



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Children have settled back in to school well and are full of exciting things to tell us about their holiday. Thank you for supporting them with homework and kitting them out beautifully in smart uniforms; please remember to write their NAME in everything!!

New Starters

A special welcome to our new starters and their families: Christian, Harry, James, Megan, Oliver, Amy, Isabella, William, Sophie, Albert and Summer. I hope this is the beginning of a happy and rewarding Primary School experience and we are all looking forward to working with you over the years at our very special school.

Harvest Festival

Please keep the following date free for our Harvest Festival: Tues 22nd September 9:15 St Peter's Church, Redmile

Each class will perform something special for you, linked to people in our community who we are thankful for. We will make Harvest boxes next week, so if you have a shoe box or box of similar size, please send it in by Thursday of next week. Children will decorate their box, then bring it home in the hope that you will donate some food for Dove Cottage to celebrate the Harvest. If you have more than one child at our school, they will decorate one box between them. Please do NOT send in food next week; this should be brought in on Harvest Festival day!

Curriculum Plans

Our theme for this term is 'On our doorstep.' Children will be learning more about their school, their village, local community and the UK. We will be working with members of the community to help us deliver an exciting programme and we are planning lots of links with Waltham too. Detailed plans for each class will follow shortly.

Special Visitor

Next Tuesday, 8th September, Paul Cookson, the renowned poet (author of over 60 titles plus over 200 appearances in other books) will be visiting our school for the day to work with each class. You are invited to join us at 2:30pm for a presentation of children's work they do on the day if you are able to get; I know it's short notice (this has just been organised due to availability) but as you know I always like to involve you if I can. He specialises in performance poetry and delights in making everyone laugh. It should be a great day and I really hope you will join us. This highly engaging day will be paid for out of Viking Challenge Funds, something we could not afford to do without. All staff attended an INSET day with Paul last week so are highly geared up to deliver lots of exciting poetry-themed lessons too. Do have a look at some of his work at <http://www.paulcooksonpoet.co.uk/>

PE Kit

Please send kit in on a Monday and take home on a Friday. For any child who has recently had their ears pierced, earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons. If they cannot be taken out, then you can provide micropore tape to enable them to cover their own ears up for protection if you wish.

Ideally, children should wear trainers outside and plimsolls inside; if they don't have a change of footwear, then they may have to go bare-foot inside if footwear is dirty.

Outdoor Learning

Class 2 will be participating in the 'Forest School', outdoor learning programme this year. It will take place every MONDAY MORNING this half term, so children should come to school in clothes and footwear suitable for the outdoors; they will change into their uniform at lunchtime.

Class 1 will be following on from their experiences with our 'Forest School' themed work last year and will be outside every week. Please, therefore, ensure children have a pair of wellingtons that can stay in school all week and that they always have a waterproof coat with them.

Viking Challenge October 4th 2015

Have you signed up to help on the day yet? If not, please contact Lisa at lisajshores@gmail.com. If you would like to help organise a Mini Viking Challenge for the children prior to the 4th, please contact Miss Geeson or Mr Williams a.s.a.p.



Clubs

Mr Wing's sports clubs will start again next week, as follows:

Tuesday	3.15pm-4.30pm	Y3-Y6
Wednesday	8.00am – 8.40am	All years
Thursday	8.00am – 8.40am	All years
Friday	3.15pm-4.30pm	Rec - Y2

After school sports club continues to be fully funded by school and early morning sports continues to be part-funded, with a contribution of £1.50 per session required for all children attending, which should be sent into the office or paid to Mr Wing on the day.

Details of other clubs will be sent out shortly.

Dinner Money Increase - Reminder

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 Rec-Y2.

Lost Property

We have several bags of unnamed, unclaimed clothing. Please try to pop in and have a look through it all; I will try to get to the bus stops at Barkestone and Plungar sometime soon if you can't travel in.

Special Assembly

Please note that our Special Assemblies will resume next Friday; all welcome to join us at drop-off time for a coffee in the hall, followed by the assembly at 9:00am. We should be finished before the Keep-Fit session at 9:30am please stay if you can. The staff understand that you may not be able to attend school functions such as these due to other commitments and they do try to explain this to the children, so please don't feel pressurised.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Bellamy as joint Class 3 teacher next Tuesday; Mrs Longden and Miss Geeson will continue to work with the children as well. Hope you have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins, Executive Head Teacher