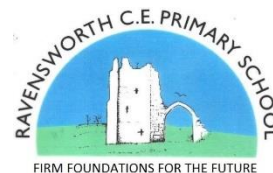


Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 4th July 2014

Dear all,

We have a little book in the office for 'newsletter items'; usually this has a couple of entries in each week – today, there's two pages! So I'll try to fit everything in!

Firstly, a huge well done to our footballers who attended the Brompton Football Tournament last night. I was greeted with an account of how our second team (mainly Y3-4 pupils) had played brilliantly, holding up previous champions (Y6 pupils) in a number of really strong games. Then, I looked up to see our Y5/6 team (in their new kit!) still on the pitch in the semi-finals, achieving a 4-0 win against their opponents. As we moved into the finals, our team faced the opponents who had knocked them out of the last competition and our boys looked determined to prove themselves. In an excellent match featuring some magnificent play from every member of the team, we hammered through with a 5-0 score (Josh Whitfield smashing in the final goal of the tournament) and claimed the trophy! Huge congratulations to the team – a great way to end their long footballing history together at the school.



The Y6 pupils also had a great time on Wednesday at Ripon Cathedral for the Diocesan annual leavers' service. The pupils from church schools all across North Yorkshire congregated to celebrate their time at Primary school in a special service. Our children then hit the road and spent the afternoon enjoying a treat at Lightwater Valley. I believe Miss Crisp screamed more than the children! Many thanks to the parent helpers who attended the trip and provided lifts etc., I hope you had as good a time as the children did! Photos on the website!



Sports Day – a couple of points on this:

- Please send your child to school *in their PE kit* on Monday
- Parents are welcome to join us for our picnic lunch *from 12pm*.
- Back by popular demand (!) – following a number of requests from children and parents, we will be awarding ribbons again this year. However, please continue to emphasise with us the importance of taking part, rather than placing the sole focus on winning – it's a real challenge for some of our pupils to even muster the confidence to stand on the start line!

School Dinners – if your pupil will be in Reception or Key Stage 1 next year, you will be able to benefit from totally free school meals according to a new government initiative. A letter is coming home today with further details, please return this by *Monday 14th July*.

Milk – our suppliers have increased the cost of school milk; this will increase to 20p per day (£1 per week) from September. Anyone already taking milk or juice will continue to receive the same next year unless we are notified otherwise by 14th July.

Bags – as you purchase bags for next year, we *strongly recommend* (and request!) that you purchase a school book bag. This is due to the fact that, very often, A4 paper, homework books etc. come home and rarely fit neatly in rucksack style bags. Obviously, if your child needs another bag (e.g. to carry packed lunch box, jumper etc.), this is absolutely fine, but we really hope that children will all have a book bag next year for transporting 'academic' things such as their reading records, books, newsletters etc. Hopefully, this will improve our children's pride in their homework etc., as well as reducing the number of scrunpled letters that you receive!

Music Lessons – the County Music service came in and gave us a brilliant concert on Wednesday, featuring a variety of the instruments which can be taught to the pupils. These lessons can be booked at a cost of approximately £67 per term, and instruments can also be rented through the service. Please contact 01609 532783 or email countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk for more information.

Equalities – we recently had a special assembly on equality and racism to talk to the children about how important it is to treat everyone with respect and the seriousness of this issue. There are some excellent youtube videos particularly for KS2 pupils available on this topic featuring professional footballers discussing this issue (search – 'show racism the red card'), should you wish to follow this up with your children at home.

Family Fun Day – Richmond children centre is holding a special family fun day tomorrow, in the Friary Gardens to celebrate the Tour de France being in the area, from 10:15am-1:30pm.

Book Request – our School Friends BBQ book stall is shaping up to be rather thin on the ground at the moment! Please could any 2nd hand books that you or your child no longer wants be donated and given to Mrs. Jackson... think of all the space you could free up on your shelves for new holiday reading material!

Behaviour Policy – a while ago, the governors conducted a parental questionnaire (thanks for all responses). One of the outcomes of this was that a number of you commented that you weren't sure of the school's policies and procedures for managing behaviour. We've recently updated our behaviour policy, and this is now available in the 'Policies' tab on the website, along with our updated 'Anti Bullying' policy. Hopefully this will help to clarify these areas, thank you for the feedback!

Celebrating Sport – two particular mentions for individual sporting achievement – firstly to *Jack Dean* who has been selected to join the Richmond School Boys' Ski Team – and he's not even there yet! What an achievement! Secondly, *Thomas Smith* attended his first swimming gala, competing in the 25 metre butterfly and 25 metre freestyle. He won both events and set himself a new personal best in both races! Well done to both!

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 7th July – Sports Day, parents invited from 12pm.

Tuesday 8th July – School Nurse to talk to parents of Y5/6 pupils, 5pm

Thursday 10th July – 'Move up afternoon' and Y6 Induction days

Friday 11th July – School Nurse Puberty Talk Y5/6

Wednesday 16th July – Upper KS2 trip to SFX to see Midsummer Night's Dream, 10am

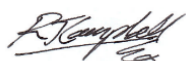
Friday 18th July – Whole School Trip (details to follow!)

Friday 18th July – School Friends Summer Barbeque

And Finally...

To all those who are heading to see the Tour de France this weekend, I wish you warm weather, remarkable racing and, most importantly, empty roads! Maybe see you there!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

