

# Soaring High Newsletter

October 2022

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## One month in!

September is a time of real hope: new classes, classrooms, teachers. There is so much potential, so many opportunities. Whether it's the way the new Year 6 footballers organise themselves with such team spirit; the way even the youngest children discipline themselves to walk so beautifully around school (inside and out) or simply the smiles they give their teachers when they learn something new. The children of Ravensfield make the staff very proud.

## Read Write Inc (RWI) parent workshops

Mrs Light and the teaching staff have worked to make workshops for parents to help understand how we teaching phonics (reading and writing) in school. We hope this will help parents to support learning at home. We are totally committed to ensuring all our children learn to read really well as quickly as they can.

**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.**

**-Dr. Seuss**

## Reading Volunteers

Do you enjoy listening to children to read and have some spare time? Please consider if you would like to make a regular commitment to come into school to hear children read. It is an arrangement which worked really well before Covid with volunteers spending time enjoying hearing children progress while the children get the benefit of the extra practice. Win-win!

## Ghyll Head

On Monday many of our Year 6 children are setting out on the Year 6 residential to Ghyll Head in Bowness on Windermere. There is an amazing set of activities planned in the most beautiful of places. We look forward to hearing about all their exciting adventures building memories to last a lifetime.

## Gardening for all

Despite the atrocious weather, on 12 September we welcomed Morrisons and volunteers from the community who came to give our garden a much-needed autumn makeover. Miss Mysercough is now gearing up for a year of planting, weeding and harvesting.

## 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 each Friday - the perfect way to end a school week.

## Attendance

We have new systems to celebrate good attendance in school. Classes who win with the best attendance, or even better – get 100% all week, get a spin of the wheel. The prizes are all treats for the whole class. It might be time playing games in class, with bubbles, Miss McAlinden, the parachute or even the highly sought after non-uniform day. We understand that children might be ill from time to time, but we really need an end to all term time holidays. Children do best when their attendance is high. We need all our children in – we even have a song about how 'if ever there's anyone missing, it's never the same!'

## Staying Safe Online

Lego have created *Small Builds for Big Conversations* which are simple fun ways to engage children (6-10 years) about digital safety and wellbeing:  
[www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/smallbuilds/](http://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/smallbuilds/)

### Reception Open Evening

Do you have a child who will be 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023? Do you have family or friends who do? We have an Open Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Kitchen

The team in our school kitchen take great pride in feeding our children well. Using local suppliers, including the award-winning Briggs Butchers, food is carefully prepared on site. It's quite amazing how much the staff know about what the different children's choices will be, and the care and attention when it comes to dietary needs and allergies is second to none. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Using our system, it is easy to book the meals you choose for your child. There will be a taster day on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Be sure to have a look at what is on offer. If your child is older, meals are still booked using the same system. Our prices are cheaper than other schools in the area and we plan to keep it that way. The current school meal price is £2.25 per meal.

### Parents' evening

Appointments for the dates of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October will soon be shared 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 had settled and how well they are getting on with their learning.

### Harvest

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (the last day of this half term), we will have a Harvest Assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at 2:30pm for songs and poems. We are collecting tinned and packaged foods as in the past and will be sending donations to the Trussell Food Bank East and also the Moravian Hamper Outreach. Dried and tinned foods with long dates are ideal. Thank you in advance.

### Children's University

In the next couple of weeks your child will be bringing home their Children's University Passport. Children's University (CU) is a universal school-based programme for children **between the ages of 5 and 14.**

It is delivered in and outside of school and aims to improve children's aspirations, attainment, and skills by offering learning activities beyond the normal school day. Children can start or continue their journey and you can find out more via:

<https://youtu.be/fsotHTn7xgq>



### Diary Dates

- ❖ Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 residential to Ghyll Head
- ❖ Week commencing October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 1 parent meetings about phonics - more information separately
- ❖ School Photographs need to be ordered online and payment placed in envelope and sent back to school by 12<sup>th</sup> October
- ❖ Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – parents' evening meetings
- ❖ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assembly at 2.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – school closes for half-term at 3:15.
- ❖ Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – school reopens
- ❖ Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 5:30-6:30pm open evening for 2023 Reception parents

### PE Kit

Please be sure that earrings are removed on PE days. Staff cannot remove earrings for children.

### Parking

We often tell the children – *do your best even if no one is watching*. Please can **all** parents apply this thought to their parking on Clarendon Street. Parking on double yellows makes it unsafe for families to cross safely. Also, parking partly on the kerb has recently left families with small children, and even buggies, having to walk in the road. Think safety for all our children. Thank you.

### 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.