

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 29th January 2016

Dear all,

The wind's howling around the school as I write this – which, of course, always has a wonderfully calming effect on excited children when they run outside...! Lovely to see the sunshine though – Reception and Year 1 are embracing the weather, suited and booted in their outdoor area, and busy with lots of challenges!

In Class 1, the children have had a very 'mathematical' week – they have opened a 'Fruit and Veg' shop, and are doing tricky multiplication and division problems as they sell their produce. Meanwhile, Class 2 and 3 have seen some exciting and disturbing developments in the world of 'Mantle'. Following their thorough exploration and research, they found the location of the tropical island upon which the downed aeroplane crashed. This information, of course, should have remained top secret within their organisation. However, having received another video from Darwin Trotter, it seems that something terrible has happened. A development company have heard of the island's location, and have moved in and begun wholesale deforestation of the beautiful, unspoiled rainforest.

The children are now tasked with a threefold problem – firstly, to research the geographical and scientific impact of this deforestation. Secondly, they've begun creating some persuasive articles and pieces to change the hearts and minds of those who are busy destroying this beautiful habitat. But perhaps their greatest challenge lies ahead... they have to find the 'mole' in their organisation and bring him to justice. Of course, some have speculated that Leonard Cosgrove, the British Government representative who commissioned their work in the first place may, himself, be the source of the leak, but there is no evidence pointing in this direction, so I think it highly unlikely. Watch this space to hear of the latest developments...

Important Update – hopefully all parents will have received two letters via your children today. These contain some important information about the future of the school. We know things can occasionally get 'lost in transit', so please do contact the office if they haven't reached you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers – our collection boxes etc. have arrived, so it's that time of year again - Sainsbury's school sports vouchers! Please do collect these as you do your shopping and send them in with the children. Many thanks.

Quiz and Chilli Night – a sad piece of news is that the School Friends' Quiz and Chilli night has had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake. This is a real shame, because events like this have always helped to fund the special experiences and resources which wouldn't otherwise be available to our children. The money raised by the School Friends has funded (or subsidised) wonderful trips, bought class presents for the children, and seen big improvements to our outdoor areas. We are hoping to reschedule this later in the year, and hopefully this will work better for people's diaries. We'll keep you informed. My thanks to all the Friends who have been working towards this event, and who offered to help.

'Little Visitors' – just a quick note to say that we've had another report of head lice in school. Please be particularly vigilant when hair washing etc., and apply the appropriate treatments as required. Many thanks.

PE Kit (Especially Class 1!) – please can I issue another reminder of the importance of naming PE kit, and ensuring your child has full kit including PE shoes. Apparently, there's lots of lovely brand new kit in Class 1, much of which is unnamed. Obviously, we don't want to be in a position where newly purchased items have gone missing! Thank you.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Friday 12th Feb – 3:10pm, school closes.

And Finally...

Class 1 have been learning some quite advanced science, discussing different classes of animals. Ralph pointed out very earnestly that "we are all camels...". After a moment of careful thought, the other children pointed out that this wasn't quite right, being, as we are, all *mammals*...!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell



Beautiful, frosty sunrise from the school field.