

Soaring High Newsletter

September 2023

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 Saxon and Miss Ballagher in Year 3, Miss Welch and Mrs Akhtar in Year 4 and Mrs Junaid in Year 5. They have huge skills and enthusiasm to bring to the school and I know that you will make them very welcome.

We also welcome back Mrs Plewes (was Miss Crane) and Mrs Keary who return to us after their maternity leaves.

You will have also noticed that we had had some work done to the school building with new paint, new signs and new landscaping. Our thanks to Mr Woodall and the team for all the hard work they put into keeping the building and grounds looking their best.

Off on adventures

September starts with a raft of new experiences and adventures, 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.

Water bottles

Every child 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. Replacement bottles can be purchased from the school office.



Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has been following this year's reading challenge 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 Governors Wanted

There are two vacancies on the school governing body for parent governors. Our huge thanks to the outgoing governors who have generously given of their time to support school.

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

Uniform

It has been great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. 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. Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name.



Parents evenings

Parents' evenings will be on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th 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.

Smile please



Individual school photos will be taking place on Monday 25th September. We will also be taking pictures of younger siblings in school in a family picture. If you want non-school age children included in a family shot, then these will be booked in before school on the same day. Any questions, please contact the school office.

PTFA disco

Halloween falls on Tuesday 31st October this year, which is too good an opportunity to miss! So the PTFA will be holding an evening of Halloween fun with discos, games and food. More details will come out nearer the time – but get planning those costumes!

Attendance accolades

Great fun was had by everyone who had excellent attendance this year with bouncy castles in the hall, while for those who had 100% for the academic year had a great time bowling!

Each half term those pupils who are on 100% attendance for the year, will have their names put into a raffle which is drawn during the last Soaring High assembly of the half term to receive a special prize.

For those with 100% attendance for the full academic year on the **24th July 2024** will be included in a special morning out of school at an event decided by the children, while those with over 97% will have a bouncy treat in school.



waiting for the doors to open, please keep your children close by as school paths and the driveway are very busy at these times.

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

- ❖ **Monday 25th September** – school photos, for individuals and families
- ❖ **Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th** – Parents Evenings
- ❖ **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