

# Soaring High Newsletter



December 2025

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope



## From Messy Play ...



Nursery parents came to play on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Getting messy with their children they worked together to see how children learn through play; enhancing their language, team-building and negotiation skills.

## ... to Christmas Trees

While Christmas came early with the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mark's Church. On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November children from Nursery to Year 2 walked to St Mark's to look at the amazing array of trees on display and listen to the Christmas Story. This year's theme was *Bible Stories*. Thank you to Reverend Karl and his team for making this event as special as usual.



## Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day



If your child usually brings their own packed lunch to school, but you would like them to have a School Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – please log onto School Money to place your order. This will coincide with our Christmas Jumper Day – where children can come into school with their own Christmas Jumper

instead of their school cardigan or sweatshirt. We all look forward to seeing the array of designs on offer from children and adults in school.

## Christingle

Children from Years 3-6 will be walking to St Mark's to take part in their very own Christingle Service. Please ensure that children have a warm coat (with a hood) that day. Having spent time preparing their Christingles as well as learning the songs and readings. This is a very special occasion that children and staff enjoy together. Unfortunately, there is not enough room in church for all of us and parents – but we will share the images with you via ClassDojo.



## Uniform

On PE days children can come into school wearing their PE kit which is a white T-shirt with plain dark shorts/leggings or tracksuit-bottoms with suitable pumps or trainers. With the weather turning cold do send in a tracksuit/leggings. Children can wear their usual fleece, cardigan or jumper for PE. Please make sure



that all uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name.

Remember

no earrings or jewellery apart from (non-recording) watches.

## Phones in school

Children who walk home on their own in Year 5 and 6 may bring their phones to school. However, phones must be turned off when children enter the school grounds and not turned on again until they leave school grounds after school. It is important that everyone follows these rules to keep all children safe.

## Friday Assemblies

It is always lovely to see parents at our Friday Soaring High assemblies which take place at 2:30 each Friday - the perfect way to end a school week. The last one for this year is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Online Safety

There are new toys and games to play with and a lot of these will give children access to the Internet. With all the possibilities out there, it is ever more difficult to keep children safe. To help with top tips to help keep your household safe online and the latest information on apps, games and devices access:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/top-tips-for-staying-safe-online-at-christmas> For primary-aged children, tablets are particularly popular. When it comes to using them, start slowly; only download games and apps you have checked out carefully (sites such as [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk), or [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org) provide useful advice!) and steer them towards age targeted content such YouTube Kids or [www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/cbeebies/features/iplayer-kids](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/cbeebies/features/iplayer-kids)



## Adventures and exploration through time

Year 3 went back in time to the Stone Age with a day of learning how people lived thousands of years ago. Meanwhile, 1666 is the destination for Year 2 as they learn about the Great Fire of London through a range of active learning activities.

Time travelling to the nineteenth century and you'll find Year 1 at Portland Basic finding out about a true Victorian Christmas.

Another leap forward through the years, sees Year 6 spending the day as evacuees and they explore the impact on World War II on the local area and children in particular. They will finish the day with a traditional VE day street party courtesy of our amazing kitchen team.

## Christmas performances

Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 classes have been working hard on learning their lines, songs and parts for the upcoming shows this December. Parents are all welcome to attend and watch out for letters and ClassDojo messages for more information. A reminder that photos and videos are not permitted during the performances but there will be opportunities to take pictures at the end if you wish.

## It's behind you!

Dick Whittington was our pantomime this year and the hall was full of the traditional jokes and responses. The children from Nursery to Year 6 were in good voice and it was lovely to see all the children taking part and enjoying this traditional Christmas activity.

## A love of reading

This term has seen Years 3 and 4 visiting Dukinfield Library each Thursday. It has been great to see the number of children who now enjoying choosing a new book each time. By the end of the year all children from Years 1-6 will have visited the library and enjoyed choosing and sharing books.

## Class Dojo

We use ClassDojo as our main communication tool for key messages and class information as well as celebrating achievements specific to a child or class. It is a great way of sending messages to staff too. Please note that staff will only access these messages between 8am and 4pm. Therefore, if your child is not going to be in school please ring the school office on 0161 344 2905 or email:

[mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk)



## Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Christmas productions at 10am and 2pm.
- ❖ Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle, Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- ❖ Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Nursery Christmas production at 10am
- ❖ Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – the School Choir perform Carols by Candlelight
- ❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – school finishes at 2pm for Christmas
- ❖ Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – school re-opens for Spring 2026.