

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear all,

Firstly a huge welcome back from the holidays. I do hope you've all had a great time with your children over the summer. It's been lovely to catch up with them all in the last week and hear about their adventures (even if we occasionally get some 'embellishment' – I'm not convinced about the giant sea turtles off the coast of Northumberland...). A particular welcome to our new pupils (and parents) – in addition to our Reception intake, we've got a few new members of the Ravensworth family in Class 2 and 3 as well.

This week has seen a lot of 'settling in' activities across the school. Class 1 have been sharing information about themselves and their families in their 'All about me' topic, and have embarked on some adventures in their 'Fire and Rescue Station'. Class 2 have been working really hard and have already commenced handwriting practice, computing lessons and some tricky maths. Class 3 were doing a brilliant bit of team-building the other day when I went in – who knew you could build a pyramid of cups using nothing but 4 pieces of string and an elastic band (no hands allowed!)?



A particular note for our new parents (and a reminder to old-hands) – we love to share the children's achievements (in *and out* of school) in the Newsletter, so please do feel free to email me or the office pictures or information about what your children are getting up to – whether it's dancing, sport, music, cubs, riding – it's all good to celebrate!

Although we're just 4 days in, there's already a page of notes in the 'Newsletter Book', so here's what's coming up and what you need to know about...

**Deadline for Secondary School applications** – I know, it's hard to conceive, since the children have just started Y6, but things happen quickly, and we've been asked to remind parents that the deadline for applications is 31/10/15. You should have received a letter in July with all the information you need.

**Bus arrangements** – please could all parents whose children *normally* take the bus confirm with Mrs. Richmond in the office what days their children are regularly NOT on the bus? This applies even to those whose details have not changed from last year, it would still be very helpful to know any regular patterns to update this year's lists. Please note that, if there is ever uncertainty about whether a child should or shouldn't be on the bus, if we can't reach a parent, we will err on the side of caution and keep the pupil here. Many thanks.

**Contact details** – a reminder that we always want to work in close partnership with you about your child's time in school. We're happy to meet with you after school (please try to make an appointment however, as these times are often very busy), but email is generally a really good starting point for discussions. Teachers check their accounts regularly (but not necessarily daily – please use the office phone for emergencies!), and are always happy to hear from you. Their email addresses are:

- Class 1 – Mrs. Jackson: [sjackson@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:sjackson@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- Class 2 – Miss Crisp: [acrisp@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:acrisp@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- Class 3 – Mr. Roycroft: [droycroft@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:droycroft@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

If you wish to reach me directly over something the class teacher has been unable to help with, you're very welcome to do so – my email address is:

[headteacher@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk).

Day to day queries are best handled by Mrs. Richmond in the office:

[admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk). Please also note that Mrs. Richmond's hours are 9am-1:30pm, and this is the best time to contact the office.

**PE Kit** – a reminder that, ideally, pupils need PE kit to be available each day, since timetables change according to access to the hall etc.. It would be best for all pupils to bring kit to school on Monday and take it home on Friday so that it's available throughout the week.

**Class 1 Requests** – a note from Mrs. Jackson, we were hoping parents could help us out with a few requests – look in the backs of those cupboards! Please contact Mrs. Jackson if you can help supply:

- Toy cars (any shape and size!)
- Doll's pushchair
- Dress up 'jewellery'
- 6 large logs for use outside as stepping stones and seats (ok, so perhaps those won't be in a cupboard...)

**Free School Meals** – please could all parents (regardless of year group) who think they might be eligible for Free School Meals re-apply. This includes those parents of pupils in Reception, Y1 or Y2 who receive *Universal Free School* meals. It is vital for the school's funding, and additional support beyond the subsidised meals is available for parents who qualify for FSM (e.g. free milk etc.). Forms are available from the office, and details are kept confidential. Many thanks for your support in this.

**Payments** – our online Parent-Pay system is up and running, and payments can be taken currently for *school dinners only* (£2.10 per day / £10.50 per week). Coin payment for milk and juice (20p per day / £1 per week) can be made on a Monday morning to the office please. We hope to integrate this into Parent-Pay in the not too distant future – watch this space!

**School Friends Comedy Night and Auction** – a reminder that the very popular Comedy Night will be taking place at Newsham Village Hall, 7:30pm, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Tickets (£8) available from Jo Metcalfe (07967655204) and Amanda Antoncich (07837406957). This was a great night last year. Cooked food will also be available to purchase from a local quality meat supplier - Stoneygate Farm. In addition to the comedy, we're also auctioning off a *two night luxury break for 4 people* at Pheasant Lodge – complete with hot tub and 5 star rating! Come along for a chance to bid!

#### Dates for the Diary:

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – 3:15pm in school, new Reception parents' meeting

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – guitar lessons recommence

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1-4pm, Y5/6 football tournament (team only), Richmond School (letters to be sent)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – School Friends Comedy night

#### And Finally...

Class 3 have been producing scripts for arguments this morning. The topic they chose was 'arguments between parent and child' – a real insight into what goes on at home! A favourite of mine was "the argument about who is the most beautiful, me or mum"!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell (Headmaster, Ravensworth CE Primary)

