

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Thursday 24th March 2016

Dear all,

So, we've come to the end of our term at Ravensworth, and, for me, the end of a chapter. It's been a great week on which to finish – jam packed as always. On Monday, our Y5 and Y6 footballers had another energetic evening at the tournament in Richmond; they lost one game, drew one, and won one. Excellent play by all, but 'Girl of the Match' has to go to our one and only Amy Potter who saved about 20 goals in one game!

On Tuesday, we had a visit from Mrs. Wallis, who came bearing about 24 trees, ready for planting! These have formed the basis of our new wildlife area, and we look forward to seeing this develop over the coming years. The children are really excited to think that they've been involved in something with a long lasting legacy - knowing it'll be a number of years before their labours 'bear fruit' (no pun intended). This has also inspired lots of exciting plans for mini-beast hotels, bird boxes, hedgehog houses and a host of other ideas from the children, so watch this space for future developments! Our very grateful thanks to Mrs. Wallis for giving up so much of her time at this busy time of year (lambing!), and to Mrs. Jackson for co-ordinating this.



In other news, you will have all received your 'Governor Newsletter' on Monday, with a number of important updates. Not least of these is the news that Mr. Roycroft will be leaving Ravensworth at the end of the year to embark upon a new role as Assistant Headteacher in a primary school near York. We are exceptionally proud of his achievement in this regard and know he'll do a fantastic job. He has been a huge asset to Ravensworth and we appreciate all the work he has put in thus far, and all he will do in the next term. He will, of course, be very much missed, but the governors are already hard at work ensuring that another outstanding practitioner will be found to continue to support the children of Class 3. Well done Mr. Roycroft!

Guitar Lessons – these will continue (same time, same day) next half term with Andy Laurenson, the new teacher, replacing Mr. Harris. If your child would be interested in taking music lessons (guitar, cello or piano), please contact Mrs. Richmond in the office, and she will put you in touch with either the County Music Service or Mr. Wardale our Cello and Piano teacher.

Milk and Juice Payments – for the first half of the summer term, the cost for milk / juice will be £6.80. This is all set up on Parent Pay, so please do make these payments. Please try to do so promptly if possible, as delays cause a lot of problems in the office! Many thanks.

Swimming Success – Thomas Smith featured in last week’s newsletter for his great performance in Cross Country. This week, he’s shifted disciplines and has been busy winning medals for his swimming! Thomas was at a gala last weekend and came away with five medals, including a silver and a gold, and achieved a number of personal bests. Fantastic Thomas – well done to you!



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 12th April – 8:30am, School Re-opens, Mrs. Graham, Interim Head starts
Weds 20th and Thurs 21st April – Parents’ Evenings
Friday 22nd April – Athletics Club starts

And Finally...

I can’t really ‘put it off’ any longer; this has been a week in which I’ve been constantly finding ‘another job’ to do, thus deferring the point at which I have to say farewell to the school in my head.

Leaving Ravensworth will be exceptionally hard. It is a very special school, full of wonderful children. I’ve been blessed to work with a fantastic staff team, and amazing governors over the course of my time here. We’ve seen the school go from strength to strength – looking back over the photos, videos and records of the last three years, I’m truly moved when I see all that has gone on here.

I just want to thank you all for the part you have played during my time at Ravensworth. Taking on my first headship was a daunting task, and I’m so grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead this school. Of course, I’m excited about the new challenges which lie ahead, but will miss so much about Ravensworth.

I could go on, but my wife is always telling me I’m ‘too wordy’ so I’d better stop! I wish you all the very best for the future and will keep this school in my prayers. Have a lovely Easter, and thank you once again for letting me get to know your fantastic children and work with them through these years.

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell



A view to be much missed.

