

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2014

Dear all,

Welcome back to everyone to our new half term – a 'friend' (?!) reminded me the other day that it's less than 2 weeks until Christmas – in fact, as I write this, it's just 6 weeks, 5 days, 15 hours, 35 minutes and 12, 11, 10, 9 seconds... This fact disturbs me somewhat, especially when I consider all that the school is setting out to do between now and then (never mind my Christmas shopping!).

Firstly, a quick look back to our lovely Harvest celebration a couple of weeks ago. Many thanks to all who turned out, especially those who joined us and helped on the walk. It's a great experience for the children to set out together and climb that hill to the church, and brings us 'out' into our community to share in all that's beyond our school walls. Thanks to Mrs. Whittaker for a great lunch, and for all the donations, gratefully received by the elderly residents of the Dakyn Trust houses.



Considering that we've only been back four days, it's been a very full week! In the world of our mantle, Castleside Museum have managed to complete the construction of their Roman replicas and are preparing to set up an exhibition open to the public (watch this space). They received some advice from a slightly bookish professor who seemed to think that the exhibition should consist of queuing to read 200 pages of facts about the Romans; they, however, had far better ideas and are now planning and preparing presentations, videos, leaflets, tours and information sheets about all their artefacts! Red class have been coming up with some amazing language all about fireworks to write a special poem all about bonfire night – I can't wait to hear it!

Yesterday, children from Class 2 and 3 had a special treat and attended the Civic Theatre for an amazing production of Horrible Histories 'Barmy Britain'. Starting at the (nicely topical!) Romans, the show tracked the history of the UK right up to World War One (also nicely linked to our work on Remembrance!). The pupils had a great time and came back buzzing with stories of awesome 3D effects, gruesome facts and terrible tales! Thanks to School Friends for kindly financing the tickets for this.



Mobile Phone Found – following parents' evening, a Blackberry phone was discovered in Class 3. If this is yours, please do let us know!

School Friends Comedy Night and Auction - a great evening is in store (Newsham Village Hall on 22nd November. Tickets are £8 each, and doors open at 7:30pm) so get your tickets bought! As an added incentive, we have an AMAZING offer which will be auctioned off – a two night break at Studford Luxury Lodges at Helmsley. These lodges are beautiful (check out the website), and sleep 6 people - 3 bedrooms (king size beds), 60" inch TV, inbuilt SAUNA and private HOT TUB! Gorgeous! The break is valid till the end of next year and is worth £660! So come along and get bidding! Tickets available from Amanda Antoncich, Joanne Wallis or Jo Metcalfe.

Payments – a request from the office – could parents please make separate payments for dinners and for mid-morning drinks (milk/juice)? These get paid into different accounts and it becomes very difficult to separate them out when one payment is made! Many thanks.

Archaeological Dig – next Monday afternoon, we are going to be digging up our school field (it's always been a bit wonky anyway) to give the children a bit of experience undertaking an archaeological excavation. Please could children in Class 2 and 3 bring *wellies* and *old (warm!) clothes* on Monday so that they can get suitably dirty! Hopefully the field won't end up looking like the dig near Brompton for the A1... (We are also aware of genuine archaeology on site, which we will not be disturbing!)

Children in Need – next Friday, we're raising money for Children in Need. Children from Class 1 are invited to come along in their favourite fancy dress (I'm guessing we'll have a few superheroes!) and Class 2 and 3 are going to be dressing as Romans. We're looking for togas (get those bedsheets out!), soldiers (and the red blankets!), and emperors (laurel wreaths!)! There might even be prizes for top costumes! Please bring a donation.

Christmas Card Orders – final deadline for orders is on Monday morning; the courier company is collecting so no late orders can be accepted – homemade is surely better than Tesco's for the cards this year...!

Forever Living Party – Vicki Maude will be holding a Forever Living party on Friday 14th November from 7pm at Ravensworth Village Hall. Friends and family all welcome – some great ideas for Christmas gifts. All proceeds will go to Ravensworth School Friends.

Remembrance Day – at 10:45am, on 11th, we will hold a short act of remembrance on the village green. Please ensure your child has a coat as we intend to go out whatever the weather (!). All are welcome.

Congratulations – to Reece Edwards who was awarded the prize of 'Cub of the Month' for October – well done Reece!

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 11th Nov – 10:45am, Remembrance Service, Village Green; 3:15pm – Messy Church!

Thursday 13th Nov – Football Club (weather permitting)

Friday 14th Nov – Children in Need / GNAA Bag Collection / Year 1 Audio Checks

Tuesday 18th Nov – 6:30pm Parents Maths Evening (details to follow)

Friday 21st Nov – 'Crucial Crew' / 4pm Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Saturday 22nd Nov – School Friends Comedy Night, 7:30pm, Newsham Village Hall

Looking ahead...

Thursday 11th December - 6:30pm, Christingle Service, Kirby Hill Church

Tuesday 16th December – 6pm, Class 1 Nativity, Ravensworth School

And Finally...

Emily Riley gave a great description of Mr. Roycroft's choice of footwear for the walk up to the church – "oh dear, Mr. Roycroft's forgotten his boots – he's wearing his pixie shoes again!".

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell



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