

Soaring High Newsletter

September 2022

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Welcome back

Hopefully everyone had a great summer break and are ready for a new year full of different experiences and new learning. We are very pleased to welcome a host of new teachers to the Ravensfield family: Miss Hand in Year 1, Miss Westwood in Year 2, Miss Calder-Jones and Mrs Winston in Year 3 with Miss Johnson and Miss Davis in Year 5. They have huge skills and enthusiasm to bring to the school and I know that you will make them very welcome. Congratulations too to Mrs Begum, Mrs Sparham and Mrs Alexander-McCue who all were married over the summer. Our best wishes for the future to them all. And best wishes to Mrs Keary who now has a beautiful baby girl, called Ada Anne.

Green Fingers



Miss Myerscough has been busy collecting beans and sunflowers from the garden this summer.

To make sure we have bumper crops of fruit, flowers and vegetables in 2023 she will be welcoming Community Champions into school on Monday 12th September.

If you would like to join in and can give up an hour or

so during the day to help in the garden you would be most welcome. Speak to the school office for more details.

Learning experiences

September starts with a raft of new topics to grab the attention and test those learning muscles: from *Hola Mexico* to *The Big Smoke*, from being *In the Deep* to visiting Ancient Greece to find out about *Gods and Mortals*. I know that Year 6 are particularly excited by their residential visit to the Lake District next month. Your child's teacher will be sharing these experiences with you via ClassDojo. Do ensure that you have signed up. If you are unsure how to do this, please speak to your child's teacher.

Parent Governor Wanted

There is a vacancy on the school governing body for a parent governor. Our governors are a vital part of school and shape the policies and future of Ravensfield. It is vitally important that parents have their voice heard and having parents on the governing board ensures that we serve the community in providing the best for all our children. If you would like to know more please contact: mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

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.

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

Nursery

Our nursery opens at 8.30am and finishes at 3.30pm. When you are waiting for the doors to open, please keep your children close by as school paths and the driveway are very busy at these times.

Water Bottles

Every child now has a Ravensfield water bottle to keep with them in school. Children no longer need to bring their own water bottles into school. This makes it uniform and fair for all. It also keeps the bottles a sensible size in class. The bottles should be taken home to be washed regularly. Replacement bottles can be purchased from the school office.

Uniform

It has been great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and wearing PE kit again. The PE kit is a white T-shirt with plain dark shorts/leggings or tracksuit-bottoms with suitable pumps or trainers. With the weather due to turn cooler do send in a tracksuit/leggings and a jumper for PE.

Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to everyone who has been following the Gadgeteers and visiting the library this summer. It is the last few days of the challenge so don't forget to get those last few books read and see if Ravensfield can top the leaderboard.

Parent workshops and parents evening

It was lovely to see parents back in school in the Summer term and this autumn we are throwing our doors open with a series of parent workshops in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – look out for letters which will be coming home soon.

Parents' evening will be on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October. This will be face-to-face and is a great opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and discuss how your child has settled into their new class. Arrangements for bookings will be sent out nearer the time.

Sad news

During the holidays we received the sad news of the death of our previous Chair of Governors, Steve Noble. Mr Noble had had lots of experience in education – both within schools and for the local authority. He worked wisely and fairly for the benefit of our children across many years. He worked closely with staff and children, leading assemblies, visiting classes and was known for being genuinely interested in and for our children. His funeral was last week and members of SLT attended to pay respect on behalf of the school.

Friday Assemblies

Everyone is welcome to our *Soaring High* assemblies which will take place every Friday at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate children's successes that week.

Class Dojo

We will be continuing to 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 to: admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

Diary Dates

- ❖ Soaring High assembly each Friday at 2:30
- ❖ Monday 26th September - School photographer in school. More details to follow.
- ❖ Monday 3rd October – Wednesday 5th October – Year 6 residential to Ghyllhead
- ❖ Tuesday 18th October and Wednesday 19th October – parents' evening meetings
- ❖ Harvest – more details to follow.
- ❖ Thursday 20th October – school closes for half-term.

Information on attendance

Here is a link– please read: www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/documents/information/the-school-day/attendance-letter.pdf