

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Dear all,

Welcome back to school, I trust everyone's had a lovely half term break. The sun is shining on a chilly Ravensworth this morning, but as we head towards March, I think Spring is definitely on its way!

**500 Words** – many of you will know that Classes 2 and 3 have been working on the National '500 Words' competition. They have written some absolutely amazing stories which have all been submitted. We will be publishing these on a dedicated page on our website, because the quality of many of them is simply outstanding. Watch this space, and we'll keep you informed! A few excerpts can be found on the back of this newsletter to whet your appetites!

**PE** – please note that, due to the availability of our specialist PE teachers, PE will be taking place on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure children have kit on both days, so that this is always covered. Thank you.

**Swimming / Cross Country** – some of you may have noticed that the Cross Country falls on a swimming afternoon. There is likely to be a similar timing conflict for the upcoming Tag Rugby festival. We have arranged, on these occasions, for an 'extra / alternative' lesson to take place, so the children will still access all the lessons that have been paid for. On a similar topic, please could all Cross Country reply slips be returned as soon as possible, thanks.

**Multicultural Afternoon** – please note that a letter was sent to all children in Class 2 and 3 re: our Multicultural trip to Le Cateau. If this has never reached you (!), please contact Mrs. Richmond.

**Celebrating Success** – I'm pleased to announce that young Oscar Lawson has recently passed his 25m swimming - great work Oscar! Do remember, if your child has recently met with success in an out of school activity, it'd be great to know, so that we can share this!

**New Friends** – we're welcoming a few new friends in our school community recently - we've got some new pupils (Bobby, Ellie and Freya!) and I'm pleased to welcome our new cook – Mrs. Richardson. Her chicken korma comes highly recommended...! We also have two student Teachers with us this term, Miss Parkman and Miss Morris, working in C2 and 3. Welcome all!

## Dates for the Diary:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Multicultural Trip, C2&3, pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 1pm, KS2 Cross Country, Catterick Racecourse

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Debating Competition

## And Finally...

Having tried three different adhesives to repair our 'sportsmanship award' trophy over the holiday, I've finally admitted defeat! Watch this space for the new trophy!

Every blessing,

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

Rob Campbell

## 500 Words – excerpts by the children of Ravensworth.

‘ “Bye Toby.” The weak girl whimpered as a single tear rolled down her cheek. It had been five years since Lydia had adopted her beloved horse Toby. The ship sailed away almost silently as Lydia was drowning in tears for her only desire: Toby.

Years passed, but they seemed like decades for Lydia. This was the first time Toby had been separated from Lydia- his ten year old owner. She could only worry about what Toby was going through. Picture after picture flooded in tears, the shaken girl had remembered the first time she had set eyes on her courageous horse. She never even dreamed about him going to war, yet there he had gone.’ – from **Toby the Terrific, by Emma Scott.**

‘Lying helplessly on the floor, I was aware of the red lights flashing, the shouting of the medics.

I woke up in a cold sweat, fighting to catch my breath...

I lay there wishing that my mother was here to comfort me. I remember the last time I had a nightmare:

“It’s going to be alright Gavin, it’s going to be alright.”  
Unfortunately, that was the last I saw of her.’ – from **Life is not a Dream, by Ethan Fox**

‘He parked his shiny car. The sun gleamed off the doors and blinded any envious villagers who were admiring his silver motor.

Mr Castle wandered up to the church. He realised how beautiful the building was even with the smashed windows. But Castle Cottages in the Swinford area would be better. He chuckled at the thought.

Then he spotted a silhouette of an unfamiliar figure. John. Everyone in the village knew John. He was known to be a miracle worker; a mind reader. His hair was a streak of silver like the moon reflecting off a tranquil lake. His eyes a magical blue,  
“I was only a boy when this church was built Mr...” said John with a sigh.’ – from **A Short Visit, by Lara Nisbet**

‘ Our kitchen is always the same. Pale blue curtains, wonky magnolia walls, a low oak table, soft yellow cushions. And my sister, Lily, cuddling Henrietta, our pug, whilst cradling her favourite book in the other arm.

I turn to see Cordelia, my best friend, storming through the door, letter in hand. She is a few years older than me, and has set up a café near our house. Cordelia lives with us, after her parents were killed in a car crash.

My name is Georgiana Powers, by the way, and Lily is my only sister.’ – from **SISTERS, The Rebellion, by Isobel Brooks**

Want to read more? Full stories should be online by next week!

