



Dear Parents,

A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed help on Sunday. It was a fabulous event as always, with no major casualties, loads of praise, nice weather (resulting in a nice, clean school afterwards!) and lots of money raised for our school. We are expecting a bumper cash year... more details when the final totals come in. The committee have worked incredibly hard all year and pulled off a superb event. Check out the VC Facebook page and our Twitter page @teamredmile. We are extremely grateful to all of you and our children will benefit hugely. Thank you.



#### Message from Viking Challenge Chair

WOW WHAT AN AMAZING VIKING CHALLENGE DAY!  
We had great weather and lots of fun last Sunday for our annual school fundraiser.

Big big thank you to all the committee members and volunteers for making this event what it is. We have 180 people that help make it happen - covering marshalling, pre and post event help and numerous roles on the day. It's also a community event with 22 volunteers from the villages, with no children at school, supporting us.

This year we had 1200 riders:

- 5 riders completed the 55k in under 2 hours meaning they travelled at 18mph
- 68 children took part with an average age of 13
- The oldest Viking rider is 77 years old
- The riders clocked up 3,500 hours of ride time (equivalent to one person riding 5 months non-stop)

Next year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Viking Challenge, so it's going to be a celebration with lots of surprises in store. Please save the date....

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018. If you'd like to be involved or are interested in joining the committee, please speak with Jane Noad at school or email [jane.noad@gmail.com](mailto:jane.noad@gmail.com).

#### Last chance to buy a Viking Challenge t-shirt:

[www.vikingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.vikingchallenge.org.uk) (click on the merchandise button). We get the t-shirts donated, so every penny of the t-shirt sales goes to the amount we raise.

#### Harvest Festival

Well done to all the children and staff for the wonderful 'Harvest Around the World' today; it may well be the best Harvest Festival we've had! Thank you for all the marvellous food boxes you donated; they have been delivered to Bottesford Church to support a local food bank.

#### Healthy Lunchboxes

A polite note to remind everyone that we are a Healthy School and as such we encourage healthy lunchboxes and drinks.

#### Woodland Adventures

Class I will continue to take part in Woodland Adventures for 5 weeks, commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please ensure they come to school with appropriate clothing/footwear for outdoor learning.

#### Flu Immunisation

Please ensure any outstanding flu immunisation consent forms are returned to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### School Uniform

There are still children not wearing the correct uniform. Please action as appropriate over the holiday... particularly black shoes and the correct PE kit.

Please ensure children DO NOT wear earrings on PE days and have a bobble to tie their long hair up. Thank you.

#### Class I PE

Please can you ensure that any girls wearing tights on Friday's have a pair of socks in their PE kit to wear with trainers/plimsolls. Thank you.

#### Head Lice

Information on head lice detection/treatment as recommended by the School Nurse team is on the reverse of the newsletter. Please take the opportunity to treat any cases of head lice during the holiday so that we can start the new half term clear. Thank you.

#### Words for Life (National Literacy Foundation)

The following contains a selection of book titles for Babies to 11 year olds which aim to help them to feel glad and not sad:

[http://wordsforlife.org.uk/wellbeing/booklist?mc\\_cid=6c6caeb58e&mc\\_cid=f3892d77e5](http://wordsforlife.org.uk/wellbeing/booklist?mc_cid=6c6caeb58e&mc_cid=f3892d77e5) Hope you find it of interest.

#### Spanish Club

Spanish club continues after half term for 7 weeks. Please ensure you register your child if you wish them to take part.

#### Parents Evening

Times for parent's evenings have been sent home this week.

#### Dinner Money Costs

For those of you who wish to pay for dinners for the half term to Christmas, the cost is £99.00 for Monday-Friday. Cheques should be made payable to Redmile LCC.

#### 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 any 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.

#### Cross Country

Just a reminder that the next cross country event is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at Prestwold Hall.

#### Letters going home this week:

Parents Evening letter.  
Clubs letter – Reception only

Have a good half term. See you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Executive Head teacher

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