



Autumn Newsletter 6 7th October 2016

Dear Parents,

Hockey Tournament

Teams from Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 took part in last week's Quicksticks Hockey Competition at Melton Sports Village. Both teams played their hearts out and topped their respective leagues to progress into the semi-finals where they narrowly missed out on making the final. However, our Year 5/6 team won their play-off game to come third out of nine teams with Year 3/4 drawing their play-off game and coming joint third out of eight teams. This was a great result for both teams. And we didn't go away empty handed as our Year 3/4 team were recognised for their sportsmanship by winning the 'Spirit of the Games' trophy. A big well done to all who took part - we are so proud of you!

Thank you to Parent Governor Nigel Smith for the match report and photo below.



In class this week

All classes had a special Science-themed assembly this week, with a visit from Harriet Clewlow, a PhD student with the British Antarctic Survey. She talked to the children all about her exciting work studying penguins in Antarctica, and showed them some of her special protective clothing and equipment. If you would like to find out more, her blog is available at <https://penguinscientist.wordpress.com>

Holly Class

Reception

Reception class have been learning numbers up to 10 in Numeracy and started work on sounds in Literacy. Following on from the Science Assembly, they have been making penguins and snowflakes.

Year 1

Year 1 have been continuing to look at journeys in Literacy and have been learning about verbs. In Maths they have been discovering how to subtract numbers by counting backwards.

Oak Class

Oak class have been using multiplication and practising their Times Tables using a variety of games and activities. In Literacy they have been learning about homophones and how to write instructions and explanation texts. In Science they have been exploring switches and circuits.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been creative writing this week, with their own magnificent myths. They have been looking at sentence openers and how to improve their descriptive writing. They have also been writing poems about grandparents. In Maths they have been solving problems using compact addition. In Science the children have been learning about volts and electrical circuits.

Trainee Teachers

Welcome to Miss Wade and Miss Jones who have joined us this week from Nottingham Trent University, prior to their placement with us in Oak and Sycamore classes.

Data Collection Forms

Please return all forms confirming your child's nationality as soon as possible please, if you have not already done so.

REMINDER: Year 6 Warning Zone Trip on Monday

The Warning Zone Trip for Year 6 is on Monday (10th Oct). **Year 6 children need to be at school by 8.00am please.**

On that day the children will need to wear their school uniforms and coat and bring a packed lunch, a plastic water bottle and a healthy snack. No pocket money is required.

PLEASE NOTE: We have been advised that the coach is expected back later than first thought at around **3.45pm to 4pm**. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this later time and let taxi companies know if necessary. Thankyou.

School Photos on Tuesday

Individual and sibling photos will be taken in school on Tuesday morning (11th October). Full school uniform and brushed hair required! If you would like to bring younger children in for sibling photographs, please do so before 9am. Thank you.

Workshop for Parents

Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception Class)

There will be a short workshop for Reception Class parents, to help you support your child's learning, on Tuesday 11th October from 3.15pm to 3.45pm in Holly Classroom. All Reception class parents are welcome. Please let Mrs Saunders know whether you can attend.

Drop-in Session for Parents

There will be a drop in session for all classes next Friday 14th October, for you to see some of the work your child has been doing this half term. This is at 2.30pm, before Special Assembly. All welcome.

Sports update

I am delighted to announce that the school has recently achieved the Silver Mark in the School Games awards. Excellent news! Look out for the logo which will be appearing on the school letterhead.

As you know, our children across the school take part in lots of sports education, which includes invasion games like football, hockey and tag rugby. If you would like to send your child in with shin pads or gum shield you are more than welcome to do so but please note that they will have to take responsibility for them and be able to put them on by themselves. On occasion, the older children do have lessons using wooden hockey sticks and although it is not compulsory that they wear protective gear, I wanted to make you aware so that you can provide them if you wish.

Well done to Mr Wotton and Mr Mears for completing the Viking Challenge on Sunday. Some great pics of them on the VC Facebook page.

Messy Church This Sunday

It's Messy Church this Sunday - 9th October - at 10.20am in Waltham Church. We will be thinking about how we can be a light in a world of darkness - with crafts and fun preparing for Starlight Night (5pm-7pm on Monday 31 October!) and also looking ahead to supporting Operation Christmas Child in early November. We will also have the usual short worship time followed by refreshments including fresh coffee and cake. There will also be activities for the very little ones and table talk for the adults. We do hope that you can join us!

The Messy Church Team 😊

Redmile Sports Camp

Andy Wing will be running a Sports Camp at Redmile School during half-term, on Wednesday 19th October, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Suitable for 5-12 year olds. Cost £9 per day pre-paid or £10 if paid on the day. For more information contact Andy Wing on 07910 740112 or email sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

