

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28th February 2014

Dear all,

Well, the sun is shining, the chickens are laying and we are full of the joys of spring at Ravensworth. The last four days have been packed again, with new initiatives, clubs and developments in the world of the mantle...

It would appear that, on Castle Hill farm, Farmers Phil and Bill have had quite a time of it. The animals have been talking to one another. There's been some doubt about the veracity of this report, but apparently, the discussions of how the cow got its horns, the sheep got its wool and the pig got its curly tail have been prevalent in the farmyard of late. Animals talking to each other indeed... the world's gone mad...

In the Dragons' Den, the children have been busy working with some of our new kit, doing some great water work with stands and pipes, learning about how the water flows. I had an adventure the other day with Emily, Ava and Mary when we went on a magical carriage ride to Hamsterley forest... they were the princesses and I was the king. However, it seems the king follows the instructions of the princesses in that game!

Messy church met again on Wednesday and had a wonderful time learning all about special books. We looked at the books of the Bible, and compared all sorts of different Bibles – from Rev. John's 100 year old treasure to the app on my smartphone! Then crafts and activities, before our customary, sumptuous feast!



Cross Country and PE Kit – on 13th March, the children in Y3-6 will be taking part in the local Cross Country event at Catterick. We're getting children in Green and Blue classes in strict training for this, so we're asking that all pupils in these classes bring outdoor kit (especially trainers) every day for the next few weeks. We won't be running every day, but it's hard to know exactly when (weather etc.) so, to ensure that we don't have wet feet and muddy plimsolls, it'd be great if they can have their kit available!

Football Tournament – huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 footballers who attended the tournament at Brompton on Wednesday. They received special praise for the play – winning two of their four matches – beating Middleton Tyas and Melsonby schools. The teams who defeated them were almost solely Year 4 pupils, whilst we only had a couple – the size advantage did make a difference I think! Well done to all!

Dyslexia Event – just to draw your attention to an event run by the Dyslexia network at Richmond school. 'The Big Picture' film is being screened at Richmond on *Monday March 3rd at 6:30pm* – and seeks to address preconceptions about limits on what people with dyslexia can achieve.

Tag Rugby Club – as part of our partnership with the Swaledale Alliance, our children in Y3-6 are being given free access to the inter-school Tag Rugby club running at Richmond. Further details in the attached flyer.

Clean Cloakrooms! – just a quick note to say we are having a real push on keeping our cloakroom tidy – clothing, books and kit has often been damaged or lost as a result of carelessness. Part of this involves our 'cloakroom monitors' collecting lost property and boxing it! So, if your child is missing something please get them to check the box! In addition, we're likely to make school book bags a compulsory part of uniform from September to try to ensure work, books etc. are stored safely and to cut down on huge rucksacks filling our small space; I just wanted to let parents know now, in case you're planning on buying new school bags in the next few months!

Inhalers – whilst leading a PE lesson yesterday, I encountered 4 children who said they had inhalers but didn't have these in school. If your child has an inhaler, please could you send a spare in to school, named, to be kept with our first aid kit. If your child has an inhaler, but you do not wish to have one in school (e.g. it's only for occasional home use), please send a signed letter to explain this, so that we can keep this on file. Many thanks.

Naming Shoes – a particular plea for the Red Dragons – please ensure all plimsolls / shoes are named. Every pair looks identical, and getting ready before/ after PE is rapidly aging the staff in there! (To be honest, naming all shoes for *all* pupils would be really helpful – as evidenced by the text earlier in the week!)

Football Club – on Monday evenings, PC Godfrey will be recommencing football club for children in Y3-6 – all welcome! Please ensure you have good shoes – the pitch is muddy!

Dates for the Diary:

Mondays, this half term – 3:15-4:15pm, Football Club

Wednesdays, this half term – 3:15-4:15pm, Gymnastics Club

Thursdays, this half term – 3:15-4pm, Beading Club / SAT's revision club.



Tuesday 11th March – 3:15-5pm, Messy Church

Wednesday 12th March – 4pm, Year 5/6 Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Thursday 13th March – Y3-6 Cross Country, Catterick Racecourse (time TBC)

And Finally...

There seems to be a lot about shoes in this newsletter... I never thought footwear would play such a part in school life! Have a lovely weekend.

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell

Books of the Bible –
by Emily Wallis

