

Soaring High Newsletter

May 2023

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Coronation Capers

To commemorate the coronation of King Charles III, the children have been busy learning a new coronation song and making videos. On Friday 5th May, children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes with a red, white and blue theme. There will also be elevenses and a *Feast fit for a King* carefully prepared by the school kitchen. Thank you to those who booked this ahead of the deadline last week.



Goodbye – for now

Miss Novak leaves us this month to start her maternity leave. Also Mrs Dawson has been seconded by a school in Manchester which is going through some difficult times. She will be back with us after Christmas. Both will be popping in from time to time to keep in touch and hear all the news. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.

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.

School Fair

The PTFA are organising a School Fair on Thursday 25th May. Look out for more information coming your way. On Friday 19th May there will be a non-uniform day for anyone who brings in a contribution to the tombola.

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

Hopping success



We raised an amazing £1,928.46 for Willow Wood with our sponsored Easter Bunny Hop. The children who did the most hops in each class received an Easter Egg and a pair of bunny ears. Well done, everyone! Mrs Jolleys is now talking to Willow Wood about a special visitor who might come to visit to say thank you!

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Bikeability

Year 5 had an amazing week in April where they learnt to ride a bike or improve their riding skills on the roads. Led by instructors and school staff, the children all made brilliant progress increasing their confidence on two wheels. The weather was on their side as they practised on the school playground and then in the local area.



Lake District – here we come

Plans are well underway for the annual trip to Ghyllhead in the Lake District. This is a brilliant start for Year 6 in October 2023 to experience new challenges, learn new skills and explore the outdoors.

Hats, coats and sunscreen



The English summer is almost upon us and could you please ensure that children come into school with a school coat - preferably with a hood - and named. In this way we can ensure that children are dry and warm and able to enjoy their breaks and lunchtimes outside. Also as the temperatures (hopefully) rise can children come into school with a sunhat and sunscreen - both named – in their bags which can be used for outside play and outside PE.

Testing times

May and June sees the time of year when children throughout the country - in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 - take part in statutory assessments. The children and staff have been working hard to ensure that they are well-prepared and are supported. It is important that children in these year groups are in school to ensure that they are able to access the full support we have in place. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher and look on ClassDojo for information specific to your child.

Exciting experiences

Thank you to the 147 parents who completed the survey about trips and costings. From your answers we know that you are very eager to see trips and visitors take place, so are we. We have taken your guidance about what you are prepared to pay and we are working hard to give you as much notice as possible. The school team is hard at work getting quotes and making bookings. You will be hearing from class teachers soon about what is arranged. From space and viking visitors to visits to museums and other locations, we have a range of immersive out of classroom activities booked to allow children of all ages to learn about the world around them.

Wedding belles

Congratulations to Miss Davies and Miss Crane both of whom tied the knot at Easter. I am sure that you will join us in in wishing them all the best for the future.



Gardening club

The school grounds are looking full of the joys of spring. Thank you to all the children in gardening club and to Miss Myerscough and Miss Winston for helping them. If you have any spare seeds, compost or other gardening provisions please don't forget us – all contributions gratefully received.



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>

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

- ❖ Tuesday 2nd May NEU strike action.
- ❖ Monday May 8th – extra bank holiday to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.
- ❖ Tuesday May 9th – KS2 SATs start for Year 6.
- ❖ Friday May 19th – Non-uniform day
- ❖ Thursday May 25th – School Fair.
- ❖ Friday 26th May – school closes at 3.15pm (and 3.30pm for Nursery) for half-term.
- ❖ Monday 12th June – school reopens at 8.30am for Nursery and 8.40am for the rest of the school.