

Soaring High Newsletter

October 2023
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Harvest Home



We will be collecting for the Moravian Church Food Bank and the Trussell Trust this year. All contributions should be brought into school the week beginning Monday 9th October. Please bring tins and packet food. We will be celebrating Harvest on Friday 13th October during our Soaring High Assembly and as always, parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting these two amazing organisations who help the community throughout the year.

Reception September 2024

Do you have a child who will be 4 before 31st August 2024? Do you have family or friends who do? We have an Open Evening on Tuesday 7th November for parents of children who will start Reception in September 2024. 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. The school kitchen will also be providing taster meals for you to try too while Ravensfield School Club will talk you through our before and after school provision. Please spread the word.

Ravens Out and About

The whole school are delving into Geography near and far this term. While Year 6 children headed off for the delights of the Lake District in their annual trip to take part in adventures on Lake Windermere and explore the fells, Year 3 embarked on a geography fieldtrip nearer to home as they explored Dukinfield.



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.

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.

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.

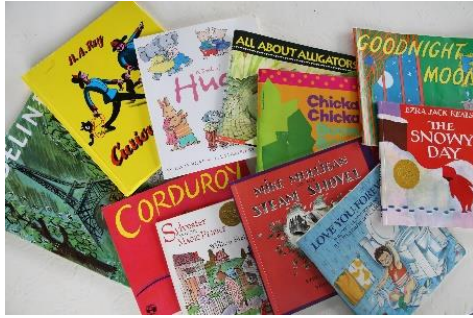
Mobile Phones

We do not encourage mobile phones in school; however, we recognise that some children may

Parents' Evening

Appointments for the dates of 11th and 12th October are available via the booking system. Appointments will take place in the hall. Our teachers will have all the information you should need about how your child has settled and how well they are getting on with their learning. Don't miss out on trying out our range of hot and cold dinners which are on offer during the evening

Parent Phonics Power



It has been great to welcome parents from Year 1 into school to find out about the National Curriculum and what their children will be learning this year and how they can help. While in Reception, parents are coming in to join in with their children's Read Write Inc

lessons. This is the principle way we teach phonics and decoding. These sessions allow parents to understand how we teach reading and how they can support their children in this important life skill. But while phonics and decoding are important this is only part of the story; reading to your child before they start school instils in them a love of reading. Continuing to read with them as they move through school builds fluency and the skills children need to read to learn.

School Meals

We had an amazing curry Thursday this week – watch out for other themed days coming up soon. Remember, using our system makes it easy to book the meals you want for your child. 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 questions.

Online Safety and Wellbeing

There are lots of positives for being online. But for some children it can become overwhelming. Many things can impact our online wellbeing and you can take control of the choices made to reduce any negativity. Being aware of the impact of being online, just like you would be aware of the impact of offline activities, is the first step to managing your children's online wellbeing. Visit

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/ for practical advice and tips.



be walking home unaccompanied when they are in Years 5 and 6. Phones must be turned off when children enter the school grounds and handed to their class teacher who will secure them safely; returning these to children at the end of the day. Any pupil found to be in breach of this or to have used their phones in an inappropriate manner will be disciplined following the school behaviour policy and parents informed.

Class Dojo

We use ClassDojo as our main communication



tool for key messages and class information as well as celebrating achievements specific to a child or class. It is a great way of sending messages to staff too. Please note that staff will only access these messages between 8am and 4pm. Therefore, if your child is not going to be in school please ring the school office on 0161 344 2905 or email:

admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th** – Parents Evenings
- ❖ **Friday 13th October** – Harvest Assembly
- ❖ **Thursday 19th October** - school closes at 3.15pm (3.30pm for Nursery) for half-term.
- ❖ **Friday 20th October** – school closed for teaching training
- ❖ **Monday 30th October** – school reopens
- ❖ **Tuesday 31st October** – PTFA Halloween Disco