

Soaring High Newsletter

July 2023

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope



Children's University – Salford University

Thursday 29th June saw 27 children from, travel to Salford University to have a presentation at Peel Hall. It was lovely to see parents there to support us too. They were all a credit to school and a huge thanks to everyone who helped them with this achievement.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year the summer reading challenge is themed around keeping fit and healthy. Launching on 8 July this is open to all children between 4 and 11. Watch out for more information coming home soon.



Vikings ahoy

We had a Viking invasion into Year 4! As part of their topic this term, children came face to face with Viking dress, food, weapons and mythology. Visited by Dantastic Education children first learnt about the Anglo-Saxons and then how the Vikings came and claimed the land. They had an opportunity to look at replica armour and Viking artefacts and consider how Vikings had a profound impact on Britain today.



Dance in the woodlands



Year 5 were invited to take part in a collaborative dance project called *Dances in the Woodlands*. Schools across Tameside have been creating dance and costume with a woodland animal these.

While some children devised, performed and filmed, others created the costumes and props. They all did an amazing job. They have also been invited to perform this at the Stalybridge Cotton Carnival in September.



On the doors

While teachers are on the playground each morning to welcome the children into school, they do not have enough time to speak 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.

Parking

Thank you for taking extra care on Clarendon Street as you drop off and collect your children. It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, but the entrance and paths can very busy, so please dismount when you enter school and wheel them down. This is especially true of electric scooters and bikes as some children's inexperience doesn't allow them to adjust speed for the slopes and other road and path users.

Attendance

As a school, we are put under huge scrutiny for our attendance figures. If your child is ill you must let school know each day to keep us up to date. Please remember we do not authorise term time holidays. Penalty notices will be put in place and may lead to prosecution. No term time holidays.

<https://www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/documents/information/attendance-and-punctuality/attendance-letter.pdf>

Thank you and fare well

We said goodbye to Miss Dignam from Class 6 in June and welcomed Miss Sabir who has settled into Ravensfield really well. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Miss Dignam all the best for the future.

Raffle draw

The PTFA have been selling tickets for the amazing Summer Raffle for just 20p a ticket. There is still time to buy tickets with the raffle being drawn on the Friday Soaring High assembly on 21st July.

Baby Ravens?

Reception have been duck sitting in June. They arrived as eggs and within days ducklings hatched out! Our Reception children wanted everyone to know: "Did you know that their feet are webbed to help them swim?"



Healthy Eating

We would like to remind parents that as a healthy eating school, we encourage children not to bring sweets into school and not hand them out on school premises.



Attendance Celebration

Following parent feedback and pupil voice we have reintroduced end of year attendance celebrations. The children with 100% attendance will be invited to go tenpin bowling at Tameside Wellness Centre in Denton on Wednesday 26th July.

We will continue the celebrations in school in the afternoon for those children who have achieved outstanding attendance (97% or above) and those children with the most improved attendance across the academic year. We are really proud of all our children, this is a fantastic achievement. Look out for more information.

Winning kit

Ravensfield has won free football kit from Premier League Primary Stars. This is part of a new initiative to encourage more girls to play football. If your daughter would like to play football for school, please see Miss Davies in Class 10.

Uniform

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.

Communication

ClassDojo is for sharing information with the classteacher – for all other information from attendance and illness to a change in collection arrangements, please contact the school office directly on 0161 344 2905.

Diary Dates

- ❖ Thursday 6th July – **Open Evening** for parents whose children are going into Reception and Nursery in September 2023.
- ❖ Thursday 6th Transition day, where children meet their new classes, teachers and classrooms. Details to follow.
- ❖ Monday 10th July **Nursery Sports Day**
- ❖ Tuesday 18th July **Sports Day** – weather permitting. Watch out for further details.
- ❖ Wednesday 19th July end of year reports go home.
- ❖ Friday 21st July – Year 6 trip to Gullivers.
- ❖ Monday 24th July sees a 100% attendance celebration award
- ❖ Tuesday 25th July – Year 6 performance for parents – details to follow.
- ❖ School closes for summer on Thursday 27th July at 2pm.