

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 15th January 2016

Dear all,

Well, it's lovely to finally see the sun, and to welcome crisp winter mornings to Ravensworth instead of the dank and rainy days we've been having. Of course, the brightness brings with it frost and ice, please encourage your children to be careful on the slippery surfaces etc.!

This week has seen the start of our new 'Mantle' in Class 2 and 3. For new parents (or, as a reminder!), 'Mantle' refers to 'Mantle of the Expert' – a drama based teaching approach which involves the children taking on the role of a professional company, and working through scenarios, solving problems and operating in an 'adult' world – giving context and purpose to their learning.

This term, the children have formed a company of explorers – In2theJungle Exploration Ltd. They are a long established firm, who have a reputation of going where no-one has gone before. It seems this is the reason that they have been contracted by Mr. Leonard Cosgrove of the British Government to deal with a particular crisis. Whilst full details have been recorded as 'Top Secret' (they've had to sign the 'Official Secrets Act'), it has something to do with a message received from a Mr. Darwin Trotter, a passenger on board flight ██████████ which went off radar just off the coast of ██████████. It seems that all the passengers have survived and are currently stranded on an island. The company has been given certain details of the ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ from which they are trying to deduce the location of the island. [Details redacted for national security]. We'll keep you appraised of developments!

In Class 1, the children have continued their work on 'Where the Wild Things Are' – I walked through the hall yesterday and was terrified by a great collection of 'wild things' "roaring their terrible roars" and "rolling their terrible eyes"! The children have made a wonderful collage of the story, complete with boats and characters. They've also been embracing the cold (!), and doing some clever scientific thinking around melting ice and temperatures.



Morning Drop Off – please could we remind parents that the school opens at 8:25am, and, if children arrive before this, parents need to ensure they are supervising their children. This is particularly important in the icy weather, as we don't want children to end up slipping over and injuring themselves without parental supervision. Many thanks.

Milk and Juice – a quick reminder that some parents have not yet paid for this half term's milk and juice on Parent Pay. Also to say that next half term's payment will be set up 20p cheaper (as a refund), since we had a teacher training day this term, so children weren't in. Thank you.

Quiz and Chilli Night – always a cracking evening, the School Friends Quiz and Chilli night is upon us again! Friday, 5th February, at 7:30pm in Dalton Village Hall. Come along for fun with our quiz master, the illustrious Mr. Hegarty, and for a delicious chilli supper. Cash prize for the winning team! Tickets (£6, including food) available from Joanne Wallis (07855 700568) and Jo Metcalfe (07967 655204).

Messy Church – a warm welcome to all (children, older and younger siblings, parents, friends and family) to Messy Church next Tuesday. We'll be looking at the theme of new life and new beginnings at the start of the year. Come along for crafts and activities, fun, friendship and, of course food! 3:15pm-5pm.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Tuesday 2nd Feb – Y6 Science Transition Day, Richmond School (travelling from Ravensworth, letters to follow)

Friday 5th Feb – School Friends Quiz and Chilli Night, Dalton Village Hall, 7:30pm

And Finally...

Class 2 have been learning about different types of sentences: commands, statements and questions. This was all fine, until Cecelia began analysing Mrs. Shazell's every word: "OK, Class 2, it's time for phonics." "That's a statement." "Yes, thanks Ceci; come to the carpet." "That's a command." "Well identified; are you coming?" "That's a question." I think this might get frustrating over time! But good learning Cecelia!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

