

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th March 2016

Dear all,

This week has been a full one at Ravensworth, with the particular excitement of the KS2 Cross Country event which took place yesterday (more on that below). However, before the children got active for that, our Year 5s were flying around the playground and the locality (sorry, making their way very carefully around...) on their bikes, learning all the skills of road safety and cycling proficiency for their 'Bikeability' training.

Class 1 have also been beavering away this week – they have been learning all about space – and have put together an amazing spaceship in the construction area outside! Class two children have been getting nicely messy creating islands out of papier maché and writing up their Gingerbread man stories. Meanwhile, in between the sports, Class 3 have been doing tricky multiplication, writing '100 word stories' for a competition, and learning about the lungs and respiratory system in biology.

The KS2 Cross Country event was a great afternoon, very noisy (!), but a good time was had by all. Many thanks to our parent helpers, and to all who turned out to support the children. I'm always so proud of those who make it round, not only the little whippets (!), but also those who may not finish high up the rankings, but give it their absolute all. There are too many of these to list. Particular congratulations also to Conrad Andrew, Emmaly Smith, Freddie Millns, Henry Watson and Isobel Brooks, all of whom made the top 20, and particular congratulations to Thomas Smith who has made it through to the County trials, coming in 7th place in the Y4 boys race.



Class 1 Junk Modelling – please could we have small boxes and tubes for junk modelling in Class 1. Also any offcuts of material or fabric would also be much appreciated! Thank you.

Car safety – a request to all parents / grandparents / carers etc. to please avoid driving over the village green to get around busses etc. This can be very dangerous for children as they are getting on and off – please be patient to avoid any incidents. Many thanks.

Footballs – a reminder that children should *not* be bringing footballs in from home please. We have a number of balls already on the playground, and limited space for the children to play with these. Thanks for your understanding in this.

Bus – a couple of points for the bus / taxi. Firstly, could we please remind all parents to notify us if there is to be a change for your child on the bus / taxi, don't rely on your children telling us. It's really important that we are notified so we can ensure children are where they need to be (we try very hard to always get this right, apologies if we ever slip up!).

Secondly, there have been a number of complaints about poor behaviour on the busses. In certain specific cases, we have tried to follow up with particular individuals, however, many of the comments have related to an overall atmosphere of disrespect and silliness on the school bus. We have spoken to the children about this, encouraging them to see themselves as ambassadors for our school who should live out our values *at all times*, not only when supervised by teaching staff etc. There are also safety implications to poor behaviour on busses; standing up, seatbelts, distracting noise for drivers etc. Please could you remind your children of this – simple courtesies such as greeting and thanking the drivers, talking in quiet voices, welcoming others etc. go a long way.

Last Week's Newsletter – it seems that some people had some issues with last Friday's newsletter (not Monday's) and viewing this online. If you weren't able to view it, please look at the 'Newsletter Archive' which has the link to the 4th March. This includes important information, and directs you to some great videos about World Book Day etc. Apologies if you had issues last Friday accessing the letter.

Dates for the Diary: [Club this half term (3:15-4pm) – Thursdays, Football, Y3-6]

Monday 14th March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School

Thursday 17th March – 3:15-5pm, Messy Church

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.

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday 12th April – 8:30am, School Re-opens, Mrs. Graham, Interim Headteacher starts

Weds 20th and Thurs 21st April – Parents' Evenings – letters to follow

And Finally...

Not an 'amusing' one today (you may well think these are never amusing, particularly if they include my jokes...), but a lovely example of our values in action. During the cross country yesterday, Jenna took a tumble and hurt her ankle towards the home stretch. At this point, Morgan Monteith stopped her dash for the line, turned around, ran back to Jenna and helped her make it to the end. When I praised Morgan for this, she said simply "well, helping a friend is much more important than winning, isn't it?". I couldn't agree more. Well done Morgan!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

