

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 23rd October 2015

Dear all,

Well, what a week! The Year 5/6 pupils returned from their residential yesterday absolutely full of all their amazing adventures. I'm pleased to say that all returned safely (including Mr. Roycroft and Mrs. Stanwix). I'm hoping that I can send out a bumper photo collection of residential pictures after half term (there's so many that we haven't yet processed them all!). At the very least they'll be going up on the website once Mr. Roycroft has sorted through them etc., so you can relive the children's stories with them together! Here's just a tiny taster of their experience.



However, it's not just our residential folks that have been having fun this week. In Class 1, there have been all sorts of exciting things going on. The pupils have opened a 'Doctors' Surgery' catering to a wide range of medical needs; indeed I was rather impressed at their medical skills - whilst three 'Doctors' worked on Ruby, I asked what was the matter and she announced "well, I'm quite dead". However, thanks to the healing administrations of Arabella, Kimberley and Freya, Ruby was soon up and around. Here's to new recruits for the NHS! Children in Class 2 ½ (as it became known!) have had a great week too, continuing their work on the Vikings and producing some rather wonderful looking Viking Bread. Mrs. Mundy and Mrs. Shazell ran various baking sessions through the week, culminating in a Viking feast! Photos below!



Talking of feasts, our very grateful thanks to Brenda Slack and Julie Brown, our catering team, for laying on a wonderful Harvest meal for us all. It's really difficult, particularly at the very end of a half term to run these events, so we really appreciate the efforts they have gone to. Thanks as well to all the parents who joined us for our walk to the church, your assistance is much appreciated! Also to Rev. Antony for working with us on this.

Christmas Card Orders – all card orders to be completed by Monday 2nd of November please. This gives time for them to be printed etc. and back to you in time for sending out in December!

Ravensworth Defibrillator – a quick note re: a community project being run at present. The village are fund raising to purchase a defibrillator which will be held centrally and will be available to anyone in the village who finds themselves in need. As you will be aware, using a defibrillator within the first few minutes of a cardiac incident can significantly improve the chance of survival.

The fundraising team are aiming to raise £2000 to provide the whole package. They are running an 'open garden' get together on Friday 13th November to fund raise – mulled wine, hot chocolate and adventures for the children have been promised! Please do support this great project.

Deadline for Primary School Applications 2016 – just a message for anyone who has young children who will be starting school here next year that the deadline is 15/01/16. Obviously, this is still a while off, but next half term fills up fast, and I know some people will already have started looking and thinking about schools.

On that note, if you're happy with Ravensworth (which I hope is the case!), please do spread the word to any friends that you may have in the area who are currently thinking about choosing schools. Obviously, we love to have full, busy classrooms, so do encourage those around you to come and consider Ravensworth. I'm always happy to show prospective parents around, just ring the office and make an appointment! Many thanks.

Class 1 thanks – to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon who kindly gave up their time this week to come and educate Class 1 on the roles of being a nurse and an architect. As previously noted, the Class 1 medical team have clearly been inspired to great things, and the boys are definitely busy in the construction area!

Hockey Club – next half term, on Tuesday evenings (commencing 10th), Lynsey Carruthers, Sports Teacher at Richmond School will be running an after school hockey club here for Y3-6. Depending on numbers, we may have to narrow this year-group range, but we hope to be able to accommodate all who wish to come.

Dates for the Diary: [After School Club this half term: Hockey, Tuesdays, 3:15-4:15pm]
Monday 2nd November – *lunchtime* rugby club (weekly) – please ensure children have kit!
Thursday 5th November – no guitar lessons
Thursday 5th November – Tempest Photography, Individual Photos
Tuesday 10th November – 3:15-4:15pm – Hockey Club, Y3-6
Friday 13th November – GNAA Bag Collection
Friday 13th November – Class 2/3 Trip to Jorvik (details to follow)
Wednesday 18th November – Class 1 Trip – Seven Stories
Thursday 18th November – Guitar lessons recommence
Thursday 18th November – 3:15-5pm – Messy Church
Looking Ahead...
Friday 27th November – 5-7pm, School Friends Christmas Disco (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd December – 5:30pm, Christingle in Church
Tuesday 15th December – 5pm Class 1 Nativity

And Finally...

Rev Antony's talk today really was very appropriate. We were held up by no less than 3 tractors and trailers as we walked up, and 2 on the way down. I must say, whilst trying to herd 30 children up a hill, 'harvest thankfulness' wasn't front and centre in my mind when the vehicles appeared! That'll be my challenge for the holidays!

Have a lovely time,
Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

