

# Ravensdale Junior School

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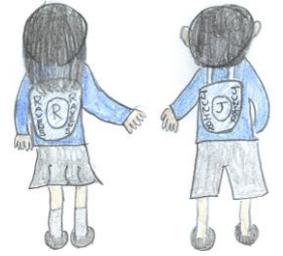
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## Merry Christmas

We have had a whistle stop week of Christmas activities in school this week, with performances, parties, Christmas dinner, Christmas film night and we'll finish by singing carols by candlelight, as Year 3 pupils have decorated Christingle oranges. We have all had a lovely time!

We would like to wish all of our families a lovely Christmas break and all the very best for a happy and healthy 2018!

**INSET days for this year: December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

15<sup>th</sup> December Pupils break up for Christmas

(18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December INSET)

3<sup>rd</sup> January: New term begins

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



## School Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the school Christmas Fair. It was a lovely event and we raised about £750. We are considering using the money raised to go towards a new sound system for the hall.



## Keeping Children Safe

Please ensure that any new devices that children have for Christmas have the correct levels of privacy and parental controls in place. We have had to deal with several issues in school where children are communicating inappropriately online, so please make sure that you are regularly checking the apps and websites that your child is accessing, that they are age appropriate (most social media sites have a minimum age of 13) and that all communications, including photographs or texts, are appropriate.

### **Snowy Weather**

In the event of snowy weather, we will aim to text parents by 7.30am to let you know whether the school is open. We carefully assess whether it is safe enough to allow children to play outside in these conditions and if so, pupils are only allowed to do so if they have boots and gloves in school. Pupils are welcome to come to school in boots and change into school shoes when they arrive. Please use the gritted paths when coming into school.

### **Front Gates**

We have recently had problems again with the gates at the entrance to school. Even if the drive gates are open, please do not drive cars into school, as we have very limited space, and continue to use the pedestrian gate for walking onto the school site.



### **Breakfast Club**

We currently have places at our breakfast club. This opens from 7.45am and the children are given a breakfast of fruit, cereals, toast and juice. They then have a variety of toys and activities. The cost is £4.25 per morning. If you are interested in a place, please contact Mrs Albutt in the school office, using the email or phone numbers above.

### **Fund Raising**

A big thankyou to Freya Calladine who raised £16.20 to go towards the RSPCA fundraising by selling bookmarks in school.