

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th July 2014

Dear all,

It's hard to believe that next week is our final full week of the academic year. The children (and staff!) are beginning to look a bit tired though, the sun is shining, and perhaps we're all getting ready for the holiday... However – true to Ravensworth's style, there's still lots to fit in and exciting things are happening! Before we move on to look ahead, let's take a glance back at this week.

Monday saw us nervously nibbling our nails and looking up at the sky in the hopes that our Sports day could go ahead, in spite of a few threatening drops from the heavens, we had a brilliant day! In the morning the children worked in mixed age teams on a variety of group events ('Team Sky' and 'Team GB' eat your heart out!), before our grand tennis final after lunch (apologies that we didn't picnic, but those clouds *did* look ominous!). Congratulations to Jack Dean, our runner up, and Bailey Proudlock, champion for the second year running! Then we got down to our traditional sports day fun – sack races, egg and spoon, obstacle course etc. The children all did brilliantly and we had some excellent participation from them all. It was fantastic to see the way in which every child 'gave it a go', full marks for effort! Thanks to all who attended to watch your children, and particularly to the Mums and Dads who braved the parents' races – I know it means a lot to the pupils! Photos on the website!



Tuesday saw some nervous nail nibbling again awaiting our Year 6 SAT results. No-one needed to worry however, since we got a fantastic set of results. The children worked so hard for these tests, and their efforts were rewarded with a collection of level 4s and 5s of which they can all be duly proud. Congratulations to them all. I'm also delighted to report that our Y1 Phonics test results came through, and we achieved a 100% pass rate – yet more signs of our 'bright spark' children working hard with their learning!

You should also be receiving your child's school report today – I've been reading through these over the last few days, and it's been a pleasure to think about every child in this school, and all that they contribute to the Ravensworth family. So, on to the week ahead, and a few points to note as we start to 'wrap up' our year.

Clubs – this has been our last week for clubs, *except* archery, the final session of which will be on Wednesday. Our thanks to the two Mrs. Stanwixes and Mr. Roycroft for running these this half term, I hope your children have enjoyed them!

School Friends Summer BBQ – this is always a fantastic night, delicious food (and drink!), and a good time to be had for all. There will be entertainment for the children, and it's a lovely event to bring our whole school community together. One point to note is that the school building will be locked from 8:45pm in order for Mrs. Richmond to set up for dance exams the next day, you

are welcome to stay in the grounds after that point, but please note toilet facilities will not be available!

Outstanding Monies – a note from Mrs. Richmond, could any outstanding money for anything – dinners, milk, juice, trips etc. be paid by Monday 14th July in order for us to balance the accounts for the end of year. Thank you.

Dance Classes – Mrs. Richmond is taking new pupils aged 5 years and older for her dance school which runs on Saturday morning from September. Please ring her in the office for further details.

Fond Farewells – it is with sadness that we have to say farewell to a few members of our school community (as well as our wonderful Year 6 children). Firstly Olivia and Philip Wozny are moving house and out of North Yorkshire, so they will be leaving our school. We will miss their lovely personalities (and Philip's prodigious footballing skills!) greatly and wish them all the best in the future.

We are also saying farewell to two of our staff team – Mrs. Wolstenholme is leaving us for pastures new, as is Mrs. Ritchie, who has been travelling a huge distance to school since she moved. It is always sad to say goodbye and we thank them for their dedicated service to our pupils. I don't know what our displays will be like without Mrs. Ritchie's laminating powers! Every blessing to them for their next steps.

Leavers' Service – at 2pm on Monday 21st, our Year 6 pupils will lead us in a special 'service' in which they will bid farewell to their Primary School days and consider what lies ahead for them. All are welcome to attend, it's always a great opportunity to say farewell to them.

End of Year – I may not get a newsletter out next week (since we're away to the River Tyne on Friday), and, in case that is so, I wanted to clarify arrangements for the end of year (Tuesday 22nd). We officially break up at 1:30pm, but parents and friends are welcome to join us on the village green (weather permitting) from about 1pm, where we will conclude our year together with a short collective worship service like last year. I hope to see you there.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Friday 18th July – River Tyne Trip

Friday 18th July – School Friends Summer Barbeque

Monday 21st July – 2pm, Leavers' Service

Tuesday 22nd July – 1pm, Collective Worship on the Green, 1:30pm, End of Year

Looking ahead... Tuesday 2nd September – 8:30am, School re-opens!

And Finally...

Our Vice Chair of Governors, Richard Smith, is competing in the 'Ironman UK' event next week in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This entails a 2.4 mile swim, then a 112 mile bike ride followed by 26.2 mile run – what a challenge! If you'd like to sponsor or support Richard, the link is www.justgiving.com/richie-smith1, all for a good cause!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

