

# Soaring High Newsletter

June 2024

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## Summer Fair – the sequel



We may have been rained off in May, but the PTFA have their sights firmly locked on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The event will open at 3.30pm on the school field and Key Stage 1 playground, with all the usual favourites from

raffles to tombola and coconut shy to penalty shout out. Throw in some bouncy castles, face painting and delicious food – all we need is you (and a lovely sunny day).

## Knock, knock ...

It is Father's Day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June and to celebrate the important men in our lives we are putting together some of the best/worst dad jokes around. You can hear their debut during the Soaring High Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. All are welcome and the assembly starts as usual at 2.30pm.



## Hopping marvellous



A huge thank you from the patients, their families, staff and volunteers at Willow Wood Hospice came our way, following our Easter Bunny Hop. We raised a magnificent £1,152.04.

It costs £3.3 million to run Willow Wood Hospice each year, 80% of which they raise through fundraising, so the support and donations from Ravensfield goes a long way in helping them continue to provide high quality, multi-professional care, support and education across Tameside.

## Adventure day

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Years 1-6 will be taking part in a range of adventures and problem solving both inside and out. Please send children into school in their PE kits for that day.

## School collection

With the lighter nights older siblings are collecting children from school. Due to the local roads being so busy with people and traffic school policy is:

- Years 5 and 6 may walk home on their own with their parents' permission.
- Older siblings may collect as long as they are over 13-years of age.
- Please inform the school office of any changes.

## Summer weather

As better weather should be with us sometime over the next two months – please send your child into school with a sun hat and sun cream/screen. Please ensure that both are named. But as this is England don't put away the coat and umbrella.

## Parent survey

We love to hear from you about how we are doing as a school and what we could do better. Please click on this link and fill out the form. The deadline for completion is July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

<https://forms.gle/yfHgVMkgMvvdBEQw5>

## Wedding bells are ringing

Congratulations to Mr Smith who was married during the May half-term. I am sure that you will join us in wishing them him all the best for the future.

## Governors wanted

Would you like to help Ravensfield be the best it can be? For that we need to continue the excellent work done by our governing body and there is a parent governor spot available this September.

In addition to parent governors we also have co-opted governors with specialist knowledge and we will be needing at Safeguarding Governor also from September. If you are interested in either post or would like to find out more, please contact our chair of governors, Jaci Nelson at [mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk).

## Ravens make us proud



Unperturbed by the weather, Ravensfield fielded both a girls' and a boys' team at a Yew Tree School. It was the first outing by our Year 5/6 girls and they worked really well together to bring home a 4:1 win against Yew Tree. The boys had a tougher journey winning against Yew Tree but losing to St John's. A huge well done to everyone who took part and turned out to cheer us on.



## Summer Reading Challenge

This year's challenge is all about getting creative. Music, junk modelling, photography, dancing and story writing are only a few of the things you can do. Whatever interests you there are new books to discover and rewards to unlock.

Launching on 6 July this is open to all children between 4 and 11. Watch out for more information.



## Staying safe online

The NSPCC have a **Keeping Children Safe Online** workshop which provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40-minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support. You can find it for free at:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/)

## 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.

## 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.

## Thank you and welcome back

It was great to welcome Mr Roberts back to Year 1 after a long illness.

Unfortunately, this meant that we had to say goodbye for now to Mrs Power who has done such a sterling job in his absence.

## Diary Dates

- ❖ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Assembly
- ❖ Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Adventure Day
- ❖ Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA Summer Fair
- ❖ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – EYFS Open Evening for new parents
- ❖ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day
- ❖ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 Open Evening – for parents of children new to Year 1 and the National Curriculum
- ❖ Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Sports Day
- ❖ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day
- ❖ Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day