

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 14th November 2014

Dear all,

Having had a meeting all morning, I'm now dashing to try to get this written and out before home time! My apologies in advance for any typographical errors! There's so much to celebrate and share from this (very full!) week, so I'll try not to miss anything out...

We had a marvellous archaeological dig on Monday, in which the children discovered all kinds of interesting finds under our field. The pupils learned about the care needed for the excavation and preservation of artefacts and considered the ways in which provenance can be established (as well as having plenty of fun and getting delightfully dirty...).



Then, on the 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a short yet poignant act of remembrance on the village green. It was a special and solemn occasion, in which the pupils behaved beautifully - two minutes is a long time to stand silent and still when you're four years old. I even received a letter from a village resident praising the children for their conduct and saying they were a credit to our school - I quite agree. Thanks to all who attended this special occasion.



We had an elderly guest visit the school this week too - Billy the cat! Billy is 20 years old which apparently makes him 97 in cat years! Class 1 have done some brilliant drawing and writing about Billy - thanks to Mrs. Causer and Ava for sharing their special friend with us! Messy church followed that evening, with the customary fun and games - we had 28 children in attendance, plus many parents and friends. Everyone seemed to have a great time on the topic of 'Remembering', and, as always enjoyed a delightful feast for tea.

Which brings us to today and some *fantastic* costumes for Children in Need. The money is still coming in and being counted, so I'll share that next week. However, I must celebrate the brilliant array of soldiers, emperors, Roman ladies - bene est omnibus (well done to all!)

Please could pupils all keep their costumes, as Miss Crisp has plans afoot for them in the coming weeks! Class 1's superheroes, princesses and other characters also brought a real splash of colour to a grey day! Many thanks to all parents who busied themselves with cardboard and papier maché, bedsheets and safety pins to produce such great costumes! I have missed not joining in the toga fun thus far, but felt it wasn't appropriate for a data analysis meeting with a county advisor...



**Photograph orders** – please ensure these are all handed in by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We are unable to process late orders. Many thanks.

**School Friends Christmas Disco** – on 28<sup>th</sup> November, the School Friends will lay on what will, I'm sure, be a brilliant evening for the children to dance the night away! Free to all, please just bring along some party food! 5pm – 7pm.

**Social Media** – we have been made aware that some local schools have had issues around the use of social media by members of the school community (e.g. parents, carers etc.) resulting in negative experiences for children. Please note that comments made on social media are in the public domain and should therefore be carefully considered. If you ever have issues with the school, please could we ask that parents refrain from posting these on social media, and instead have a discussion with, or send an email to, the relevant staff member or myself. This avoids unnecessary parental anxiety and speculation and prevents children from becoming 'targets' in school. Most importantly, it is a far more effective way of resolving any possible difficulties. Thank you.

**School Friends Meeting** – all are invited to the next meeting of the School Friends, which is taking place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm, at the A66 Motel.

**Crucial Crew** – please could parents of children in Y5 and 6 return the forms by 17<sup>th</sup> November as we need to gather our consents etc. in advance of the trip.

**Maths Evening** – next Tuesday all parents are invited to a 'Maths Evening' in which we will share our new calculations policy with a particular focus on Multiplication and Division. This will be relevant for all parents. We will commence this at 6:30pm.

**Congratulations** – a huge well done goes to Emily Wallis who completed her 200m swimming badge this half term. She's a very active girl, because a week later she, along with Clara Metcalfe, was awarded her red belt in martial arts!

**Dates for the Diary:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm, Maths Evening

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – 8pm, School Friends Meeting

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Football Club (last one of the year)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Y5/6 Trip 'Crucial Crew' / 4pm Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30pm, School Friends Comedy Night

Billy's visit!



**And Finally...**

I'm told that as part of their topic, Class 2 and 3 have been preparing and baking Roman food. Of course, the Romans were great eaters of fish; to that end Mr. Roycroft sampled the delights of a whole anchovy yesterday. I don't believe he'll do so again...

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell

