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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term. Before we start on the count-down to Christmas, let me share with you what has been happening and also up and coming events.

### Ofsted

You will have received a link via text, which shares with you the findings of our recent Ofsted inspection. I am delighted that the inspector decided that Ravensfield continues to be a good school. This inspection report shows the success of the hard work of the children, their teachers and their families and community. I am very proud of the whole team effort and look forward to our continuing success together. If you would like a paper copy of the Ofsted letter, please contact the office. Look out for our special Ofsted summary booklet too which we hope to make available you soon.

### Parents' workshops

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are using a new program for learning to read – Read, Write, Inc. This will soon change the way we send home reading books for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parent workshops are taking place over the next fortnight and information will be available on the school website. Please see below for dates.

### Harvest

The School Council did a fabulous job of leading the harvest assembly, preparing well and speaking clearly as they read their parts. Well done! The collection, as ever, was very generous and Tameside Foodbank East and The Moravian Food Hamper scheme were very grateful for the goods the school community gave. Thank you to both parents and families and these important organisations for the work they do in our area. Anyone wishing to further help with these organisations please see [www.tamesideeast.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.tamesideeast.foodbank.org.uk) or contact Christine Storey on 07948739665.

### Year 6 Residential

Many of our Year 6 children took part in a 3-day residential just before the school holidays. This year we visited Ghyll Head on Lake Windermere. This was a fabulous site with great outdoor facilities and stunning scenery. The weather was kind and the instructors were fabulous. Children took part in canoeing on the lake, zip wire, night walks, ghyll scrambling and hill walking. Their enthusiasm and willingness to take part in new activities was incredible. They made the teachers and instructors very proud.



### Parliament Week, the Mayoral election and assembly with the Civic Mayor on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

This week is national *Parliament Week* so the children will be taking part in some activities and discussions to learn about how our country is governed. To help the children understand the election process we held a mayoral election on the last Friday of term. The polling station was Class 11, our Year 4 school councillors worked as 'democratic officers' while members of Newspaper Club attended to act as the press. Seven candidates from the Year 5 and Year 6 school councillors chose to stand. They each gave a short speech in assembly and then the voting began. Each candidate did an excellent job, but the candidate with the most votes was Kirsty. She will take part as a Junior Mayor in an assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This assembly will be hosted by the Civic Mayor of Tameside.

### Anti-Bullying Week 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 'Change Starts With Us'

The inspector who visited school noted that at Ravensfield 'bullying is rare and dealt with seriously'. Our work in looking after children and how they relate to each other goes on throughout the whole year. Our consistent aim is for children to be happy and respectful to all in school. Our school rules are central to this; they were written to ensure that our children take responsibility for their own behaviour and build mutual trust with others. I would like to thank parents for their support in keeping each of our school rules.

### Children in Need

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November we will be joining in the national focus on fundraising for Children in Need. For a donation of £1, children can choose to wear silly socks for the day. This may also include wearing Children in Need merchandise such as the ears, or a T shirt over their polo shirt. Join in the fun and help us raise money for this very important cause!

### PTFA

The Ravensfield PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) plays an important part in fund raising and community events. In order to run big events, lots of help is needed and this often falls on a small number of people. If you are able to offer help, please leave your name at the school office. Many hands make light work!

Regards

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