parents to help with all of these concepts.

Good manners - It's time ALL our children learnt to eat properly with a knife and fork instead of scooping and shovelling with their fingers. Please help them to practise this basic skill during the holiday.

Reading Quest

All libraries will be conducting their summer reading programme. Details were in book bags this week. Please do try to get your children involved.

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Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Emma Atkins, who has been voted by you as your new Parent Governor. Thanks to Steve Cardy for putting himself forward.

Bug Busting

Please use the summer holiday to clear all hair of head lice/eggs. Conditioner and a fine toothed comb is the recommended method to de-bug hair.

Dinner Cost Increase

We have been notified by School Food Support that the cost of school dinners will increase at the start of the autumn term to £2.05 per day/£10.25 per week.

The Curriculum

Our autumn whole school topic will be called 'Feasts and Celebrations.' If your child wishes to think creatively about what this means to them or wants to visit the library, please do encourage them.

After many years of learning French, I have decided that the children need a change to re-energise their enthusiasm for learning a different language. A number of children have suggested they would like to learn Spanish, so after doing some research I have found an excellent teacher who will be joining us in the autumn and who will deliver lessons in an interactive, cross curricular manner. These lessons will take place on Friday afternoons.

PE will also continue on Fridays, as will Special Assembly (the morning has worked well for a large number of you and I know you appreciate the chance to have coffee and a chat.)

Swimming will resume in the SPRING term. This will make it easier for those families who have told us that there are too many bills to pay in the autumn term. We will send out details of clubs on offer when we return.

Thanks to all the staff who have given up their time to run clubs this year; our children are very lucky.

School Uniform

A reminder when purchasing new uniform that all children should wear **grey** trousers/skirts and all clothing should be NAMED.

My Thanks

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support this year; to the Governors for their time and commitment to our school; to the staff for their hard work and dedication to all our pupils and the life of the school; and to our pupils who make it all worthwhile. We are blessed to be part of a special 'family' – thanks to all of you for making Redmile a special place to be.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you at 8.40am on Thursday 29th August when school re-opens for Y1-6.

Thank you from all the staff for the lovely cards and gifts you have sent in. It means a lot to know how well we are thought of.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins
Head teacher



A special message to all our leavers
and their families:
**Don't cry because it's over
Smile because it happened.**

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