

# Soaring High Newsletter

October 2024  
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## Christmas Card Designers



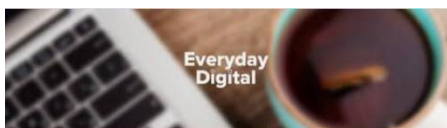
Deputy Prime Minister, and local MP, Angela Raynor has invited children in Tameside to take part in her Christmas card competition. The theme is **Santa's Super Sleigh** and children must design a sleigh which will enable Santa to deliver all the presents on time. The winner will receive a certificate and prize as well as knowing that their design will be on all the Christmas cards sent out by Angela this year to her constituents and fellow MPs. The deadline is Tuesday 5th November. Place your design on an A4 sheet and return to your child's classteacher.

## Sporting Ravens

As well as having Rugby Club and Running Club for all children this half-term, Years 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in a Rugby Fest while Year 5/6 girls are involved in both football competitions and Festivals. Meanwhile the runners among us will be taking part in the Tameside Cross Country Competition with East Cheshire Harriers. We wish them all the best and watch this space to see how they do. Next half-term our after-school clubs will be Gymnastics so look out for booking forms coming out in a couple of weeks.



## Everyday Digital Habits



Parent Zone have a new campaign to help parents get the most out of technology with short videos encouraging

positive digital skills and behaviours. These healthy digital habits fit easily into everyday life, from fact-checking content to unsubscribing from unwanted emails. These habits are framed as simple everyday actions, as straightforward as making toast or hanging the washing. This campaign is part of the Everyday Digital programme, championing critical media literacy skills. Access this website to find out more:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/everydaydigital/resources/widget>

## Uniform

On PE days children can come into school wearing their PE kit which is a white T-shirt



with plain dark shorts/leggings or tracksuit-bottoms with suitable pumps or trainers. With the weather turning cold do send in a tracksuit/leggings. Children can wear their usual fleece, cardigan or jumper for PE. Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name. Remember no earrings or jewellery apart from (non-recording) watches.

## Mobile phones



As some children in Years 5 and 6 walk home alone, they are allowed to bring

phones into school. However, these must be turned off when children **enter** the school grounds and handed to their class teacher who will ensure they are secured. They will be returned at the end of the day. Please note that children are not permitted any audio or visual recording devices (phones or watches) in school.

### Ravens on their travels

We have a lot of classes out and about this month – from Geography field trips around the local area looking at the habitat to be found around rivers, to how the buildings have changed and developed. Others have taken the Geography theme further afield to Blackpool, while Year 6 have embarked on a residential trip to the Lake District.

### Charity calls

Ravensfield families have always been most generous in their responses to appeals from a range of charities. This month the Moravian Church and Trussell Trust will be distributing your contributions of tins and packets to families and individuals around the local area. This year they are also asking for children's coats which have been used but are still in good condition. If you are able to help please send donations into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.



### Parents' Evening

The first parents' evening of the year will be held in the hall over two nights – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is a chance to meet your child's school teacher and see how they have settled into their new class. The school kitchens have a range of delicious food to try, to give you a taste of our dinners, while Mrs Alexander-McCue will be there to answer any questions about reading and Miss Novak for any SEN enquiries. Book your slot online between 4pm and 6pm.

### How does your garden grow?



You may have noticed the new landscaping in the garden area. As well as new paths, there are raised beds ready for planting. Mr Ball will be running Forest School activities from growing, weeding and harvesting to bird box building and willow weaving – he has already started creating a willow arch!

### Poppy spotters

We will also be selling poppies and merchandise for Remembrance Day at the end of the month and into November – watch out for information on ClassDojo.



### Contacting staff

Although teachers are on the playground each morning and evening, we use ClassDojo as our main communication tool for key messages and class information as well as a way of 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 send an email:



[admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk)

### Parking considerably

On drop off in the morning - and even more so in the afternoon - please be considerate to the people who live around Clarendon Street and Ravensfield Way who need to access their properties.

### Welcome back

Miss Mysercough is returning to us this month in Year 4 following the birth of her son while Mrs Taylor-Stott has left us for a while to start her maternity leave and we wish her all the best.

### Diary Dates

- ❖ **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Assembly at 2.30pm
- ❖ **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evenings
- ❖ **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - school closes for half-term.
- ❖ **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – school closed for teaching training
- ❖ **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS Open Evening for parents looking for a September 2025 place