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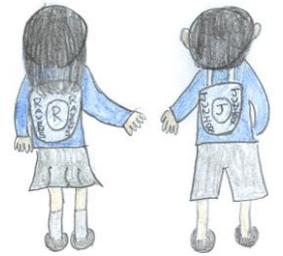
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Chocolate Bingo and Tombola

What a lovely evening! Thank you very much for all of the donations that we received and for the parents who helped to label the tombola. Thank you too for all the families who supported the event on the night - the hall was full and parents were very generous with their money. There were many smiling faces as everyone left with lots of goodies.

In total, Friends of Ravensdale raised £550!

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

- 22.3.18 Book Fair in School
- 16.4.18 Parent Consultation Evening
- 18.4.18 Parent Consultation Evening.
- 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
- 3.7.18 National transition day for secondary schools (dates for all schools to be confirmed)
- 24.7.18 Film night

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

Links with the Infant School

Mrs Cannon and Mrs Blanchenot are working closely together to find opportunities for greater continuity between the two schools. The infant staff have recently had training on the Martin Harvey handwriting scheme that we use in the juniors and both schools are using the Talk for Writing approach in literacy.

On the INSET day after Easter, the junior staff are having training on Numicon, which is an excellent practical maths resource that the infants have used for several years.

The year 2 pupils have started to use our running track to build up their fitness.

Snow Closures

Thank you very much for your patience with the snow days. We liaise closely with the infants so that we make the same decision and aim to let you know by 7.20am. As well as staff getting to work, we also have to consider the safety of the school site and the forecast for that day. Both schools came back to burst pipes on the Monday! Thankfully, ours were in a stock cupboard and the boiler house, but the infants will have a classroom out of action until after Easter.

Internet Safety

This week, a member of staff had a text to her 'phone which appeared to be from Santander and read: '*We have detected suspicious activity on your account. Please verify via the secure link to prevent lock out*'.

This looked very genuine, but was fraudulent, as confirmed by her bank. Please remember never to open any unusual emails or texts without checking through another channel if they are genuine.

Internet Safety

Recently, we have had to deal with several incidents in school due to the concerning level of abusive language that pupils are prepared to write or say online, either through social media or computer games. Please check your child's online activity regularly, explain the possible long term implications for future careers from online communication and encourage them to report any abuse.

Sporting Activities

It has been a really busy time recently, with many different events happening out of school. During March, pupils have attended the Derby City dance festival, Tag Rugby, a cross county competition, a football match and a quick-sticks hockey tournament. Our 'A' team won all their matches at the hockey tournament and we also did very well in the cross country. Many thanks to staff who organise and take the pupils to these events.

The Trim Trail

This is currently out of bounds as some parts have been assessed as needing repair. As the cost of this is quite high and the trim trail cannot be used regularly by pupils in its current position, we have decided to fund raise to build a new facility on the main field, re-using some parts of the existing trail.

Parent Consultation Evenings

There will be a paper questionnaire for parents on these evenings, which we would be very grateful if you could complete. You can also go online and complete the parent view questionnaire. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Please contact the school if you have any concerns, as staff are always happy to meet with you or arrange a phone call at a mutually convenient time.

Understandably, parents contact us when they feel that things aren't going as well as they should, but it would also be lovely to hear from you if you think we are doing things well!

Mid-day Supervisor Role

We currently have one vacancy for a mid-day supervisor in school. The hours are daily between 11.45 and 1.20pm. Please contact Mrs Albutt in the school office for further details.

Year 4 Coffee and Biscuits

Many thanks to Year 4 for organising coffee and biscuits for special ladies in the children's lives to celebrate Mother's Day. The pupils all made cookies in school and then shared them with the ladies who came into school over a cup of tea or coffee.

Through the work that the year group had done with the Hilton Hotel staff, they practised chocolate writing on a paper plate, as a beautiful way to present their cookies. The adults who attended very much enjoyed this special event.

Rolls Royce Activity Day

Pupils in year 6 took part in a series of challenges over the course of a day, led by engineers from Rolls Royce. They had to use creativity, ingenuity and team work to address the various tasks, which included making rockets and paper aeroplanes.



Careers Training in School

Many of you will have heard of careers training in secondary schools, but primary schools are now being asked to provide a variety of experiences for pupils to help them to begin to form ideas and preferences about various careers.

Last year, Rolls Royce worked with Year 6, some Year 5 pupils spent a day at Toyota, Year 6 made pizzas at Pizza Express and three Year 6 girls had the opportunity to go the JCB academy. The Fire Service also came into work with Year 6

The Rolls Royce, Pizza Express, Fire Service and JCB experiences will be repeated this year and we have also had the Hilton Hotel Group working with Year 4, enabling the pupils to have a go at some of the different roles that offer employment in a hotel.

If you know of any businesses who would be prepared to come into school to work with the pupils, or offer visit out of school, please let us know.

Blue Badge Holders

If you have a blue badge for a disability, we are happy for you to come up the drive to collect your child. However, as car parking is very tight, this should only be the case if it is just the person with the disability who is in the car. If another adult is present as well and can get out to collect the child, then the car does not need to be brought up the driveway. Thank you for your support with this matter.