

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! The children are still talking about the lovely holiday you gave them. This week, we have focused very much on being thankful and appreciative so I'm hoping this has been put in to practise at home!

### Good Luck Wishes

Today we bid a VERY TEMPORARY (!! ) farewell to Mrs Copeland who starts her maternity leave today. We will all miss her greatly but we are very excited for her and hope that all goes to plan. I will keep you informed of news of the new arrival in due course.

Miss Bellamy has started work with us today and takes over responsibility for Class 2 as from Monday. We hope that she will be very happy working here with us and are looking forward to her working as part of our successful team here at Redmile.

### Viking Challenge AGM

This will take place on **February 26th 7pm** here at school. Whether you are a committee member or not, we really need you to attend this meeting, so please keep the date free in your diary. The continuation and future of the VC is only possible with our parents support so don't think that you don't matter... **we need you there.**

### Telephone Numbers

If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile 'phone for Christmas, don't forget to inform us of your change in number!

### Annual School Report

School reports will be going out later this term (as they did last year) so parent-teacher interviews will be held shortly after. Again, check the diary dates overleaf so you can make sure you are able to attend. Year 6 parents will be offered meetings earlier due to SATs (details below.)

### Year 6 SATs

SATs week commences **May 12th** so it is essential that you do not organise any appointments, etc during this week as they will not be authorised. We are offering you and your child an opportunity to come in and discuss the process for SATs, including plans for revision, etc on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm**. Please try to attend as this is an important time for all Y6's.



### Vale Choir

You will notice from the diary dates that this wonderful event will take place again later this term (Y3 & 4). Please make sure you keep the evening free. The theme for the concert will link to the centenary of World War I so we'll no doubt be packing up troubles in our old kits bags and smiling our way through the songs!!

### Open Session

As promised, we would like to offer you the opportunity for your child to share their work from last term with you, next Friday before assembly, 8.40am – 9.00am. This will also be a good opportunity to meet Miss Bellamy too.

### Clubs

A club letter will be sent out separately on Monday. Lively Hour will be back on next week and sports club continues as normal. Please ensure pupils are collected ON TIME. Thank you.

Early Morning Club will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting next week – if you returned the form for your child to attend these sessions then this is confirmation that they have been allocated a place.

There will be **NO other clubs next week** as we have yet to confirm which clubs will run this term.

### Parents Information Evening

Parents often tell us that they would like to know more about what their child is learning at school as the age old question: "What did you do at school today?" is followed by the age old answer: "I can't remember" or "I forgot" or "I played outside with my friends." To help you discover a little more of the reality of what goes on when you send them to us, we would like to invite you to an evening in school to find out more:

### **FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2014 7pm start**

Come and join us for a **glass of wine** and have a look at what's involved in the teaching and learning of maths, with a particular focus on mental maths and ways you can support learning at home.

Please keep the date free so that you can join us.

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### This term's curriculum

Learning and teaching overviews will be sent out next week. The whole school focus for this term centres around EXPLORERS and sounds very exciting. Keep 28<sup>th</sup> March free as we are planning a family event.

### Contact Sheets

Data collection sheets are going home to all families in book bags today, which contain contact details held for your child/ren. Please check these details, making any changes as necessary and return to the school office. Please can you ensure we have mobile telephone numbers for emergency contacts and also parent/guardian emails if possible too please, as we hope to shortly be trialling a messaging service.

If we do not receive data sheets back from you we will assume all details are correct. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Head teacher

### Diary Dates

#### **January**

17 Open session 8.40-9.00am

#### **February**

5 Y6 Parents evening  
10 Y6 SAT's meeting 6.30pm  
11 Parents maths workshop 7pm  
14 Valentines Assembly 9.00am  
17-21 **HALF TERM**  
26 Viking Challenge meeting 7pm  
27 Swimming starts (groups t.b.c)

#### **March**

20 Vale Choir performance Y3/4  
7.00pm Belvoir High School  
28 'Explorers' family event

#### **April**

9 Easter parade followed by Easter Service  
11 **EASTER HOLIDAYS BEGIN**

#### **April**

28 School re-opens for summer term