

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28th March 2014

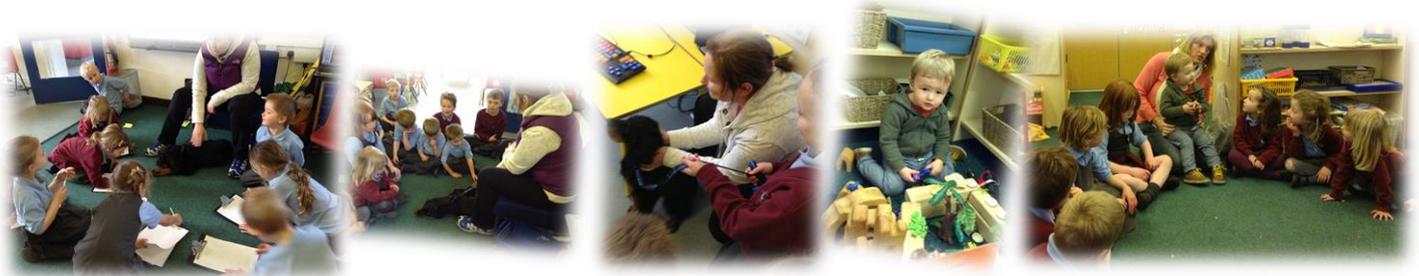
Dear all,

Well, this time next week, I hope we'll be walking up to Kirby Hill church in glorious sunshine... right now however, it's decidedly watery outside!

This week, I need to catch you all up with a bit of news from a fortnight ago which didn't fit into last week's newsletter! Red Dragons have been learning about how people and animals grow and change, and, to that end, they're having lots of special visitors in school. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson came in so that the children could meet Smartie and Milky Bar... Jake and Oscar's lambs! The children from Red Class enjoyed feeding them, learning about how to look after them and stroking and cuddling them so much, that they just *had* to share the experience with Green Beans and Blue Smurfs! I don't think two wee lambs have ever had so much attention!



We then had a visit from Mrs. Monteith who kindly brought in the Monteith family puppy – a little Gordon Setter called Talisker. Red class were full of questions about how to look after puppies! (My apologies if these visits are the cause of any home-requests 'Mummy, can we please have a puppy / lamb in the back garden – they're so cuddly...!') Their final visitors came from Mrs. Yarrow and young Harry Yarrow, Mrs. Stanwix's daughter and grandson this morning. The Dragons are in there now, learning about how to look after babies, and the different care that they need compared with lambs and puppies!



Newspaper – regular readers of the *Teesdale Mercury* may have seen some familiar faces on Wednesday! The newspaper covered the KS1/2 trip to Mainsgill and the way in which it fitted in with our Mantle of the Expert – Castle Hill farms is now famous! For those who missed the paper, a copy of the article (including quotes from our very own press officer – William Storrow!) and photos can be found on the website – just click on the 'press release' tab!

School Friends – just a quick reminder of the Irish Night with *The Emerald Thieves* which is taking place tonight, and of the AGM, straight after school on the 2nd April. Please do come along and support the work of the Friends if possible. There will be a DVD available for your children if they need to stay.

Castle Hill Farm Café – having visited and seen first-hand the great success of Mainsgill Farm Shop and Café, Farmers Phil and Bill have been working with their colleagues (aka the children from all classes!) to improve the financial situation of Castle Hill Farm. They are working on the basis of 'speculate to accumulate' and have decided to run a Café – to which you are *all* invited next Thursday afternoon from 2pm.

Sausage sandwiches, home baked bread and hot vegetable soup, followed by cakes and drinks – all these will be available... There'll be plenty to go around, so invite your friends, grandparents and come sample the produce of the farm!

The real question is – have the young farmers done their calculations right – have they spent too much on the produce, or will their bank balance finally start to show a positive result...?

Easter Service and Walk – just a reminder that our Easter service will take place at Kirby Hill Church at 10:30am on Friday 4th. Children will be walking up (weather permitting) in 'waves' – Red Class starting at 9:30, Green at 9:45, and Blue at 10:00. After the service, we will all return to school for a tasty Easter lunch. Pupils will be dismissed after 1:00 registration if their parents are on site, or at 1:30pm if they are going on the bus or being picked up.

Staying Safe Citizenship Afternoon – this afternoon, KS1 and KS2 are having a special afternoon of PSHCE. We will be looking at a variety of issues around staying safe and treating one another well, including: E-Safety, Bullying, Cyber-bullying, and Inclusion. We will be having a follow up session next half term along similar lines. The Reception children will also be learning about some of these topics through their SEAL work in class.

Dates for the Diary:

Clubs this half term: Mondays – 3:15-4:15pm Football; Wednesdays – 3:15-4:15pm, Gymnastics; Thursdays – 3:15-4pm, Beading.

Wednesday 2nd April – 3:15pm, School Friends' AGM

Wednesday 2nd April – 4pm – Girls' Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

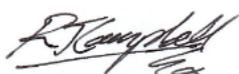
Thursday 3rd April – 2pm, 'Castle Hill Farm' Café – open afternoon

Friday 4th April – Easter Lunch – 12:00pm, School Closes 13:30

And Finally...

I've just been informed that our esteemed Irish teacher, Mr. Roycroft went to order the potatoes for the soup yesterday. When asked how he intended to peel them, he answered "Peel? In Ireland, we just put one in the middle of the bowl of soup...". Mainsgill ended up providing us with peeled potatoes. Enough said.

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

