



Rendell Primary School & Little Owls Pre-School

Dear Parents/Carers,

School finishes today for the half term holiday and re-opens on **Monday 6th June**.

The children and staff have been extremely busy over the past 7 weeks. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Year 3 had a visit from a Viking
- Year 1 went to Sherwood Forest
- Year 4 spent a day at Cadbury World
- Foundation children enjoyed a sunny day at Beaumanor Hall in search of 'The Stickman'
- Year 6 took a walk in the Outwoods and tested their orienteering skills
- Year 5 will arrive back today from their 'Kip on a ship' trip to London

SATs

It has also been busy in school with Years 6 and 2 completing their SATs – tests in reading, writing and maths. As I'm sure you are well aware the standard set for these tests by the government were much higher this year and we are immensely proud with how hard the children and staff have worked in order to try and meet these new expectations. We would like to thank all parents for their support in ensuring that the children were at school on time and ready to learn every day.

Year 1 phonics screening test will take place during the week beginning the 13th June.

Maths Week

The whole school took part in a focussed week of 'problem solving' to help the children to make important links between what they learn to do in maths and how to apply this in everyday situations. The week was full of practical and engaging challenges which the children really enjoyed. Another maths activities week is planned to take place in the next half term.

Rendell Rainbow Virtues

Everyone at Rendell, with Miss Russell and the MPs doing a lot of hard work in the background, have worked together to introduce the 'Rendell Rainbow Virtues'. The school chose the virtues of: Respectful; Resilient; Responsible; Curious; Reflective; Independent and Positive as the most important aspects of a character. The children added their ideas in the form of a competition as to what each of these virtues would 'look like' in action! Children and staff can nominate each other for a 'Virtue' award by writing who should receive it and why in the nomination book. These names are then read out in our Friday assembly for whole school recognition. Ask your child/children to tell you all about the virtues and how they think they can demonstrate these at home and at school.

Last few places remaining at Little Owls

All of the children at the Little Owls pre-school have made super progress this year. The staff worked very hard to ensure that the move from Fearon Hall didn't interrupt any of the learning and that children continued to enjoy the wonderful experiences available every day. Thirteen of the children will be joining the main school in Foundation from September. Mrs Bodle and Miss Mistry have arranged lots of transition activities to help to prepare the children so that they are familiar with the staff, the building and the routines of 'big' school.

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Places for the next academic year have booked up very quickly, the morning sessions are full all year and we now only have **three 15 hour places** remaining with a few afternoon slots. If you have a child that will be **2 or 3 years old** and you would like a place please contact the office urgently to avoid disappointment.

Sporting news

The Years 5/6 netball tournament at Woodbrook Vale School was postponed due to poor weather and has been re-arranged for Monday 20th June.

Miss Smith took a group of Year 3/4 children to the mini-tennis tournament at Charnwood Tennis Club on the 19th May. They had a great afternoon; they lost 3 games each and won 1 game each with the scoring being very close, losing by just 2 points!

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES FOR TOWN SPORTS

The relay heats will now be held after school on Monday 13th June.

Town Sports event day will now be on Saturday 9th July.

The changes have been made by the organisers of the event and not by Rendell.

A letter will be sent to the parents/carers of all the children that will be taking part with full details of times and the plans for transport etc.

Dressing up for the Queen

The children will be having an exciting afternoon on **Friday 10th June** as we will be having a tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Pre-school, Foundation Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will all be taking part in a birthday card competition and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have the chance to enter their recipes for a cake competition. The cakes will be made in school and eaten at the tea party. School will be providing other treats such as biscuits and squash and we would like all of the children to come to school in their **party clothes for the day**.

Healthy Eating Week 13th – 17th June

The purpose of the Week is to raise awareness of healthy eating and drinking, cooking, food provenance and being active to promote key health messages and habits to everyone.

We will be trying some of the BNF Healthy Eating Week challenges during the Week. These are:

- have breakfast;
- have 5 a day;
- drink plenty;
- get active;
- try something new.

More information about the week, how parents/carers can get involved, will be sent home after the half term.

Help (still) needed!

Thank you to the volunteers that have very kindly offered to be on our register for supporting trips out of school. We would love to have more! If you think you can help us then please leave your name and contact details with a member of our office team. Thank you.

Awards At Rendell – 29th April		
Writing: Flora Bezzano-Griffiths – GM Nina Page – JW Jay Penney – SLB	Maths: Humaira Begum – JW Teddy Kemnic – SLB Gadag Salih – SD	Homework: Ted Capeling – GM Nahlah Salim – GM Finlay Lyon – GM

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Jessica Paul - SLB	Saima Biswas – SD Shannon Mansfield - SD	Daniel Cave – GM Tyler Bruce – PB Jonah Capeling – JW Dean Hussain – SLB Karolina Kurtys - SD
Sport: King-Faed Sadeeq – GM Nafeesa Begum - JW	Topic: Tamimah Choudhury – PB Mahreen Hussain – PB Jack Edward - JW	Citizenship: Ryan Wilkinson – GM Liam Hirrell – MV Arzoo Soheil - SD
Reading: Rosan Kharal – SD Mako Abdullah - SD	Creative: Sufian Bathen - SLB	

Congratulations and well done to all our award children.

Holidays	Events
<p>Half Term: 30th May – 3rd June 2016 School closed for a Teacher training day – Monday 27th June 2016 School closes for the summer holidays: Friday evening 15th July 2016</p> <p>Autumn Term: Teacher training days 25/26 August 2016 Children return to school on Tuesday 30th August Half term: 17th – 21st October 2016 Close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December 2016</p> <p>Spring Term: School opens Tuesday 3rd January 2017 Half term: 13th – 17th February 2017 School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 7th April 2017</p> <p>Summer Term: School opens Monday 24th April 2017 Closed Monday 1st May (May Day) 2017 Half term: 29th May – 2nd June 2017 Closed for teacher training Friday 30th June 2017 School closes for the summer holidays: Friday 14th July 2017</p>	<p><u>Next school trip/visitor</u> Wednesday 8th June – Year 2 trip to Plantasia Wednesday 15th June – Faiths Panel to visit Year 6 Monday 20th June – Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle Thursday 30th June – Year 6 portrait workshop Thursday 14th July – Year 6 trip to Twinlakes</p> <p><u>Dates for your diary</u> Early Years Sports Afternoon (Reception and Pre-school) - Friday 17th June. Sports Day heats will take place on Tuesday 21st June and the finals will take place the following day 22nd June, weather permitting.</p>

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