

Soaring High Newsletter

November 2023

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Halloween Fun

It was lovely to see the PTFA's Halloween Disco back in school – our first since 2019! The costumes were amazing and great fun was had by all whether throwing some moves to playing games. Huge thanks to everyone who played their part in making it such a success. If you would like to help with future PTFA events please contact the school office for details of the next meeting. Monies raised from the disco and raffle are going towards more lunchtime games and equipment as well as adding more books to the class libraries.

Read all about it

Friday 3rd November saw the presentation of the Summer Reading Challenge certificates to children from Reception to Year 6. They were all asked to nominate their favourite book and the list was varied from the ever popular *Harry Potter* to the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. What was extra special was a number of children this year saying that every book they read was their new favourite! Thank you to parents for supporting the local library.

Anti-Bullying Week 13th – 17th November



Bullying is something all schools take very seriously all year round. But anti-bullying week allows us to focus on what bullying looks like in

different settings and at different ages. This year's theme is *Make a noise about bullying*.

We are highlighting this with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, when children and adults will come into school in odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique.

Children in Need

This year it falls on Friday 17th November. Please send children into school with Pudsey ears or something yellow or spotty alongside their school uniform. If you want to take part please send in a £1 donation which we will send to Children in Need.



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.

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.

A big hello to ...

We welcome Mrs Hamadi to Year 1's Class 2 this month; she will be working with Mrs Alexander-McCue this term and then teaching full time in January when Mrs Alexander-McCue begins her maternity leave.

Mobile Phones

Children must turn off their mobile phones once on school grounds.

Interfaith Fortnight

The whole school will be involved in Interfaith Week from 6th November; learning about different religions, faiths and traditions in Tameside. There will be visits from local people and chances for children to explore and ask questions.

Mad about History

The next couple of months sees the school taking a history focus. Year 1 start with looking at the history of Dukinfield. Year 3 have planned a Stone Age History day which will see children finding out about the skills and knowledge that we still use today. Coming forward in time Years 4 and 5 will look at the legacy of Greek and Roman cultures, while Year 2 will be exploring the causes of the Great Fire of London with Year 6 examining the impact World War II had. Check out ClassDojo class pages for the latest information.

Remembrance Day



Poppies and other Remembrance Day items are now on sale. Members of the School Council will be bringing them around classes for children to buy until Friday 10th November. The School Council will visit the Cenotaph to place a wreath from the children of Ravensfield and remember the people who lost their lives in two World Wars.

Christmas Tree Festival

Each year EYFS and Key Stage 1 decorate trees for St Mark's Christmas Tree Festival. This year's theme is *Our Favourite Things* and you can see our creations during the event on 25th to 26th November – remember to vote for your favourite one! As well as enjoying listen to our school choir on the Saturday there are a variety of entertainments on offer. Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 will visit the church on Monday 27th November to see the trees and learn about the Christmas Story.



Christmas Productions

There are four different Christmas productions from the children this year – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Look out of letters about dates and times as they all take place in the last week of term starting 11th December.

Our musical theatre group have been working on pieces from *The Lion King* and parents will be able to see their children's performance after school on Wednesday 13th December.

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.

Dogs

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



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.

Diary Dates

- ❖ Tuesday 7th November – Reception Open Evening for those starting in September 2024 from 5-6.30pm
- ❖ Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day
- ❖ Thursday 16th November – Nasal Flu vaccine in school
- ❖ Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day
- ❖ Tuesday 21st November – Nursery Messy Play Workshops
- ❖ Monday 4th December – Pantomime in school
- ❖ Thursday 7th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- ❖ Tuesday 12th December – Christingle at St Mark's
- ❖ Wednesday 13th December – musical theatre group end of term performance
- ❖ Friday 15th December – school party day and school finishes at 2pm
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd January – back to school. Happy 2024!