

Ravensdale Junior School

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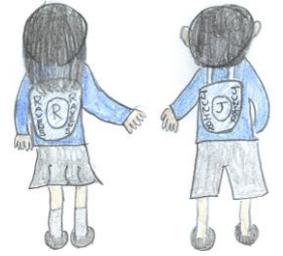
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Welcome Back!

We have had a lovely start to the new term. The children all look very smart in their uniform and behaviour has been excellent. It has been super to see the high standard of homework that some pupils have completed over the holidays.

Curriculum letters are being sent out from all year groups to explain what is being covered over the next term and how you can further support your child's learning at home.

Key dates

INSET days for this year: October 20th 2017, December 18th and 19th 2017, 9th April 2018, July 2nd 2018

Holidays: Half term - 20th Oct returning 30th Oct, Christmas - 18th December returning 3rd January.

Holiday dates for the remainder of the year are on the website and in the home school diaries.

Hadley's Haven

Last Thursday afternoon, we held a short ceremony outside to dedicate Hadley's Haven. Three years ago, Mrs Hadley was a lovely teacher at the school, who sadly passed away quite suddenly. Staff and pupils raised money to create a beautiful all weather area for pupils to play under the trees. Mrs Hadley's son was present, as were staff, governors and two previous head teachers: Mrs Martin and Mrs Mitchell. Several Year 8 pupils who were in Mrs Hadley's class, returned to share some of their memories. On the day, a special sign for the area was installed.

Halloween Disco

There will be a Halloween disco for all pupils on Thursday 19th of October, 6.30-8.00pm. Pupils are invited to come dressed up. The entrance cost is £2 and there will be a variety of drinks and sweets to buy on the evening. If you are able to help, we would be grateful - please contact school at admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk or call in to the school office.

McMillan Fundraising Afternoon

On Thursday 5th of October, we will be raising money through selling tea and cakes. Year 3 parents are invited to come into the hall from 3.00pm and other parents from 3.30pm. There is a competition for Year 3 pupils to design a cake and the best designs will be made by the kitchen staff. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received (no nuts please) and should be taken to the office or classroom on the day.

New Staff in School

We would like to welcome Miss Dean to Year 5 Eagles.

Mrs Woodfine is a new mid-day supervisor.

Miss Akhtar is working with Robins during the Year.

We welcome volunteers in school. Please see the policy on the website, or call in/email the school for more information.

Prince William Award

Sixty pupils in Year 5 and 6 are taking part in the Prince William Award one afternoon a week. This is a yearlong programme, which has been extensively researched and designed to help pupils boost important characteristics such as resilience, team work and self-esteem. We are funding this through our Pupil Premium budget and the pupils who have been selected are a combination of pupils who are eligible for support through this funding and other children that staff consider would benefit from the support. The curriculum in these year groups will be carefully managed so that the pupils do not miss the same subject each half term.

Library Books

Over the past year, 127 books have either been lost or damaged so badly they have been thrown away, at a cost of over £600. Please help us by ensuring that children take good care of the books they borrow.

Office Hours

We have wonderful office staff at Ravensdale, who unlike most other schools, will answer the phone after the pupils have gone home. However, they do have homes to go to as well, so please remember that office hours are 8.15am - 5.00pm.

Friends of Ravensdale

This fundraising association within school has recently been run by staff, but we would very much like parents and friends to be more involved. Staff are happy to fill the major roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to begin with, but we would like other people to be part of the association. This would involve attending committee meetings once per term and helping out at fundraising events when you are able to do so. A letter with further information will be sent out shortly.