

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear all,

Firstly, a warm welcome back after the summer! I do hope you have all had a wonderful, refreshing break, and that you've enjoyed the time with your children. It's great to see them all – we had two teacher training days at the start of this week, and whilst working in the school, one of the staff commented how 'lifeless' the building is without the joyful bubble (/babble?) of the children.

A particularly warm welcome goes to all our new reception children (and their parents) – they have settled in remarkably well already. The 'Red Dragons' – (more on this later!) are busily playing and exploring whenever I pop into their den, and we are so excited to watch them learn and grow during their time here. Another welcome to the newest member of our team, Mr. Roycroft, who is doing a brilliant job with the 'Green Beans'...

There will be much to update you all on – but I'll probably leave most of that until next week. For now, I will share that the children have chosen new names for their classes – our youngest pupils are the Red Dragons who work in the 'Red Den', the Green Beans work with Mr. Roycroft in the 'Greenhouse', and our oldest pupils are the Blue Smurfs (yes, that's democracy in action – the children voted to be Smurfs...) in the 'Blue Room'!

The colours will correspond to the colours of the classes' 'jewels'. These jewels will replace our old house-point system for celebrating the children's successes. Rewards of jewels will be given to pupils who will collect them in the class jar – these will then be used to fill up the school jar on Fridays in our celebration assembly. When this is filled, all the children will have a treat, they will all be working towards this common goal. The jars are already being filled merrily! Congratulations to Ethan Fox who received the first jewel ever given at Ravensworth!

We also want to congratulate Philip Wozny who has just been selected to proceed onto Newcastle United's Under 8's Squad. What an achievement! If your child has an out of school activity or achievement that you'd like to celebrate, do please let us know and we can share it with everyone. It's great to hear of all the talents and successes of the pupils in our school.

Grateful thanks go to Mrs. S. Stanwix for looking after our chickens over the summer. They are back in a beautiful new chicken house (Chateaux du Poulet) donated by the Knox family over the holidays, and have started laying! We'll be working out a system for what to do with the eggs soon!

A few practical points to note please:

**Morrisons** – please begin collecting the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers, and send them in with your children.

**Key Stage 2 Fruit** – as many of you will know, children in Key Stage 1 get a piece of fruit provided by County every day. Unfortunately, we can't provide fruit for our Key stage 2 pupils (Y3-6), but if your child would like a playtime snack, do feel free to send them in with a *portion of fruit* (not chocolate etc.) each day which they can enjoy.

**Inhalers and Epipens** – if your child requires either of these, please do pop into school to check that we have ones that are 'in date' and are the appropriate dosage etc. which can be kept here.

**Parking Opposite School Gates** – please could I remind you all not to park opposite the gates – access is required in case of emergencies at all times. Many thanks.

**Football Club** – this will be starting later this month, running on Thursdays, for Years 3 and up. These sessions will begin on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Reading Books** – we are currently working on a revised reading scheme (book bands, colours, etc.). It's a pretty massive undertaking (there are a *lot* of books in school!) and may cause some temporary disruption to the supply of reading books! Ultimately, we should have a much better system, and you'll be hearing more about this in the near future, but please be patient whilst this settles in.

**Dates for the Diary:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Guitar Lessons recommence

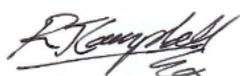
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – After School Football Club begins

**And Finally...**

Having named their class the 'Green Beans' on Wednesday, Thomas Smith came in on Thursday wearing a rather bulbous green bean, freshly picked from his vegetable patch around his neck... I'm now rather concerned what the 'Red Dragons' might bring in...

Have a great weekend (hope the rain abates...)

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell



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