

Ravensdale Junior School

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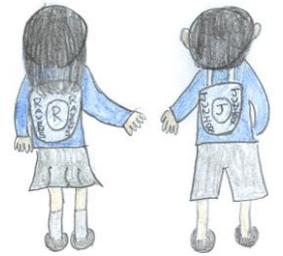
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Happy Christmas!

We would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and hope that you enjoy a lovely family time over the festive period.



Dates for Your Diary

9.12.16 - Christmas Fair 4.00 - 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
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
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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
31.5.17 Eagles class assembly

Attendance at School

A huge well done to the Robins class who have won the attendance trophy far more than any other class in school this term!



School Staff

I am very sad to say that we are saying goodbye to Miss Jackson at Christmas. We are very pleased that she has accepted another position so that she can relocate to be near her fiancé, but she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and parents. Miss Jackson has worked at Ravensdale since being a newly qualified teacher and has contributed greatly to the life of the school, most recently being maths and music curriculum leader. Mrs Stubbs will be teaching in Magpies until February half term. After the half term holiday, a permanent teacher has been appointed. More details will be given after Christmas.

. Parking Near School

Sadly, this issues continues to cause great distress to our neighbours, many of whom are elderly. Inconsiderate drivers are blocking drives and pavements, as well as making it impossible for emergency vehicles to access some roads. There have been several near misses when cars are pulling onto pavements or reversing.

Staff and governors are currently putting together a parking strategy for the school and we will be investigating the actions we can take.

By parking an extra 2 minutes' walk away from school, you could greatly help the situation.

New Teaching Assistant

We would like to welcome Mr Harrison to the team at Ravensdale. He has started recently and is supporting children in Year 6.

Dinner Money

Unfortunately, dinner money debt continues to be a problem for the school and a great deal of office time is spent chasing outstanding payments. The school has a Debt Policy and is now pursuing significant debts through the courts.

Thank you very much to all parents who pay dinner money through the online payment system, as this considerably reduces the time spent handling payments in the office.

The Christmas Fair

I would like to thank the 5 parents who volunteered to help with the Christmas Fair. Sadly, out of 340 pupils, this is a tiny proportion. We understand that many parents work, but without more support in future, we will not be able to run either the Summer or Christmas Fair.

