

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 16th October 2015

Dear all,

Another week has flown by, and I can't believe we're almost at half term already! Many thanks to all who have supported our Book Fair this year. The children have, as always, been really excited to access the books, and pick some of their favourites. There's a real 'buzz' about reading in the school at the moment, which is fantastic. I hope some of you have been able to sort out some Christmas pressies too!

It's been a remarkably 'quiet' week in terms of particular events and activities, but the children have continued to work away. There have been some great Viking newspaper reports produced in Class 3, and some rather nice work on Viking houses in Class 2. Apparently, the fact that Viking longhouses accommodated the cows, sheep, children, chickens, parents and goats in one room with a smoky central fire pit makes for "a snug and cosy space with lots of cuddly pets" – according to the Class 2 pupils! They're learning the art of 'spin' at a young age, some future estate agents there I think...

Harvest – a reminder that we'll be having our Harvest service at Kirby Hill at 1:30pm on 23rd. This will be taken by our new vicar, Rev. Antony Kirby (appropriately named!). We will commence with a lunch together at 12:00pm and then, if the weather is kind, we will walk up to Kirby Hill church for a simple service. If, however, the autumn rains hit us (or the muddy path) hard, then we have a bus on stand-by. As in previous years, we are going to take a collection of produce to make a donation to the elderly residents in the Dakyn flats across the green at Kirby Hill. It's a lovely opportunity to share our blessings with the local community – if you are able to make a donation of food, please send this in with your child from Wednesday next week. Many thanks.

Parent Governors – as mentioned previously, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Many thanks to all who have expressed interest, application packs are now available from the office.

Class 2 Maternity Cover Appointment – as you know, Miss Crisp will be heading off next half term to go on Maternity leave. We are delighted to tell you that this week, myself and the governors interviewed and appointed Mrs. Shazell to the post of Class Teacher to cover this maternity leave. Many of you know Mrs. Shazell has been working in school as a TA but is a fully qualified and experienced class teacher – she will bring much valued continuity to our provision in Class 2, and will do an excellent job.

We will shortly be advertising a TA maternity cover post for Mrs. Shazell's hours, while she works as the class teacher. Watch this space for updates!

Congratulations – to Reece Edwards and Isobel Brooks who have recently completed a Scuba Diving course at Holmedale Scouts and got their level 1 certificates! Emma Scott is also doing the training – well done to all!

Macmillan Morning – a quick note to say the village coffee morning raised over £400 for this great charity.

Messy Church – Messy Church themed around Harvest will be taking place on Tuesday 20th October, 3:30-5pm. This is a lovely after school event to which all children (and parents) are invited, run by the Messy Church team. A short talk, craft activities, and always a delicious meal make this a great evening, open to all ages.

Y5/6 Residential – I hope everyone's getting excited for next week's adventure – certainly Mr. Roycroft and Mrs. Stanwix are! Just to note, all children who are going will be provided with a packed lunch for Monday. This is to streamline things when they get there, so they can make the most of the afternoon and plunge straight into activities.

A couple of parents have asked about emergency contact. If parents have any emergencies and need to contact their children, I will keep the school mobile on me all through next week, please contact me on that number, and I will then be able to get a message through to the staff on residential. The number to contact, in emergencies, will be: 07907 848988. Here's to a peaceful week for you all!

Volunteer Please! – hopefully you will all be aware that our school reference library operates weekly, whereby children are able to choose a book to take home in addition to any of their 'normal' reading books. We're looking for another parent helper to support Liz Routh who normally runs this on a Friday afternoon – it's an 'easy' and enjoyable afternoon, discussing books with children, helping them to choose and find what they're interested in etc. Liz will be there to 'train' a new volunteer in the system and organisation of the library, and the children really appreciate your support. Please contact the office if you can help! Many thanks.

Football Club – unfortunately, we have to cancel football club next week, and it won't run after half term due to the winter evenings. It will start again in the Spring.

Drinks and Snacks – a quick reminder that water bottles should only contain water please, and that any snack brought in for playtimes etc. should be fruit only. Many thanks.

Scholastic Competition Winners – the book fair always offer a colouring competition – well done to our winners this year (each of whom receive a book token!): Rec/Y1 – Edward Dixon; Y2 – Rose Brown; Y3 – Conrad Andrew; Y4 – Clara Metcalfe; Year 5/6 – Emma Scott! Great work!

Dates for the Diary:

19th-22nd October – Y5/6 Residential Trip.

Tues 20th October – Messy Church, 3:30-5pm

Friday 23rd October – 12pm Harvest lunch 12pm and afternoon Harvest Service, 1:30pm

School closes at 3:10pm, or parents can take their children home after the service.

And Finally...

Mr. Roycroft has recently got two little kittens. He asked his class to help name them. Demonstrating not only excellent 'punning' skills, but also superb grammatical knowledge, Owen Wardle suggested: 'Subordinate' and 'Paws'...

Brilliant!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

