

# Soaring High Newsletter



December 2023  
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## Christmas Tree Festival

St Marks hosted their annual Christmas Tree Festival and Fayre on Saturday and Sunday 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> November. As well as listening to our superb choir, visitors voted on the best-dressed tree following the theme of *My favourite things*.



On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 walked to the church to view all the trees and hear the Christmas Story. Accompanied by parents, the children's behaviour was a credit to the school. Well done everyone.

## A stitch in time

Design Technology has been a focus throughout school this term and Mr Smith has been working hard to support teachers and children as they learn a range of new concepts and skills from pneumatic devices to sewing. If you are lucky some of these creations will make their way into your Christmas stocking.



## Christmas Jumper Day



This year coincides with our Christmas Dinner Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Every year millions of people across the country put on a festive knit and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. By dressing up and being silly you'll be

helping kids facing serious issues like war, hunger, and poverty. **Christmas Jumper Day has raised over £35 million for children in the UK and around the world since it began in 2012!**

## Parent Governor Wanted

There is a new vacancy on the school governing body for a parent governor. Our huge thanks to the outgoing governor who has generously given of her time to support school.

Our governors are a vital part of school and shape the policies and future of Ravensfield. It is vitally important that parents have their voice heard and having parents on the governing board ensures that we serve the community in providing the best for all our children. If you would like to know more please contact:

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

## Keeping Safe

Remember to take extra care when driving along Clarendon Street. Children need to be supervised carefully as they do not have the road and traffic awareness that adults do.

It is lovely to see children riding bikes into school but please dismount when you enter the school gates and push your bike along the school path or down the drive – the same for scooters too please.

## Dogs

Just a reminder, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.



## Key Stage 2 Christingle

Children in Years 3-6 have been practising a range of Christmas songs ready for our annual Christingle Service at St Marks.

They will all be making a Christingle of their own so that they can fully participate in the tradition. While Year 6 children will be reading in what is a very special Ravensfield event.



## Join the messy workshop

Nursery parents were welcomed to the first Nursery Workshops of the year this November. *Messy Workshops* allows parents to play alongside their children and get messy; seeing first-hand how children learn through play and how this can be achieved at home and school with the simplest and cheapest of resources.

## From the stone age to the stars

Year 3 had a visit from a *Stone Age* traveller last month. It was great to see children and staff dressing up to enter into the spirit of the day. The experience allowed children to understand a little more about what stone age children's everyday life and experiences involved as they travelled back in time.

Meanwhile, Year 5 are off to Jodrell Bank on the 6<sup>th</sup> December to find out more about these radio telescopes and the role they have played in finding out more about space; pulsars, comets and meteoroids.

## Farewell and welcome

Mrs Dawson has been on secondment to a school in North Manchester and has decided to continue her work there, so with a heavy heart we say goodbye and wish her well, though I know that she will visit us regularly.

Miss Youngson retires this month and has plans to travel around the UK and beyond. She has been a great support to the school and will be missed for her skill, good humour and energy. Miss Firth will resume her role in Class 1 working with Mr Roberts.

Mrs Alexander-McCue also leaves us for a little while to have her second child. Mrs Humadi has already been working with her in Class 2 and will now be teaching full-time. We look forward to seeing Mrs Alexander-McCue and her new baby in the coming months.

## Jewellery and Make-up

The only jewellery allowed in school is a watch (non-recording) and stud earrings if children have pierced ears.

**All** jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming.

For younger children we recommend that parents remove earrings before school.

Make up, nail varnish, acrylic nails etc are not permitted.

Children may bring lip balm to provide protection from dry lips.

## Ravensfield School Club

Our club offers excellent before and after-school care. With a focus on fun and a great deal of care from all members of the team, children really are the centre of this work. Please see the school website for details.

## 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. There will be **no** Soaring High Assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## Diary Dates

- ❖ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime in school
- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day
- ❖ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle at St Mark's
- ❖ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – musical theatre group end of term performance
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – school party day and school finishes at 2pm
- ❖ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – back to school. Happy 2024!