

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Dear all,

Well, we've certainly 'hit the ground running' this week – considering that the children have only been back for four days, we've packed a huge amount in! Before we think about this half term, let me just reminisce a moment about our Harvest festival a couple of weeks ago. Many thanks to all who were involved – everyone who gave produce, attended (or prepared!) lunch, came to the service, church wardens etc. It was a really lovely occasion, and it was just great to see the school hall so full of life and 'family'. Our thanks also to Rev. John for the use of the church, and for leading the service. We received a lovely letter from the residents of the Dakyn Trust houses (to whom our produce was donated) thanking the children for their gifts and sharing their appreciation.



Looking ahead then, there's much going on! This half term, there will be four different after school clubs running – two of which kicked off this week.

**Science Club** - On Wednesday evening, Science club began with some explosive creations! The children created an experiment which involved dragons erupting with frothing, foaming smoke – the photos (see below!) show their triumphs! Science club will run again in two weeks' time – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – for members of the Green Beans.



**Beading Club** - Yesterday, we held our first beading club for the older children. I have to be honest, when I saw the early stages, I was worried. It took a good 10 minutes to get three beads in place. However, when I returned 20 minutes later, the children were veritable beading machines! This week, they made firework designs, and are all 'fired up' (pun intended) for next week's activity! There are still places for this club, just contact Stella Wardale ([sales@rockchique.co.uk](mailto:sales@rockchique.co.uk)) if you want your child to attend and tell us so we can take them off the bus list.

**Sports and Games Club** – next Wednesday we are starting a new after school club, which will run weekly (on different nights – keep an eye on 'diary dates'!) This will be an indoor sports club focusing on multi-skills, athletics and games and is initially open for Years 1-6 (depending on numbers etc., we may need to change this for future weeks – details will follow). We have a specialist coach running this, but there will be no cost to parents. Please contact the office if you wish your child to attend, and ensure they have plimsolls!

**Messy Church** – next week's Messy Church on the theme of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday – plenty of fun, fellowship and food to be had – do come along (open to parents and family too!).

**Photos** – individual and family photos were taken yesterday (I think Miss Crisp now needs another holiday!). Your pack will go home with your children today, please return them to the office within 10 days. Cheques should be made payable to Tempest Photography.

**Children in Need Day** – next Friday is Children in Need day - Pudsey's Pyjama Party is the theme this year, so children are invited to wear their pyjamas for school. Spotty ones are even better! Please bring a donation.

**Coats** – we've noticed that a number of children have not had a coat in school recently. Now that the cold weather is setting in (4 °C this morning in my car, and similar in the office I think!), please do ensure that your child has a jumper and a coat in school each day. We often take the children outside for lessons etc., and this is much harder when some are standing there freezing!

**Dancing** – Mrs. Richmond has some spaces in Dance Club for ages 5-7 on Saturday mornings, Tap and Modern dance, term time only. If anyone is interested, please contact the office for further details.

**Race Night** – we have already sold a number of tickets for Race night, however, we have not yet sold enough to make the event viable. Last year, it was a great night, and over £850 was raised for school funds. This year, we have secured Barclay's fund matching, which could bring our total up to about £1300. However, if we have to cancel due to lack of numbers, obviously, we'd miss out on all that. Please contact Clare Storrow on **07885 367474** to book a place – it'll be great fun, and would be a brilliant opportunity to raise money for the children! (Invitation open to extended family and friends too!).

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 3:15-5pm Messy Church

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 3:15-4:15pm – Sports and Games Club

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 3:15-4:15pm – Beading Club

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Air Ambulance Clothing collection (School Friends)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Morrison's Voucher Deadline

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – School Friends' Race Night

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - 3:15-4:15pm – Sports and Games Club

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 3:15-4pm – Science Club

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 3:15-4:15pm – Beading Club

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 4:15pm – Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

**And Finally...** there's so much going on, there's no space for whimsy today!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

