

Soaring High Newsletter

July 2024

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Summer Fair – the sequel



We sneaked this in just ahead of the break in weather and a great time was had with inflatables in the hall and the usual favourites on the field: tombola to coconut shy with a nerf gun stand, penalty shoot-out, hook-a-duck, face painting and a roaring trade in hot dogs to name a few. Thank you to everyone who helped, took part and made this such a success. A big shout out to the choir and musical theatre groups who entertained us so well.

We made £926.00 which the PTFA will use to buy resources and treats for children in school. If you would like to help or find out more about the PTFA, contact Miss Woods via the main office.

Litter Picker Award

Keeping our school clean and tidy is a big job and most of our children are amazing at picking up rubbish and love to help Mr Woodall in this huge job. To show his appreciation, Mr Woodall has designed a unique *Litter Picker Award*.



This will be awarded to the individual who has gone above and beyond. As well as receiving the award to keep in their classroom for a month, they will have tea and cake with Mr Woodall in the staff room. Watch this space to find out who is our inaugural winner.

Serengeti stories



Reception children are finding out about life in Africa and in particular in the Serengeti this term. As we can't take the children there we are bringing Africa to them this month, with an amazing drumming workshop on 9th July and an Africa Day Experience looking at the culture and art as well as the animals from this part of the world.

Road Safety

As children enter Year 5 and 6 they begin to walk home on their own – could you please stress with them the importance of crossing the roads safely. We are lucky to have a pedestrian crossing and crossing patrol on King Street so please keep safe and use it.

Meet your new teacher

Children will be meeting their new teachers for September on Thursday 4th July as well as trying out their new classroom for the day. Teachers are also opening their doors from 3.30pm so you too can meet your child's new teacher ahead of September. We look forward to seeing you.

Specific details for your child will be on ClassDojo on Wednesday.

Sports Days

We are spreading these over three days and hoping that the weather will be kind! On the day that your child is due to have their events, please send them into school in PE kit. Parents are invited to come along and cheer them on as they try their hand at a range of events and activities.

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| Nursery and Reception | 9 th July |
| Years 1 and 2 | 10 th July |
| Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 | 11 th July |

Specific details will be shared on ClassDojo and if you have any questions please speak to your child's classteacher.

Jewellery in school

No jewellery is the uniform rule - with the exception of classic digital or analogue watches. Children are not permitted watches with recording functions in school. If children have earrings these should be simple studs and must be removed before PE and swimming

Moving to high school

Moving schools is exciting but also causes anxiety of children and their families. This is even more true if your child has additional needs. To support families with this Tameside are offering a course free to anyone with a Tameside postcode:

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/128>

The access code is SUNFLOWER and this short specialist course designed for parents, relatives or friends of children who have additional needs. Your child may have dyspraxia, dyslexia, be very anxious, autistic, really dislike change, have ADHD, a learning disability, a physical disability or any other additional need. Primarily aimed at children making the move from primary to secondary school, it builds on the principles of nurturing emotional wellbeing.

Keeping safe online

As digital learning, communication and games are intertwined in our lives it can be hard to keep up-to-date with the latest trends and the latest challenges to keeping our children safe on-line. A great starting point – whatever your concerns – is SWGfl.

This website has information on all aspects, good and bad. In particular, their information on social media (<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>) provides clear information on what is around, what parents need to know and the positives and pitfalls you need to be aware of.



Attendance changes

The Department for Education has altered its guidance for improving school attendance and their National Framework for Penalty Notices which comes into effect on 19th August 2024. You can follow this link to read the details:

www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/documents/information/attendance-and-punctuality/attendance-letter-2024.pdf

A lot of our children this year have had amazing attendance which will be celebrated on 24th July with inflatables in school for those with 100% attendance, over 97% attendance and Most Improved Attendance across the year. While for those with 100% attendance for the year will be going Ten Pin Bowling at Denton Wellness Centre on the Thursday.

Fuel4Fun

Tameside Active will be running their popular multi-sports days over the summer starting on 29th July. These run at Oxford Park in Ashton, Copley and the Ken Ward Centre. Go to:

<https://eequ.org/tamesidefuel4fun> for more information and to book. These are highly popular so don't delay.

Keeping in touch

Teachers are on the playground each morning to welcome the children into school.

Unfortunately, they do not have enough time to speak at length with parents. If you want to pass information to school please do this via the school office or make an appointment to meet with the teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Schoolavision Update

Year 6 are working hard on their end of year production – both on and off stage. Rehearsals are going well!

Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 3rd July – Open Evening for new Reception and Nursery parents – 6pm
- ❖ Thursday 4th July – Open evening for current Reception parents whose children will be in Year 1 in September – 6pm
- ❖ Tuesday 9th July – Nursery and Reception Sports Day
- ❖ Wednesday 10th July – Sports Day for Years 1 and 2
- ❖ Thursday 11th July – Sports Day for Years 3 to 6
- ❖ Friday 19th July – Last *Soaring High* Assembly of the year
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd July – Year 6 performance for parents – 10am
- ❖ Wednesday 24th July – Annual Reports go home
- ❖ Wednesday 24th July – Ravensfield's Got Talent – Years 2 and 3
- ❖ Thursday 25th July – Ravensfield's Got Talent – Years 4 and 5