

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Monday 29th February 2016

Dear all,

Apologies for the slight delay in getting this newsletter out. This was because we needed to finalise some arrangements (now in place) in order for me to share a development with you all. Last week, Mrs. Brooks and I met with Mrs. Laura Graham with a view to Mrs. Graham commencing a secondment to Ravensworth as our interim headteacher. I'm pleased to say that this visit went really well, and both parties feel that this will be a great 'fit' and this has subsequently been confirmed by the full governing body.

Mrs. Graham will oversee the school during the summer term whilst the governors work through the process of recruiting a new permanent headteacher. She is currently a very experienced deputy head of a large school in Stokesley, and was recommended to us by the Local Authority Lead Advisor. We spent a long time together discussing the school and giving her the chance to meet the pupils and see 'how we do things'; she was delighted with Ravensworth (and our children) and confirmed she was eager to take up the role of interim head. Mrs. Brooks and I had the opportunity to talk about her experience and to confirm that she will be able to cover all the statutory duties of a headteacher – all of which she met without difficulty. During her secondment, Mrs. Graham will be based at Ravensworth full time. Over the coming weeks, we will arrange a number of transition meetings, allowing her to spend time in the school and with staff and children, getting to know the team in more detail. This is a great solution for Ravensworth, allowing stability during transition with a full time interim headteacher in place, allowing a really thorough process to be undertaken regarding the school's next steps and finding a permanent head. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Graham to Ravensworth.

So, on with a review of last week! Class 1 had a wonderful time at their trip to the Newcastle life centre, exploring interactive displays, meeting robots, encountering alien beings, scanning for codes, cooking in kitchens, and all sorts of other learning about all sorts of science. Thanks to Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Stanwix and our parent helpers for running the trip, and to School Friends for subsidising it.



In Class 2, the children spent the week working on all sorts of things. They have been creating story maps in English, tracking the elements of 'The Gingerbread Man' through. In their afternoon sessions, they have studied the geography of the UK, including the capitals of each country – when I 'tested' them a few moments ago, they were flawless! They've also been continuing their Science work learning about eating healthily, looking at the 'Eat Well' plate, and studying the principles of a balanced diet. Class 3 meanwhile have been busy with a week of 'SPAG' in English, along with preparing for the Cross Country in PE, and studying how the heart and lungs work in Science.

World Book Day Reminder – *Radical Reading Photos* (some great entries already, send a picture of you reading in an 'extreme environment'!), *Dress Up Day* – come as your favourite book character (preferably with the book too!), and *Family Favourites* – an open invitation to parents to come in at 2:30pm to share your favourite stories etc. with the children.

Welcome Miss Mundy – no, that's not a misprint, we have welcomed Miss Mundy to the school (no relation to our very own Mrs. Mundy) as a student teacher from York St. John University. Miss Mundy will be working in Class 3 for the next few weeks along with Mr. Roycroft and is already a big hit with the children!

Football Practices – these start again (Y3+) this week – Thursday 3rd March with PC Godfrey. Letters have already been sent with regards to this.

Football Tournament – there will be fixtures at Richmond school over the next 3 weeks on Monday evenings. PC wishes to make slightly different team selections for each week to involve more children, and we will be notifying parents of those involved in today. Apologies for the short notice! Letters to follow.

Newsletter Updates – thanks to all who are finding the newsletters online. In the longer term, we'd like to move to a position where we are emailing the newsletter to everyone, so that you don't have to remember to log on to the website to find it. However, we don't have every parent's current email address, so would like to build this database. Please could you email admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk with a short 'one liner' to provide your address, and we can begin to put this together. Many thanks.

Uniform Order – next uniform order is to be sent to the suppliers on 11th March. Forms are available on the website, or from the office. Please stick to this deadline as late orders incur postage charges, and we are not ordering stock to keep on site any longer. Thank you.

Easter Service and Lunch – full details to follow, but, on the last day of term (Thursday 24th) parents, grandparents, carers etc. are all invited to join us for our Easter service and lunch. We will walk up to the church together, have a service at 10:30am, and be back in time for a tasty lunch. School closes at 1pm. Hope to see you there!

Dates for the Diary: [Club this half term (3:15-4pm) – Thursdays, Football, Y3-6)
Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day! Costumes all day, Family Favourites from 2:30pm.
Thursday 3rd March – 3:15pm, Football Club commences
Monday 7th March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School (letters to follow)
Tuesday / Wednesday 8th / 9th March – Y5 Cycling lessons (letters to follow)
Thursday 10th March – KS2 Cross Country
Monday 14th March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School
Monday 21st March – Reception and Y1 Height and Weight Checks
Monday 21st March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School
Thursday 24th March – 10:30am, Easter Service, 12pm, Easter lunch, 1pm, School Closes.

And Finally...

Ava came to me today and asked how come cats sometimes get onto the field. I explained about territory, and how cats are great at jumping, climbing walls etc. Ava simply looked up and said "yes, I knew all that. I do have a cat you know." So that was me told – I shall try to come up with a more exciting explanation next time!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

