



## Redlands News

W/C 29th October...



It was lovely to see the children return back to school on Monday – keen and ready to start their work. Uniforms are looking great and really give a sense of belonging to the Redlands' Family. This half term is probably one of the busiest that we have in school – so much is going on that time is already running away.

### Texting at Redlands...

I hope that you will agree that the new way of communicating with parents and carers is working really well. By texting parents and carers allows us to get information to you so quickly without having to produce letters or make several phone calls. There are still a couple of things we need to iron out and are still trying to update some numbers – please be patient with us as we get these sorted

### Parking...

This is always an issue which causes concern and I am afraid I need to bring it to your attention again. There have been several complaints to the school with regards to parents and carers parking their cars when dropping off and collecting children from school. Residents in the village have also contacted the Police who also came into school to discuss the complaints. I have been informed by the Police and Leicestershire Highways that parking outside the school – in particular Burton Road and the road leading to Leonard Cheshire will be closely monitored and fines and clamping will be put into operation. Obviously, these will be unannounced visits and the school will be powerless to revoke any penalties given. To avoid any sort of fine please ensure that you park away from the school, do not block driveways and ensure that emergency vehicles can access various access points.

### Our Fireworks - Better than the Rest !!!

Friday is going to be so exciting – The Friends of Redlands have been working really hard to ensure that the success that we had last year at our Firework display is repeated at this year's extravaganza. The firework display is produced by a professional company and will use fireworks that cannot be purchased over the counter. We have extended the performance this year and have also invited a professional fire eater to entertain the crowd. There will also be activities in the

school hall for our younger friends who may get upset by the noise whilst the display is taking place. A family ticket – 2 adults and 3 children is a bargain at £10, so if you've not purchased your tickets yet please see a member of the FORs.

Can I also remind visitors on Friday that Redlands is a smoke free zone and therefore No Smoking will be permitted on the school grounds. Thanks

### Non-Uniform Day

Tomorrow is Halloween and there seems to be some confusion about whether the children are allowed to dress up. I just want to clarify for parents and carers that children need to wear their School Uniform, as normal, on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

However, there will be a Non-Uniform day on FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, where the children can dress in their weekend clothes – the cost to do this is £1.00 as normal. If you agree to your child coming to school in their weekend clothes then please send them with a £1 on the day.

There will also be another Non-Uniform day on FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, again the children can wear their weekend clothes but this time to do so they will need to bring in some Christmas Confectionary – all the supermarkets are doing great deals at the moment so pop something into your weekly shop if you would like your child to take part – all chocolate collected will go toward creating the Chocolate Tombola stall at the Winter Fayre. Thanks for your support as always.

### Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church

I hope that you enjoyed Harvest – and thank you to all of those parents and friends of the school who came back and purchased items from our Harvest stall. All the money raised will be given to FORs to add to the money to be given to Macmillan cancer research charity.

### School Photographer

Sharon will be back to take individual and family sibling photos on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Family photos will begin at 8.30am. Photos will be returned before Xmas.



## Winter Fayre 2012...

We will be holding our Winter Fayre on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 from 6.00pm-8.30pm. This is always a well-supported event and FORs have already started to put together plans for another fun packed evening. Our choir will also be singing traditional carols and I hope that you will be able to come along.

## Travelling Book Fayre...

We haven't had a book fayre at Redlands for such a long time and when I saw the quality books on offer from Travelling Books, I thought I would invite them in! The book cases will arrive in school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and will be available for children and parents to buy books each night after school. The book cases will also be out at our Winter Fayre – a great opportunity to purchase some stocking fillers. The books are all reasonably priced and there is something for everyone – so come and take a look.

## Mr Fahey's Class assembly...

All parents and grandparents of the children in Mr Fahey's class are invited into school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to watch their class assembly. The children will be talking about and showing you the work that they have been looking at over the term. The assembly will start at 9am. Please come along and support your child.

## Christmas Dinner at Redlands...

I hope that you have received the letter about the celebration meals that we have planned over the next couple of months. One of those meals is our annual Christmas meal. This is a great event with the children sitting down together for a proper Christmas meal – turkey and all the trimmings, with their class mates. Carols are played and crackers are pulled and everyone has a great time. The Christmas meal this year will take place on FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. If you haven't returned your slip to the office please do so ASAP.

## A reminder

Just a little reminder to let parents and carers know that there will be 2 Teacher Days in February – this is different to the dates published at the beginning of the year so please amend our diaries and calendars. So, the children WILL NOT be in school on FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 and MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013.

## Dates for your Diaries

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** Phenomenal fireworks Gates open at 6pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** Individual photographs – family photos will be taken at 8.30pm if you require a group photo.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** Non-Uniform day £1.00 coin please

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** Travelling book Fayre

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** Winter fayre 6.00pm – 8.30pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** Mr Fahey's Class assembly 9.00am

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** Keystage 1 Visit Leicester Cathedral

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** The choir take part in Young Voices in Birmingham

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** Keystage 1 Visit Leicester Cathedral

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** community performance of the Nativity 1.45pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** parent's performance of the Nativity 1.45pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** parent's performance of the Nativity 1.45pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas dinner for those children that have selected to do so.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Parents help out in school – join in with Christmas crafts from 1.00pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Keystage 1&2 visit the theatre

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Foundation Stage visit to the theatre

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** SCHOOL CLOSES

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013** SCHOOL OPENS

Kind regards **Mr Matthew Peet**