

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear all,

I can't believe that term is nearly over; the last couple of weeks have flown by and we'll soon be heading into next week's festivities! The classes have all been continuing their learning (even with a few tests thrown in, poor children!) and have completed some great projects and tasks. Class 1 have decided to create 'Santa's Grotto' in their role play area (so maybe you can save time on present wrapping this year – your 'little elves' can help!), and built his sleigh out of the blocks outside. In the meantime, Class 2 produced some gorgeous 3D cards in art – using wax resist and watercolour washes. Class 3's DT and Science project is also drawing to a conclusion, with some marvellous woodwork and interactive electronics – light up windows, motorised moving parts and all sorts of tricky techniques...



**Nativity Play** – all are warmly invited to Class 1's Nativity play next week – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. If you would like to bring younger siblings to see the show, please bring them for the dress rehearsal, performed for preschool, at 10am on the morning of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, rather than to the evening if possible. Unfortunately, due to a specific Child Protection issue, photos and video recordings by parents of the Nativity will not be possible this year – our apologies. However, the school will be taking photos which we'll publish on our website, and make available for download. It promises to be a great night – our King Herod has been particularly terrifying in practices!

**Teaching Assistant Appointment** – since Mrs. Shazell has been covering Miss Crisp's teaching, and Mrs. Mundy is retiring next week, we have been seeking a new TA and Midday Supervisor. I'm delighted to tell you that, following interviews this week, we have appointed Ms. Susan Amery to this position. Ms. Amery has a huge amount of experience of developing learning with young people and performed really well at interview – our pupil council were full of praise for her too! We are sure she will be a real asset to the school – welcome to the Ravensworth team!

**Raffle Reminder** – a quick note about our raffle for Brenda's Christmas cake and marzipan Santa; tickets are 50p, to be paid to the office in a clearly marked envelope, and any money raised will go straight into school funds. The draw will take place at the Christmas lunch.



Christmas raffle prizes!

**Safety Reminder** – I've been asked to put a request for careful driving around the village when children are being dropped off and picked up, particularly in the morning. Now that winter is fully here and roads are slippery, please do take real care. Many thanks.

**Guitar Lessons** – no guitar lesson on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Lessons will recommence 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**Names in Clothes** – a reminder to all parents to *please* ensure all items of clothing are named, and that this is regularly checked (pen tends to fade!). Class 1 currently have 4 unnamed cardigans, so, if you're missing one, you know where to go...!

**Holmedale Cubs and Scouts** – a warm invitation to all to attend the Cubs and Scouts open day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm at Dalton and Gayles Village Hall. Come and see cubs and scouts activities, such as making cakes in oranges (!), and picture trails. Cubs are aged 8-10 ½, and Scouts are 10 ½ to 14. We had a great presentation this week from some of the children who are in Cubs, and a number of our pupils were really interested – do encourage them to join this great club!

**Class 2 Cereal Boxes** – an appeal for a few cereal boxes from Class 2 please – apparently they'll be needed for an exciting Science project next week!

**Christmas Party** – the jewel jar has been filled (congratulations to the pupils!), so it's time for a special party celebration! We'll have a Christmas party next Thursday afternoon. Children are welcome to *bring party clothes* to school with them that day to get changed into at lunchtime. Please come to school in uniform for the morning.

**Celebrating Achievements** – congratulations to Emma Scott and Isobel Brooks who completed 'Rookie Lifeguard Bronze' this week. Good to know who to call on in a crisis! Well done girls.

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 2-4pm, Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 5pm, Class 1 Nativity, in school

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm, Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 11am, Carols on the Green

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm, Christmas Party

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Wear your Christmas Jumper Day, **school closes 1pm**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens

#### **And Finally...**

We've had a number of mishaps in Class 3 this week – a cut thumb in woodwork, hair trapped in a motorised Christmas decoration (homemade!) and more boys slipping over in football than I can count. However, in all these instances, the children have giggled their way through with a smile! It's like they are just too tired to remain fully functional...

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell



Isobel and Emma's DT Project!

