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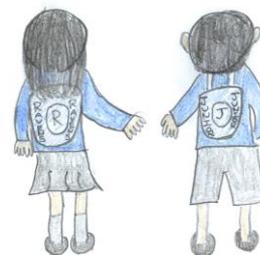
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French Residential Visit

This visit went extremely well, thanks to the excellent planning and organisation from Miss Florey and Mrs Lord. The pupils were very well behaved and we were complimented on this by a variety of people (including passport control!) on several occasions. If you would like to see any of the photographs, please see the Twitter Feed which can be accessed via our website.

Key dates for next half term

Please note that there was an error on the previous newsletter: world book day is on Thursday the 2nd and not the 1st of March.

- 1.3.17 9.05am Falcons class assembly
- 2.3.17 World Book Day: Pupils to dress as favourite book character
- 13.3.17 6.00pm Parent information evening - e-safety
- 14.3.17 9.05am Repeat of e-safety meeting
- 14.3.17 Class photographs
- 30.3.2017 7-8.30pm Chocolate Bingo Evening
- 20.3.17 Bikeability for Year 5 all week
- 27.3.17 Bikeability for Year 5 all week
- 4.4.17 Parent Consultation Evening
- 5.4.17 9.05am Woodpeckers class assembly
- 6.4.17 Parent Consultation Evening
- 7.4.17 Break up for Easter holidays
- 24.4.17 Return to school

Disco with a film theme

This was well attended and the children seemed to very much enjoy themselves. There were some super outfits and it was difficult to recognise some of the pupils!! £330 was raised for the 'Friends of Ravensdale' funds. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped at the event.

Strike Action

We would like to thank parents for their patience during the strike action. We have tried to provide an alternative hot menu when we can, but as we only have one member of staff in the kitchen on strike days, this is not sustainable. A sandwich meal is being offered to those pupils on Free School Meals this week.

The Daisy Garland Award

Ravensdale Junior School has been nominated to receive the Daisy Garland Award by a parent. This award is for outstanding work for children with epilepsy.

Mrs Cannon has been invited to collect the award from a ceremony at the House of Lords in June.

As well as support given in school, several staff have made it possible for this pupil to attend the Year 3 and 4 residential by being willing to stay up in shifts overnight to monitor the pupil's health. I would like to publicly thank the staff who are willing to ensure that Ravensdale is a truly inclusive school.

Parent Partnership Morning

On the morning of Wednesday the 1st of February, we had our first Parent Partnership Morning. I'm not sure who was more nervous - parents because they might be made to do some of the maths, pupils because parents were in school, or teachers because of having so many adults in the classroom!

Parents were initially welcomed into the hall and offered tea or coffee, before a short talk from Mrs Cannon. They then had the opportunity to spend 45 minutes in their child's class during a maths lesson. We asked parents to complete feedback slips after the event and the comments were overwhelmingly positive. Teachers were very impressed with the way in which parents were willing to join in with the lesson. As requested by parents, this is something that we will be repeating next term.

Parent Forum Meeting

I am grateful to the two parents who attended this meeting, as we had a productive discussion about communication between home and school.

Chocolate Bingo - Thursday 30th March, 7.00- 8.30pm

This is a fun event for all the family, where chocolate is given out at many points in the evening, not just when you have scored a line or a full house! Light refreshments are also available. Ravensdale does not have a PTFA, so all fundraising events are organised and run by staff at the school. We would be grateful if you can spare the time to support this event. Grans, Grandads, Aunties, Uncles and neighbours are also welcome!! You will have a lovely time and may go home with enough chocolate to last you 'til Easter!!

