



Dear Parents,

### Viking Challenge

## THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to everyone who was involved on Sunday with the Viking Challenge. A lot of hard work was put in over the whole year by the Viking Challenge committee and volunteers to make the day such a success. We had numerous comments by the riders saying what a great ride it was. This year we had over 1400 riders.



### Operation Christmas Child

We are hoping again this year to support Samaritan's Purse who, amongst other aid, lead Operation Christmas Child and are appealing for help to send thousands more Christmas boxes this year. We have, as a school, supported this cause on many occasions. Parents often encourage their child/ren to put items of their own in to the box (in good condition) as well as going shopping to fill the box. It makes it more meaningful to them and helps them get a sense of giving to other children who won't have such a happy Christmas. Leaflets are in book bags today and if you require any more please contact the school office. We will inform you of the deadline date for the boxes as soon as we know, but thought it would help to have advanced notice so you can start to collect items. Thank you.

*"As well as providing urgent practical assistance right now to refugees whether they are in camps or on the move, we also want to put a smile on the faces of thousands of children who have fled with their families this Christmas through Operation Christmas Child. Although we can't say that people's specific boxes will go to refugees, all boxes received will go to children in great need and will bring Good News and Great Joy."*

### Free NHS eye tests

As you are probably aware Vision Tests are no longer undertaken by Health Visitors or School Nurses for Primary Aged children.

This being the case the Leicestershire Optical Committee is keen to encourage parents to take their children to the Opticians where they can have a FREE NHS EYE TEST. It is important that those children with detected vision problems are picked up as early as possible.

### Maths Next Week:

Class 1: data handling

Class 2: problem solving

Year 4/5: adding / subtracting fractions and finding the common denominator.

Year 6: dividing and multiplying fractions and percentages.

### News from Classrooms

#### Class 1:

In Class One this week they have been learning estimate and ordering of numbers. On Wednesday the children took part in a 'No Pens Day' taking part in lots of time challenge to help with their fine motor skills. They also used the computers to make maps.

#### Class 2:

This week Class 2 also took part in 'No Pens Day'. The children took part in lots of activities based on being ship wrecked on a desert island. They also tested their measuring skills outside investigating the creatures on the island.

#### Class 3:

In Class 3 this week, they have been immersing themselves with the legend of Robin Hood. They have been using their drama skills to be the character of Robin Hood then writing diary entries. The children have also been exploring friendships during circle time.

### Year 3/ 4 Tag Rugby

Good luck to the children in Year 3 and 4 who are all taking part in a tag rugby competition and coaching session on Wednesday. Please make sure slips are returned ASAP to give permission for your child to go.

### Year 5/6 Vale Football Tournament

On Thursday the Vale Football Tournament is being held at Redmile from 12:30 to 3pm, with many of the Vale Schools taking part. Parents are welcome to come to watch and support.

### Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support

A reminder that on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, the School Council would like to sell cakes to children and families at our special assembly. They will decorate some cakes in school but would appreciate it if you would like to donate some too. They suggest a minimum donation of 10p per cake but would welcome more!!! As the Macmillan logo is green we would also like everyone to wear something green!



### EYFS Workshop

Mr Williams will be holding a Read, Write, Inc and Numeracy workshop on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2.15-3.00pm for parents of Reception children, letters for which have gone out this week. Please return slips by Monday. Thank you.

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### **Reading raffle!**

Just to inform you our Reading Raffle will be starting next week to encourage children to read at home. Our homework policy states that children should be reading at home every night, and when they do an adult at home signs their reading record book. Therefore, when there is a reading comment and/or adult signatures in their book during the week, they will be given a special raffle ticket. Tickets will be drawn on a Friday and the winner will receive a prize. The more children read the more chance they have of winning a prize. We understand that older children may not always read their book to an adult every day, as they prefer to read independently; in these instances we will accept an adult's signature to 'verify' that the child has indeed been reading by themselves. Please do try to share their reading material with them at some point though, as discussing reading aids comprehension and enjoyment. NB 'Reading' doesn't have to be restricted to a child's reading 'book' i.e. they might read a magazine, instructions for a game, an annual or comic, a newspaper or the TV Times!!

### **Child Care**

A couple of parents have asked if there are any childcare providers that are local. Please note, we are just sign posting you to those providers who have told us of their availability; we cannot endorse them.

### **Eileen Wilson**

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Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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