

Ravensdale Junior School

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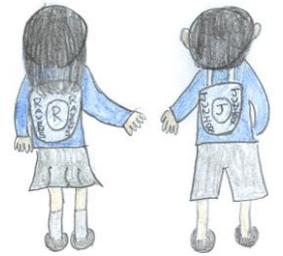
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Christmas Fair and Film night

Thank you very much to all parents, pupils and friends who attended these events and to those parents who helped at the Christmas Fair. The fair raised £600 and the film night, £400. Friends of Ravensdale are planning on spending the money on a new music system for the hall and/or more games and toys for the classrooms for wet playtimes.

INSET days for this year: 9th April 2018, July 2nd 2018

9.2.2018 6.30- 8.00pm Disco with a film theme for dressing up
25.1.18 Cake sale (see below)
16.3.18 7.00pm Chocolate Bingo
14.5.18 SATs week for Year 6
18.5.18 Sports Day
18.5.18 6.30-8.00pm Disco with a beach theme for dressing up
25.5.18 Reserve day for Sports Day
21.6.18 Non-uniform day and cake sale
24.7.18 Film night

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

Friends of Ravensdale Fundraising

We held a meeting last term and a second meeting this term, but sadly, out of 700 possible parents, only 3 managed to attend each one. We understand that families have busy lives, but school staff do not have the capacity to continue to run so many events and have therefore regretfully decided there will no longer be a Christmas or Summer Fair.

However, we have planned other events for pupils and families to enjoy which are listed in the key dates on the left.

Cake Sale

The children who are taking part in the Prince William Award have organised a cake sale for Thursday 25th of January from 3pm in the hall. Please pop in and buy a tasty nibble to support their fund-raising efforts. Money raised is going to the RSPCA which is the school's nominated charity this year.

Visit and Visitors

So far this term, Year 6 have had the Fire Service to speak to them and Year 4 have had a speaker from the Cats' protection league.

A group of children went out of school to compete in a table tennis competition and every child won at least one of their games.

We won the gold medal for Boccia (seated bowls) playing against 10 other schools. Well done Ravensdale!

Parent Partnership Morning

This term our theme is e-safety and this will take place on Wednesday 7th of February. As usual, there will be a short presentation for parents, followed by the opportunity to work alongside your child in the classroom. Places are limited to 8 per class, so please remember to book and if you do not need your place, please inform us so we can allocate them to other parents. A letter will be coming out shortly.

Being Organised and Well Equipped for School

Thank you so much to parents for ensuring that our pupils are so smart every day!

Just a few reminders.....

Pupils are usually outside for about 50 minutes at lunchtime, so please ensure that they have a warm, waterproof coat with a hood. Shoes should be black. Boots can be worn if they are black and waterproof (not fabric or fur). We understand that shoes break at inconvenient times, so if your child does need to wear an alternative until the weekend, please put a note in their reading diary. Please ensure that nail varnish, hoop earrings and jewellery other than watches and items of religious significance are not worn.

Fund Raising

A big thankyou to Gia, who raised £48.60 to go towards the RSPCA fundraising by selling lovely bookmarks that she had made in school.

Office Closing Time

Miss Willis (administration assistant), Mrs Lord (office manager) and Mrs Albutt (school business manager) work very hard to answer phone calls, emails and requests in person during the day and we are very lucky that they continue to do so until 5pm, when many schools stop answering the phone after 4pm. Please note that the new shutter will be closed at 5pm, after which time the office is closed to parents.

School Vision

During the Spring and Summer term, we will be refreshing our school vision. Pupils, staff, parents and governors will all be asked for their views about what works well at Ravensdale and what makes it such special place to work and learn, as well as what we need to change. There is a display in our entrance hall where parents can add comments. Alternately, please write your thoughts on the page at the end of this newsletter and send into school, or email your thoughts to admin@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk. We would very much value your input and invite comments from as many parents as possible. 'Blue-sky' thinking is encouraged!

City of Derby Swimming Club - Seek New Swimmers

Would you like to join the City of Derby Swimming Club? Train, compete and have fun developing skills and friends? City of Derby Swimming Club is looking to expand its squads in the Junior Coaching Programme.

If you are minimum ASA Stage 4 and aged 4 - 8 years then please get into contact with us to arrange a trial.

For queries please contact Claire Cotton, Email: membership@coderby.co.uk

Excerpt from our social media policy

- Parents must not post pictures of pupils, other than their own children, on social networking sites where these photographs have been taken at a school event.
- Parents should make complaints through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites.
- Parents should not post malicious or fictitious comments on social networking sites about any member of the school community.

In the case of inappropriate use of social networking by parents, the governing Body will contact the parent asking them to remove such comments and seek redress through the appropriate legal channels.

The Governing Body understands that there are circumstances in which policy involvement is appropriate. These include where postings have a racist element or where violence is threatened or encouraged. Furthermore, laws of defamation and privacy still apply to the web and it is unlawful for statements to be written which:

- Expose (*an individual*) to hatred, ridicule or contempt
- Cause (*an individual*) to be shunned or avoided
- Lower (*an individual's*) standing in the estimation of right-thinking members of society or
- Disparage (*an individual in their*) business, trade, office or profession

Please add all your ideas on the form below and return to school by the 9th of February.

Keep	Change
Discard	Introduce

Optional

Name of child _____ Class _____