

# Ravensdale Junior School

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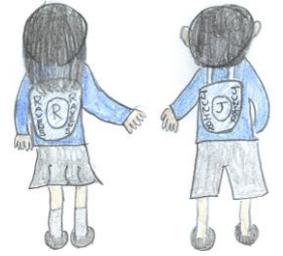
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## Silver Sportsmark

Thanks to the excellent provision for sport at Ravensdale, both in school and as extra-curricular clubs, we have been awarded the Silver Sportsmark. A big thankyou to Mrs Crane for the considerable amount of time that she spends organising activities and competitions.

## Dates for Your Diary

14.10.16 - Year 4 residential visit  
17.10.16 - Parent consultation evening  
19.10.16 Parent consultation evening  
20.10.16 Halloween discos  
20.10.16 Parent forum meeting  
21.10.16 - INSET day - closed for children and school closes for half term  
31.10.16 - Return to school  
15.11.16 - Parent info evening: assessment 6pm  
29.11.16 - Parent meeting for France 6pm  
2.12.16 - Non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fair.  
9.12.16 - Christmas Fair 3.45 - 5.30pm  
13.12.16 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day  
14.12.16 Christmas performance Yr3,4 and 5 for parents 9.30am  
15.12.16 Year 3 and 4 Christmas parties  
16.12.16 Christmas performance Yr3,4 and 5 for parents 9.30am and 2.00pm  
19.12.16 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Parties  
20.12.16 Whole school attends a Christmas celebration at St John's Church  
20.12.16 - School closes for Christmas holidays

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04.01.17 - INSET day - closed for children  
05.01.17 - Return to school  
10.02.17 - School closes for half term  
20.02.17 - New term starts  
07.04.17 - School closes for Easter holidays  
24.04.17 - New term starts  
26.05.17- INSET day - closed for children and school closes for half term holidays  
05.06.17 - New term starts  
03.07.17- INSET day - closed for children  
26.07.17 - School closes for the summer holiday

## Parent Consultation Evenings

Due to the constraints of time, there is only space for one time slot per family. If parents would like separate appointments, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an extra appointment at another time.

## **Yr 6 SATs meeting**

We understand that the SATs meeting that we ran last Tuesday evening clashed with an open evening at Littleover Community school and that this was probably the reason for the low turnout by parents. We are therefore running the session again on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am.

## **Alzheimer's Donation**

This week we presented the cheque in assembly to representatives from the Alzheimer's society. They were very impressed and told us that this was the largest donation ever given by a single school. A big thank you again to everyone who supported the fundraising efforts.

## **Dinner Money**

Thank you to all parents who are now paying using our online system - it really speeds things up in our office.

Please remember to pay for dinners in advance. Recently, the school has had a total of over **£600** arrears with dinner money, which would never happen at a restaurant!

Please send any money into school in a named envelope to avoid any confusion. The envelope is stamped and returned to you as a receipt.

## **Reading at Home**

After recent meetings with teachers regarding pupil progress, many were concerned about those children who do not read at home and also those who are not read to.

Reading well and understanding what you are reading is essential for the entire curriculum and studies have shown that the more children read, the more successful they are at school in all areas. Parents may feel that they don't need to read to their child, once they are reading independently, but it continues to be so important right up to Year 6. If you are unsure of which books to choose, please have a chat with your class teacher, who will happily give you some ideas. We would love to hear about what you are reading together through the reading diaries.

## **Attendance Biscuits!**

Attendance at school is vitally important: even one day missed can have a considerable impact on learning over that week. As an incentive, we have introduced attendance biscuits: the class with the best attendance for the previous week have biscuits for Monday break-time. Well done to Robins in Year 3 who have won the biscuits every week so far, attaining 100% attendance this week!!

## **Late to School**

Please remember that if children arrive late to school, they need to go through the office and not to their classroom door.