

Ravensworth CE Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 8th January 2016

Dear all,

Welcome back! Happy new year to all; I do hope that you had a great time with the children over Christmas. I've heard some fabulous stories from them already about their adventures over the holiday – I think one of my favourites thus far was Emily Wallis' home made bike trailer - for towing Jess the dog!

We've jumped straight in with work this week. Class 1 have begun a new topic, under the overarching theme of journeys. They are running a travel agents, and learning about the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'... including the creation of a fantastic 'jungle'! In Class 2, the pupils have been inspired by the art of Friedensreich Hundertwasser (what a mouthful!) and have created some great pictures using chalks and pastels. Meanwhile, Class 3 have been given the exciting opportunity of... taking some practice tests! Don't worry, things will get more exciting next week – watch this space!

Fundraising Thanks – a quick one to say thank you to all the donations last term – wear your Christmas jumper day raised £31.55, and Christingle raised a brilliant £112.50.

Milk and Juice – payments for these are now being taken through ParentPay. £6 for this half term is now due. Please contact Mrs. Richmond if you've lost your username / password. Thank you.

Clothing – a reminder that all children need to bring a coat to school please. Also, wellies / sturdy boots are strongly recommended, along with indoor shoes. The yard is exceptionally wet, and we want to avoid soggy socks etc. as much as possible, but still give the children the chance to blow off steam and have some exercise. Also, please could *all* items of clothing (including PE kits) be clearly named. Many thanks.

Newsletter Changes – Mrs. Richmond attended a meeting recently at which it transpired that Ravensworth was the only school (out of the 40 represented!) that still sends out paper newsletters. Having seen the state of these as they are shoved into bags, crumpled on the floor etc., and considering our digital age, we intend to move to a system where newsletters will only be available via the website. A text will be sent out once the letter has been uploaded, to notify parents. If you do not have access to a computer / the internet, please let Mrs. Richmond know, and we can arrange for a paper copy to be sent, as we wouldn't want anyone to miss information. Thank you.

New Award – The Carpenter's Cup – we had a special visit from Rev. John and his wife, Celia, this week. As you know, we have had, for many years, a Courtesy Cup which is presented to a child each week. This is old and rather battered, and now has been 'retired'. In its place, Rev. John has very kindly donated a new, beautiful cup, under a new name. The 'Carpenter's Cup' is to be given each week for the child who has lived out our school values really well – living like Jesus the carpenter. The children (and staff) get involved in nominating a pupil to win the award, which is presented in our celebration assembly, along with the 'Badger' award for 'being the best you can be' and the sportsmanship award. Our thanks to Rev. John - the children love the concept and this special gift.



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 12th Jan (and Tuesdays following) – Y6 SATs booster

Thursday 14th Jan – Guitar lessons recommence

Tuesday 19th Jan – Messy Church, 3:15-5pm.

And Finally...

There's a black woolly hat with a furry bobble and a spotty scarf (adults') in our lost property – think they may have been left after at the Christingle service – so, if you've been cold, do come and collect!

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Campbell'.

Rob Campbell