

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th October 2013

Dear all

Well, it's often feast or famine in terms of news in school, and we've got a feast this week! The Fountains Abbey trip last Friday was fantastic, feedback from staff and pupils was universally positive. The children got into full costume in the morning as Benedictine monks and learned monastic codes and practice. However, by the afternoon, they had travelled forward in time to 1534, where they took on the role of Henry VIII's soldiers and commissioners – ready to clamp down on the decadence of the papacy. The pupils then effortlessly switched back to their characters as monks; forced to decide to cleave to their moral principles and defy the king, or whether to bow the knee and acknowledge him as supreme head of the church. The children's behaviour was superb, and the staff at Fountains commented on how brilliantly they were able to enter into the drama. Mantle of the expert is clearly having an impact already! I was sad not to have been able to be there, but I was so proud to hear of the positive impression made by the students as great ambassadors for our school.



A stitch in time saves mess – our grateful thanks to Mrs. Wardle who has very kindly been sewing hooks onto all our dressing up clothes for the Red Dragons to keep them tidy! What a star!

PE Kit – a plea from the Red Class, but just as relevant to all the children – please could you ensure that all the children have a full PE kit which is *clearly named* and is kept in school for the full half term. (Incidentally, we have a T-shirt left at football on Thursday, unnamed, age 11/12 if anyone is missing one).

The Red Box – our reading scheme update is nearly complete - we have endeavoured to ensure that every book is at the right level (and stickered accordingly). However, we are becoming aware that in spite of our best efforts, there are still some books which don't 'fit' into the levels (/colours) that they have been put into. We are trying to catch these and make changes as appropriate. Please help us with this; if your child comes home with a book that isn't appropriately labelled, please send it back in with instructions to put it in the 'Big Red Box' in the library. Hopefully, this way, we'll be able to find any that are mislabelled and get them sorted progressively. Thanks for your help.

Christmas Cards – just a reminder, the deadline for ordering these is Monday 14th.

Toys from home – a reminder (particularly for the younger children) that toys and make up from home is not to be brought into school please.

Red Class Update – unfortunately, Mrs. Jackson will be unable to return next week as planned, and is now off sick until 15th November. Mrs. Pearson leaves us this week; however, Mrs. Alison Brooks will be working full time with Reception and Year 1 for the next five weeks as the class teacher. In addition to being a highly experienced teacher, Mrs. Brooks is a school governor and is regularly in school, so knows all our routines, and many of the children – we are so pleased she will be joining the team for this time. Our particular thanks to Mrs. C. Stanwix for all her superb work in the last few weeks, alongside Mrs. Pearson.

Messy Church – our next Messy Church event is after school next Tuesday, with a Harvest theme. Do come along to be with your children – all welcome, including siblings etc., even if you can only come for part of the time! Crafts, activities, and a delicious meal to share at the end – what more could you want?!

Harvest Service and Lunch– on the last day of the half term, you are warmly invited (along with grandparents, uncles, aunties etc.) to our Harvest service. We hope this will involve an afternoon walk up to Kirby Hill church and lunch together in the school in advance. Further information will follow soon, but pop that date in your diary and come and celebrate with us! If you would like to join us for lunch that day (roast chicken!) please return the slip below by Wednesday 16th at the latest. Extra meals are £2.10 for children, or £2.80 for adults.

Bonfire Lunch – a special 'bonfire menu' will be served for dinner on the first day back after half term; bangers and mash, baked beans and gingerbread! Sounds wonderful! This is a special invitation to those who normally take packed lunches who may wish to enjoy a dinner that day, please let Mrs. Richmond know.

Parents' Evenings – please note the dates below, further information will follow with the opportunity to book a time slot to discuss your child's progress.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 15th October – 3:10pm Messy Church!

Thursday 17th October – 3:10pm – Football Club

Friday 18th October – 4:15pm – Boys' Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Wednesday 23rd October – 5pm-7pm – Parents' Evening

Thursday 24th October – 3pm-5pm – Parents' Evening

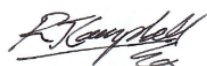
Friday 25th October – 1pm – Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October – 3:10pm – break up for half term holidays

And Finally...

There's so much about food in this newsletter, one would think we've got an unhealthy preoccupation with filling our stomachs! Must be because I've not had lunch yet...

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell



Saint Jack, positively radiating!

Harvest Meal Request:

I would like to order _____ adult school meals on 25th October & enclose payment of _____
Vegetarian Option? _____

