

Soaring High Newsletter

November 2022

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope



Harvest Donations

Ravensfield school always responds well to the Harvest appeal and this year was just as bountiful as ever. Thank you so much for the very generous number of donations sent into school, by pupils and staff, at the end of last term. The teams from both the Moravian Hamper outreach project and the Trussell Trust foodbank who shared the donations were very grateful, as will I'm sure those people who need their services in the coming weeks and months.



Singing

On the last day of term, instead of our weekly soaring high assembly, we sang! We brought together the songs the children have enjoyed most from across the weeks since September and lifted the roof. I'm sure many of you remember your favourite songs from school assemblies and I'm 100% sure this generation will be singing 'Conkers' well into adulthood. Many of our songs are new, but we like to mix in old favourites too and we are looking forward to sharing these at Christmas.

Summer Reading Challenge Certificates

Before the holidays we shared information with the children and on ClassDojo about the *Summer Reading Challenge*. This year it was themed Gadgeteers and gave a unique opportunity to keep our children reading across the long summer holiday. Many, many children and their families took part and we want to show them how proud we are. The certificates will be given out in our soaring high assembly on Friday 4th November at 2:30. Parents are welcome to join us.

Reception Open Evening

Do you have a child who will be 4 before 31st August 2023? Do you have family or friends who do? We have an Open Evening on 8th November for parents of children who will start Reception in September 2023. This will take place from 5:30 til 6:30pm and will give new parents and families chance to come and have a look around the setting, to see our wonderful learning environment (inside and out) and meet our amazing staff. Please spread the word.



Dogs

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



Friday Assemblies

It is a delight to welcome parents into school to celebrate children's achievements in our Soaring High assembly at 2:30 each Friday - the perfect way to end a school week.

Attendance

As a school, we are put under huge scrutiny for our attendance figures. We have done our best to make the focus on celebrating good attendance in school. Our new systems are focused on both class and individual attendance. Well done to the winning classes across the last half term and also to those individuals with 100% who got a voucher. We picked out 3 children – congratulations to those who got lucky!

'if ever there's anyone missing, it's never the same!'

Staying Safe Online

Thinking of buying technology for Christmas? Then check out these free resources on everything from phones to smart speaker to ensure you keep your children safe: www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

School Council

Our children have now voted for their school council representatives and they were announced in assembly at the end of last half term. Well done to all of you! These children have the important job of both representing the views of the pupils as well as representing the school. Across the next half-term, they will visit the cenotaph as part of our work on Remembrance and they will also meet with the local MP during Parliament Week – which starts on Monday 14th November.

Parents' Evening

It was wonderful to see parents and teachers together on Tuesday and Wednesday of the final week before the half-term break. We hope you now feel up-to-date with how your child has settled and what the year ahead holds for them. For Year 3 parents, this had to be postponed but your Parents' Evening will be rearranged and you will be contacted directly to ensure you have the same opportunity to discuss your children.

Please also note that on Tuesday 22nd November from 3:30 – 4:00pm, parents will have an opportunity to visit their child's classrooms so you can see the classrooms and have a look at your child's books.

School Meals

Did you get to try samples from our school meals at parents' evening? Using our system, it is easy to book the meals you choose for your child: your child will get what you book. There is a great range of choice including a hot meal each day. All dietary needs are catered for by our dedicated school catering team. Please speak to the main office if you have any further questions.

Parking

Parking inspectors have come out at the request of school to help insist that parking is done safely.

Parking on double yellows restricts the view of pedestrians. It is illegal and unsafe.

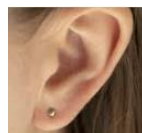
Stopping while children climb out of the car in the middle of the road is illegal and unsafe. The zig zag signs means no stopping.



Uniform

Our children look very smart when wearing their full school uniform. The reminders given out in school are most often about footwear and jewellery. Footwear should be black – fully black. Jewellery is just simple stud earrings and a watch. Please play your part in ensuring that your child wears what they should to show their respect for the school community. When it comes to PE or swimming no earrings are allowed. Full details are on the website:

<https://www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/information/uniform/>



Diary Dates

- ❖ Tuesday 8th November 5:30-6:30pm open evening for 2023 Reception parents
- ❖ Friday 11th November – school council to cenotaph for Remembrance
- ❖ Sunday 13th November – community service at cenotaph 2:50 for 3pm start
- ❖ Monday 14th November – parliament week, inter faith week and anti-bullying week
- ❖ Friday 18th November – Child in Need. Children can wear Children in Need merchandise with their school uniform.
- ❖ Weekend of 27th and 28th November – Christmas Tree Festival at St Marks. Choir to perform on the Saturday afternoon.
- ❖ Thursday 1st December – School Christmas Dinner. To celebrate children can wear non-uniform including Christmas Jumpers if they so choose. Please book this by 12 noon on 23/11.
- ❖ Thursday 8th December – pantomime company in school to perform to all children
- ❖ Friday 9th December – nursery performances 10am and 2pm
- ❖ Wednesday 14th December - reception performance at 10am, Year 1 at 2pm
- ❖ Thursday 15th December – Year 2 performance at 10am, KS2 Christingle service at St Marks am
- ❖ Friday 16th December – Carols around the Christmas Tree and attendance awards
- ❖ School closes at 2pm on Friday 16th December 2022.