

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

Dear all,

Good morning from a dank and wet Ravensworth. It's been a better week for weather, but we seem to have had a return to the waters... Still, good options for Science investigations on precipitation...

A brief update on what the classes have been up to this week. Class 1 have had a great time exploring the cold, and have been doing experiments with melting ice. Bobby gave me a very thorough description of the process they went through, and the measurements they took with the thermometers as ice melted in different locations. They're all busy writing adventure stories – I'm particularly curious about 'Foodland' and 'Batmanland'! Meanwhile, in Class 2, the children have put themselves in the shoes of Darwin Trotter and the passengers of the downed aeroplane, writing diary entries and learning about tropical rainforests. They've also put together some lovely 'natural art' – see some of their creations below!



In Class 3, the pupils have been doing lots on the human body, studying skeletons and considering bones and joints, as well as beavering away with their Maths and English. Thomas Smith brought in a great X-ray of his brother, so that's causing much fascination!

We also had another lovely 'Messy Church' session. The theme was new life and new starts – a great topic for January! Just ask Adam Smith what it's like to hold on to our problems or mistakes – he'll tell you it's a heavy load! We planted snowdrops, painted butterflies, created clouds and, as always, enjoyed a tasty tea together!



**Novelty Rubber Collections** – I think we've had a note about these before – could we please ask that these not be brought into school. Children are welcome to bring a rubber for use in class but multiple collectible ones are not needed, and are causing something of a distraction. In addition, it can be a little upsetting for those who aren't fortunate enough to be able to collect these, so we'd ask for your understanding in this. Thank you.

**PE Kits** – please could all parents ensure that their child has a PE kit in school. If this does come home at a weekend (for washing etc.), please return it on a Monday, so that the children always have access to the appropriate clothing. Many thanks.

**Quiz and Chilli Night** - a reminder about the School Friends Quiz and Chilli night- Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 7:30pm in Dalton Village Hall. Come along for fun, challenge and a cash prize! Tickets (£6, including food) available from Joanne Wallis (07855 700568) and Jo Metcalfe (07967 655204).

**Parent Pay** – our apologies, a few parents have indicated that there was a glitch in the system at the start of the week. This was an issue with ParentPay's servers apparently. We're back up and running, so please make any outstanding payment (especially milk / juice). Thank you.

**Dates for the Diary:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Y6 Science Transition Day, Richmond School (travelling from Ravensworth)

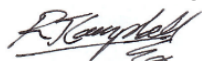
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Friends Quiz and Chilli Night, Dalton Village Hall, 7:30pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3:10pm, school closes.

**And Finally...**

Adam came into my office today with a flyer from the RSPB about a special project they are undertaking. This involves schools spending an hour outdoors, birdwatching and noting what birds are in each locality, to draw together a picture of the whole country's ornithological makeup. I think this is a great idea... but perhaps not in the midst of our current rain!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

