

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 1st May 2015

Dear all,

It's hard to believe May is upon us already. That means SATs are round the corner for our Year 6 pupils who are busy beavering away, and revision mode is definitely engaged! The summer term also means the commencement of a few more after school clubs (including, of course, the stimulating, exciting, engaging and enthusing 'SATs Revision Club'!). Athletics club with Mike is a resounding success, and, when the wind isn't blowing, I'm sure archery will be too! Meanwhile, Class 1 have been continuing their topic on 'Special Places' with a lovely trip to the church this week, following in the footsteps of Class 2 and 3 last week. Many thanks again to Rev. John and to our parent helpers who tramped up with us. I hear that birds' nests and hedgerow animals were spotted, along with a prolonged stop to examine the field that Will Hegarty has been busily preparing for planting through a generous bout of "muck spreadin'!"



Farewell - This week also sees us saying farewell to our trainee teachers, Miss Morris (Class 3) and Miss Parkman (Class 2). We're really grateful to them for all the work they've put into the school and we wish them every success in their future careers - I'm sure the children will miss them!

Great North Air Ambulance bag collection – The School Friends are organising another collection. Bagged donations of clothing, household textiles, handbags, belts and shoes (in pairs!) need to be at Ravensworth Village Hall by 8.30am on Friday 15th May. Alternatively donations can be left in the bus stops in Kirby Hill, Gayles, Dalton, Newsham and Barningham before 6pm on Thursday 14th for collection, or phone Mrs Wallis 07855 700568 or Mrs Lawson 07976 769155 and they can collect. GNAA will also accept old mobile phones and used printer ink and toner cartridges in a separate bag. Many thanks!

Medical Consent – please can I remind parents of the medical consent forms which can be found online on our website (School Office > Medical Consent). Under new guidelines, we are required to have one of these filled in for *any medicines* administered at school (including self-administration of inhalers etc.). If your child needs medicine please ensure you download and print a form, or, alternatively, that you email it to the office in advance of bringing it in to school. A phone call / email / note is no longer sufficient I'm afraid. Apologies for any inconvenience, I'm afraid this is simply a 'top down' requirement.

Guitar Lessons – these will be cancelled in SATs week (w/c 11th May).

School Friends – the next School Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May, at 8pm, in the Rokeby Inn (formerly A66 Motel). *All are welcome*. Also, Mrs. Rushforth has kindly stepped up to take on the role of Chair, taking over from Mrs. Wallis – I only mention this so that no-one feels 'scared off' for fear that they'll be asked to take on that responsibility!

'Little Visitors' – just a quick note to say that we've had a report of head lice in school. Please be particularly vigilant when hair washing etc., and apply the appropriate treatments as required. Many thanks.

Problem Solving Afternoon and Nepal Cake Bake – next Friday we're having a Maths Problem Solving afternoon in school to which parents are warmly invited (from 1:15pm). Children will be working in small, mixed age teams, going from class to class and engaging with a wide variety of maths problems and games of different complexities. This is a great opportunity for our school family to come together to really experience how to be mathematicians; for older pupils to help younger ones, and to model the practice of conquering challenges!

In addition, as part of the afternoon, the children have asked if we could run a cake sale in order to raise money to help the people of Nepal in the wake of the devastating events of the last week. We think this is a great idea, and a real example of citizenship in action. We'd welcome donations of cakes / biscuits on Friday morning, and if each child could bring in a small amount of money (no more than £1 please) then we can hopefully support this area of need in our world.

Bank Holiday – just a reminder, although I'm sure it's unnecessary (!), that it's bank holiday Monday next week, so school won't be open until Tuesday.

Dates for the Diary: [Clubs this half term (all run 3:10-4:15pm): Tuesdays: Archery, Y4-6; Wednesdays: SATs, Y6, / Athletics, Y2-5; Thursdays: Football, Y3-6.]
Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday, School Closed
Wednesday 6th May – School Friends Meeting 8pm, Rokeby Inn
Friday 8th May – Problem Solving Afternoon & Cake Bake
Monday 11th May – SATs week commences
Tuesday 12th May – 5 year old Dental Checks in school
Thursday 14th May – No Guitar lessons
Friday 15th May – Rescheduled Cello lessons
Tuesday 19th May – Messy Church 3:10-5pm.
Friday 22nd May – School closes for half term.



And Finally...

There are real perks to the job of teaching – I had just reached this section of the newsletter and there was a knock on the office door. In came Ethan Walker, with a delicious looking gingerbread man for me that he's baked as part of his book bag work! He told me his favourite part was "rolling out the dough and cutting out all the shapes". My favourite part will simply be eating it.

Have a lovely weekend,

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rob Campbell'.

Rob Campbell

