

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2015

Dear all,

Another week has flown by and we're fully settled into life back at school. I think even the staff have got used to the early mornings again!

The children are all doing really well, particularly those who have transitioned into new classes. This can be a big change for pupils, with more demanding work or more formal settings, but we're so impressed by the way they are all 'stepping up to the plate'. I thought I'd include just a few photos of 'day to day' learning this week – just showing the 'feel' in each classroom as I walked around.



Scholastic Book Fair – always popular, the book fair is coming on 12th October for a week. It's an ideal time to get your Christmas presents sorted, prices are great, and the school gets vouchers as commission as books are bought. More details will follow, watch this space.

Forces Children – we need to update our records for our school census. Could parents of children who have a connection to the armed forces please notify Mrs. Richmond in the office so we can ensure we're up to date. Many thanks.

Fruit and Veg – as you'll know, children in Reception – Y2 get free fruit and veg as a morning snack each day. Unfortunately, we're not currently receiving this. Mrs. Richmond is chasing up the delay, but we've been told that the NHS (who oversee the scheme) have a huge backlog, and it'll be a couple of weeks before this resumes. In the meantime, children may wish to bring a piece of fresh fruit or veg to school for a break-time snack. Apologies.

Dance – Mrs. Richmond is starting a Junior Street and Freestyle class at Middleton Tyas Village Hall, 6:30-7:30pm on Fridays, term time only, first lesson free! Please contact her for details.

Harvest Windows – we've received a lovely request from Gilling West church: they have asked if any of our children would like to be involved in decorating a window in the church for their Harvest celebration. If you would like to do so, please contact Barbara Willis on 01748 850158 and she'll arrange a convenient time for you (and please take photos for us to share!)

Comedy Night – a reminder to book your tickets for the School Friends Comedy Night and auction (Saturday 3rd October); please contact Jo Metcalfe (07967655204) and Amanda Antoncich (07837406957).

Jeans for Genes Day – next Friday (25th), children will be allowed to come to school in their jeans or trendy trousers (normal uniform on top) in order to raise money for children with genetic disorders. Please bring a donation.

School Friends Meeting – a warm invitation to all (especially new parents) to our School Friends meeting on 23rd September, 8pm, New Rokeby Inn (on A66). The School Friends do a fantastic job of fundraising for us, and regularly fund trips, resources, treats and all the 'extras' that the government don't give us the money for! A dedicated team, deeply appreciated by the school – please come along if you can, no huge commitments will be required of you!

Fair Trade Food – as you know, Key Stage 2 children have the option to bring in 50p to buy 'tuck' snacks on a Friday morning at break-time. They've just been learning about Fair Trade, and have voted to make the change from the current stock to prioritise Fair Trade products (cereal bars etc.). What a lovely example of the children living out our school values and putting their learning into practice.

Residential – a brief reminder for pupils in Y5-6 about the upcoming Residential. More details will be going to individual parents soon re: payment, support, kit list, logistics etc., letters should be going out next week.

Payment Reminder – thanks to all who are now completing payments for school dinners online – this is working really well. Please may I remind everyone to keep paying for milk and juice by cash for now; we intend to move these payments online next half term, but for now, Mrs. Richmond is still counting the pennies! Many thanks.

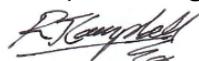
Dates for the Diary:

[Clubs this half term (3:10-4:15pm): Thursdays, Football, Y3-6]
Friday 18th Sept – 1-4pm, Y5/6 football tournament (team only), Richmond School
Tuesday 22nd Sept – 7pm, Richmond School Y6 Open Evening
Weds 23rd Sept – 8pm, School Friends Meeting
Thursday 24th Sept – 7pm, SFX Y6 Open Evening
Friday 25th Sept – Jeans for Genes day
Sat 3rd Oct – 7:30pm, School Friends Comedy night, Newsham Village Hall
Looking ahead... 19th-22nd October – Y5/6 Residential Trip.

And Finally...

A first for me yesterday, one of our new pupils brought in some fruit as a present for me that she had grown herself. Quite literally, an apple for the headteacher!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

