

# Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear all,

I hope you've had a wonderful Easter holiday, for those of us who stuck around here, we certainly enjoyed some lovely weather! Sitting here with the sun streaming through the window, I can really believe that the summer term has started.

A busy start too – four days in school and we've already got much to share! Firstly, a brief look back to last term, and the lovely Easter service and lunch that we enjoyed on the final Friday. It's a special experience to walk up to the church together, share in a celebration of Easter and return as a whole community to eat together. Many thanks to all who came, to Rev. John and his team of helpers, and to our catering staff for feeding us so well.



Yesterday, I was very privileged to spend the afternoon on the side-lines, watching our Girls' Football Team yomp to victory in the Swaledale tournament. After a tight group stage (we were put through by a precisely placed goal from Amelia Rowland), we hit the semi-finals. Here, the battle really started, against an advanced team of (very tall!) Y6's from Croft. Excellent keeping from Anna Tallantire took the game to a golden goal and into penalties. Amy Potter delivered a belter of a penalty before saving Croft's and we moved into the final. In this match, the 'Watson Wall' (Isabella) in defence sent every ball back up the pitch, to be chased down by our exceptional mid-fielders, Emily Riley and Isobel Brooks, who put the ball through to our striker - Emma Scott who secured our winning goal with a precise strike. The atmosphere of the whole tournament was exceptional, the girls maintained a great sporting attitude throughout, cheering on their opponents and celebrating their triumph with grace. Many thanks to PC Godfrey for his coaching input, and to the parents who were there to support the pupils.



**Parent Transport Thanks** – we are very grateful to the parents who have been increasingly stepping up to transport children to the various tournaments. This saves us a lot of money, and the fact that parents are able to organise this themselves as private arrangements negates the need for insurance changes etc. so many thanks for your support.

**Parking** – a quick reminder to please be considerate when parking on the village green, by positioning your cars 'up' the green at an angle, rather than lengthways, taking up more space. We endeavour to be good neighbours to our community and it's also much safer if cars aren't forced to park in other locations because there isn't space. Many thanks.

**'Golden Book'** – if you've visited the school in the last few days you'll have seen our Golden Book in the Reception area. The idea of this is to collate all the lovely comments, letters, emails and memories which show the ways in which our children model our school values – Love, Integrity, Respect, Forgiveness, shown through Friendship, and leading to Excellence. We're really eager to capture what goes on, many of you make positive comments regularly, so we encourage you to pop these into the book, or share them via an email which we can print out. Pupils' Social, Moral, Cultural and Spiritual development is vital to our school aims and vision (as well as to Ofsted), and we want to celebrate all the evidence of this. It might be that you've observed our children living out our values at home, on the bus, at a sporting event or on a school trip – please do let us know, and we'll pop it in the book.

In addition, the nominees and winners of the weekly Courtesy Cup and 'Badger' awards will be recorded each week in the Golden Book (back pages).

So, next time you're in, take a moment to have a flip through this archive and enjoy seeing the positive contributions that your children are constantly making to one another, and to our community, through their behaviour as they live out our Values. It's an enjoyable read!

**Walk to Church** – please note the letter sent this week re: the RE lessons taking place in the church for Class 2 and Class 3 next week (weather permitting). Children are reminded to bring a suitable pair of shoes and appropriate outerwear please.

**Swimming Success** – another great success for our resident swim-star Thomas Smith, who has recently competed in an Aquathlon. He came second overall in the age 8-9 category (losing to a much older child by only 3 seconds!) in a 600 metres run and a 50m swim. Thomas even had fastest swim time of their age group – an incredible 42 seconds! Well done!



**Dates for the Diary:** [Clubs this half term (3:10-4:15pm) –Archery (see letter) – Tuesdays, Y4-6; SATs – Wednesdays, Y6; Athletics – Wednesdays Y2-5; Football – Thursdays Y3-6.]

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Class 2 visit to church

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Class 3 visit to church

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parents' Evening

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Reception Height and Weight Checks

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday, School Closed

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Problem Solving Afternoon (info to follow)



### And Finally...

I never played huge amounts of football in my youth, but I remember well the great irritation of getting a little stone trapped in one's boot. This left me rather bamboozled whilst watching the way a number of our girls' football team spent their 'down time' between matches – they sat there picking stones from the Astroturf and storing them in their socks. Any ideas why? Answers on a postcard...

Enjoy the weekend,

Rob Campbell

