

Ravensdale Junior School

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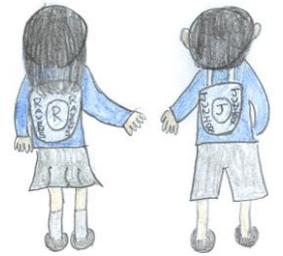
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Halloween Disco

What a fabulous evening this was, with super costumes from the children and staff! Over £600 was raised towards Friends of Ravensdale funds. The children said that they enjoyed the fact that the age groups were split and dressing up added more fun to the occasion. We will therefore hold a similar disco with the theme of film characters next term.

Dates for Your Diary

16.11.16 - Parent info evening: assessment 6pm
23.11.16 Herons class assembly for parents 9.10am
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
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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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11.2.2017 Buzzards Class Assembly for Parents 9.10am
04.01.17 - INSET day - closed for children
05.01.17 - Return to school
25.01.17 Swans Class assembly for parents 9.10am

10.02.17 - School closes for half term
20.02.17 - New term starts
1.03.17 Falcons class assembly for parents 9.10am
15.03.17 Kingfishers class assembly for parents 9.10am
5.4.17 Woodpeckers class assembly for parents 9.10am
07.04.17 - School closes for Easter holidays
24.04.17 - New term starts
26.04.17 Flamingos class assembly for parents 9.10am
10.5.17 Swifts class assembly for parents 9.10am
31.5.17 Eagles class assembly

Parent information meeting on assessment and new report format

Please note that this meeting has now been changed to **Wednesday 16th of November at 6pm**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. This meeting will be repeated on Thursday 17th of November at 9.10am to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to attend.

Remembrance Day

Items are currently being sold in school in aid of the Poppy Appeal:

Friendship Bracelet	£1.00
Slap rulers	£1.00
Wristbands	£0.50
Reflectors	£ 0.50
Pencils	£0.50
Poppies	£ 0.20



Parking Around School

There are now serious issues with the way that parents are parking around school. On Devonshire Drive, cars are being left on double yellow lines just outside school. If cars are parked either side of the road near school, a fire engine or ambulance would struggle to get through and the cars are often obstructing the pavement. I have a report from one parent of a child nearly being knocked over by a car reversing whilst half way over the pavement.

Elderly residents are having to wait to pull into their drives until cars have cleared. This could be a serious issue in a medical emergency.

I know that we all have busy lives, but please leave a little more time to collect or drop off your child and park responsibly.

School Uniform

Please remember that trainers are not part of school uniform. We know that some children will wear them, without you being aware, so we will send a text home to the parents concerned. Nearly all children look very smart in school - thank you very much for your support.

Anti-bullying week

This week, we have had a focus on what is meant by bullying and who children can talk to if they feel they are being bullied.

The children have watched an excellent production today called 'Sticks and Stones' which raise their awareness of issues around bullying. Pupils will also be covering aspects of positive relationships in school in PSHE this week.

Parent View

Thank you to those parents who completed the online questionnaire 'parent view' on the second parent consultation evening. I apologise that this was not available on the first evening. If you would like to complete the questionnaire, please go to

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

School cannot see any comments that are left, just the numbers of response types for each question. Therefore, if you do have any concerns, please contact school.

Readathon

All pupils in school will have brought home a letter regarding a sponsored readathon. Please encourage your child to join in, even if it's just with the reading!

Lunchboxes

Please ensure that all boxes are named and that only small chocolate biscuits such as Kitkat are included, rather than chocolate bars.

Leaving children at home alone

The NSPCC has created a tool to help parents decide whether or not their child is ready to be left home alone. It raises questions for parents to think about, helps them to prepare their child for being left, and considers alternatives.

<https://home-alone.nspcc.org.uk/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL GIFTS

Please convey our sincere thanks to your staff, pupils & parents for the generous contribution of tinned and dried produce as well as toiletries you made last month for our Basics Bank food parcels. Your support is very much appreciated.

Our food parcels are distributed through our Jubilee debt & welfare benefit advice clinics to families and individuals on low income or benefits who, for various reasons, have found themselves in financial difficulty. The Jubilee clinics run weekly in Normanton, Osmaston and Derby City Centre. In the past year we have given advice and support at 800 client appointments and given away over 450 food parcels. We couldn't do this without your generous support, so thank you.

As well as being able to support people who are struggling with financial difficulties through food parcels, we are also able to contribute to the food needed to provide over 4000 meals for guests staying in Derby Churches Nightshelter. We also provide meals weekly for large families at Peartree Junior School through the family Tea Time club.

Thank you again for supporting Derby City Mission as we continue to share the love of Jesus and serve the poor in our city.

Welcome to New Staff

We have three new teaching assistants starting with us over the next couple of weeks to support children with Special Educational Needs in different year groups. Mrs Ashraf will be working in Year 3, Mrs Kininmonth in Year 4 and Miss Hartley in Year 5.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. The Governing Board are a friendly and supportive group and a range of training is available.

Please contact Mrs Albutt in the school office for more details.

Scooters and Bikes

I know that the large areas of tarmac around school are ideal places to scoot and cycle, but I am afraid that we have to ask that scooters and bikes are pushed around school grounds, due to the number of people who are around. Thank you for your support.