



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe I am writing my final newsletter to you for this academic year. It doesn't seem five minutes that I was welcoming our new Reception children and as from 3.15pm today they will be Year 1's!

This year has presented us with a lot of challenging changes in the world of education but we have faced them well; we have continued to ensure that each child moves forward as best that they can and, most essentially, have continued to provide the safe, secure, welcoming environment they are accustomed to so that they are happy coming to school. Your kind letters and cards to me and the staff are testament to this and it fills me with pride to know how much you value what we do for your children. Thank you for telling us.

Year 6

Thank you Year 6 for being a brilliant year group who have been a delight to work with over the years: Felix, Alicia, Rachel, Cameron, Tom, Lily, Dalton and Issy. We are all really proud of you, not only in what you have achieved academically in your time at Redmile but most importantly, the wonderful person you have developed in to. Although you will be sadly missed, I know you have all the attributes for facing the exciting adventure that lies ahead of you and I know that you will continue to make me proud. Good luck at your new schools; I know that you will succeed in anything you put your mind to! Remember: don't be sad that it's over, smile because it happened.

Leavers Service

Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who were able to come to the Year 6 leavers service on Thursday morning to say a fond farewell to our eight wonderful Year 6's. They shared their happy memories of Redmile and were presented with their record of achievement folder, a Bible and their leaver's t-shirt. Special thanks to Mr Beeston who kindly provided us with some delicious cakes to serve.

Summer Challenge – On Your Doorstep

Who do you think you are?

When we return from our summer holiday we will be starting our new topic of 'On Our Doorstep'. The children will be exploring all about where we live.

Over the summer, your challenge is to find out as much information as you can about your house. This could be pictures (old and new), maps, information about what it was used for in the past or people that used to live in your house. We will then share the facts we have found when we return to school.

Dinner Money Increase

With effect from 1st September, the price of dinners will increase to £2.15 per day/£10.75 per week. Dinners continue to be free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Summer Holiday Activities

Just a reminder about the activities at school this summer:

Andy Wing Sports Camp	14/15 July
Play Scheme	29/30/31 July
Andy Wing Sports Camp	4/5/6 Aug
Finding Fitness Sports Club	10-14 Aug

Holiday Homework

Please spend some time practising basic skills with your child over the holiday; it's a long time before their next lessons and if we have to revise everything in September then it puts learning back. Things to keep plugging:

- Reading (anything and everything...that's suitable!!)
- Writing (cards, letters, stories, instructions, recipes, shopping lists, etc)
- Maths (times tables, mental adding/subtracting, etc)
- Life skills (using a knife and fork, cleaning up after themselves, saying please and thank you, etc)

Local libraries have lots of fun things to engage children in over the holiday period too, so please try to pop along.

Holiday Jobs

During the holiday we will be having external painting work done and the old staffroom will be kitted-out with a new kitchenette so that we will be able to reintroduce cooking in to the curriculum.

Speaking of cooking, when you get a spare half-an-hour don't forget to get a head start on your Viking Challenge baking...freezable baking, of course!! The event is fast approaching (October 4th) and it won't be long before the ladies at the bus stops or school gate will be out with their lists. The VC website has had a bit of a facelift so do have a look at it when you get chance, it looks great:

www.vikingchallenge.org.uk

They also have their own Facebook page and Twitter account (@VikingChallenge).

The Sun

A gentle reminder about protecting children from the harmful rays of the sun. Please apply sun cream at regular intervals, especially if playing in outdoor pools and encourage them to wear a hat or cap to protect their face and neck.

Advice from Sun Smart: Cancer Research UK: "Babies and children need extra protection from the sun because their skin is delicate and easily damaged. Children with fair or red hair, pale eyes or freckles are at most risk. Skin

cancer is very rare in children, but many skin cancers take years to develop. **Damage to the DNA of our skin cells when young may develop into skin cancer several decades later.** Studies have found that sunburn during childhood can increase the risk of skin cancer later on in life. This is why it's important to ensure that children stay safe in the sun. It will also help set good habits for the future. Teaching children how to enjoy the sun safely while they are young sets a good pattern for later life. Keep babies under six months out of direct sunlight, especially around midday.

Thanks

A big thank you to those of you who have sent me and the staff cards and gifts; it is very much appreciated. Your kind words mean a lot.

I hope you all have some wonderful family holiday moments.

Teachers are back on 26th August for INSET; children return on TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER, 8:40am.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins
Head teacher

Roll of Honour for NEARLY100% Attendance for the academic year 2014-15

Rachel
Edward
Olivia
Liam
Oli Smith
Anya
Jonas
Ruby Rockley-Oakes

Roll of Honour for 100% Attendance for the academic year 2014-15

Cameron
Oli Poole
Evalyn
Max
Jack
Matilda
Bella
Tom White

Well done to Ruby and Lily Longden who have achieved 100% attendance since they joined us part-way through the year.