

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 15th November 2013

Dear all,

Well, it's a rare experience to sit at my desk in pyjamas and slippers. Almost as strange, in fact, as a man dressed in a tiger 'onesie' (I'm not yet at ease enough with these garments to lose the inverted commas) teaching the Green Beans, or a superheroes wandering around the school. It must be Children in Need day.

Thank you to all who have donated as part of our great pyjama party (!) – the children are managing to work really hard in spite of the somewhat different atmosphere and all the fun planned for this afternoon. The Blue Smurfs have arranged a collection of stalls and fundraising activities – I'm going to try to avoid the nail painting this year...



Praise for our Pupils – as you'll know we often have visitors in school, running clubs or other activities for the children. In the last week, three of these helpers have all independently commented about how wonderful our pupils are. They have spoken of the children's ability to listen carefully, their kindness towards each other, and how polite and well-mannered they are. The phrase "what lovely children" has resounded this week. It's great to hear this, as our pupils live out our values so tangibly – they are a credit to the school, and to you.

Sports Club – this is now in full swing – the children who attended this week were having a brilliant time – racing, hurdling, testing their reactions and tackling all sorts of athletic challenges. There are still places should you child wish to attend – Y1-6. This week, please note the change of day (Tuesday).

Science Club – again, Ailsa will be returning for our Science club on Wednesday for our Green Beans – last time was exploding dragons, who knows what project awaits next week...

Attendance and Illness – just a reminder to parents – if your child is ill or is unable to attend school, please ring the school first thing in the morning to let us know. We have an electronic attendance system which requires submission for our school census, and therefore need to be able to 'code' any absences appropriately. Obviously, Mrs. Richmond isn't in school until 9am, and I'm often out of the office in the morning in the classrooms. If no one answers the phone, do please leave a message explaining the absence, and Mrs. Richmond will pick this up when she comes in.

Caretaker / Cleaner Vacancy – at the end of this term, Mrs. Mundy will be retiring from her caretaking and cleaning role in the school, after many long years of service! We are delighted that she will be staying for a while longer in her role as Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor, but she feels the time has come to hang up her mop and bucket. The Local Authority are currently advertising Mrs. Mundy's caretaker's position, but we wanted to share this vacancy in case you or any of your acquaintances might be interested in the post. Please contact the office if you would like further details.

Red Class Cover – we have recently heard that, unfortunately, Mrs. Jackson will be off sick until the end of term. Obviously, we are eager to have her back on the team, and look forward to this; however, in the meantime, Mrs. Brooks has agreed to stay on until Christmas and will be continuing to partner with Mrs. Stanwix in teaching the Red dragons.

PE – a reminder that children with long hair need to have a bobble with which to tie it back, and that pupils need to be able to remove their earrings / studs for PE lessons please. This is a health and safety measure, which must be adhered to. If a child has only recently had their ears pierced (and thus cannot remove the studs), please provide them with some medical tape with which to cover their ears.

Scholastic Book Fair – please keep an eye out for fliers which will be sent next week, giving details of the book fair. There are raffle prizes, discounts, and all sorts of exciting bits and pieces – information to follow.

Newsham Village Hall Christmas Market – just remember the market on Saturday 16th November, 11am-2pm – hot turkey rolls and homemade soup!

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 15th November – School Friends' Race Night

Tuesday 19th November - 3:15-4:15pm – Sports and Games Club

Wednesday 20th November – 3:15-4pm – Science Club

Thursday 21st November – 3:15-4:15pm – Beading Club

Friday 22nd November – 4:15pm – Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Monday 25th November – Scholastic Book Fair starts

Tuesday 26th November – 3:15-4:15pm – Sports Club

Thursday 28th November – Working Space Theatre Company Visiting School

And Finally...

With all these pyjama clad individuals teeming about the place, I'm really rather tired. I think a nap is in order.

The phone's ringing. No such luck.

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

