

# Ravensdale Junior School

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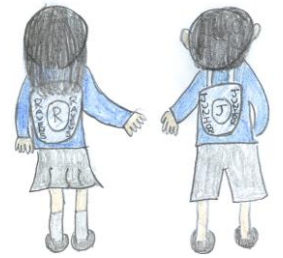
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## Attendance!

We are extremely grateful to those parents and carers who ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day. Poor attendance can have a very detrimental impact on learning and progress, as well as on a child's self-esteem, as they struggle to catch up on work that has been missed. Attendance at Ravensdale has fallen recently and is now below the national average of 96.1%. Please help us to address this by not taking holidays in term time, arranging appointments out of school time where possible and encouraging a healthy lifestyle for your child to reduce the amount of illness. At school, we have hand sanitisers, a healthy tuck shop and the regular run to support you in this quest! Our current attendance for the year is 95.7% so far and we are aiming for 96.5%. Please support us to achieve this - I will keep you updated on the newsletter.

## Key dates for next half term

20.3.17 Bikeability for Year 5 all week

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30.3.2017 7-8.30pm Chocolate Bingo

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

1.5.17 May Bank Holiday

8.5.17 SATS week

25.5.17 INSET day

26.5.17 Break up for half term

5.6.17 Return to school

26.7.17 Break up for summer holidays

6.9.17 Return to school

**INSET days for next year: October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

## Chocolate Bingo!

This is taking place on the evening of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00-8.30pm. There will be chocolate given out all evening, as well as prizes for lines and full houses! Drinks and light refreshments will be available. A letter has been sent home with full details and is also on the website. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Strike Action

All staff are now back at work, following the decision from UNISON to suspend strike action and recommend acceptance of the latest offer from the council. We would like to thank parents for their patience during the dispute. For this week, we will be returning to Week 2 of the normal menu.

## Internet Safety

### Discover the Internet together

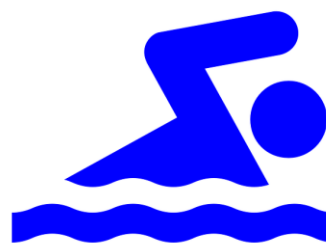
Be the one to introduce your child to the Internet. For both parent and child it is an advantage to discover the Internet together. Try to find web sites that are exciting and fun so that together you achieve a positive attitude to Internet exploration. This could make it easier to share both positive and negative experiences in the future.



## City of Derby Swimming Club

If your son or daughter is between 5 and 8 year of age, they would be very welcome to join Derby Swimming Club to improve their swimming, have fun and meet new friends. They must be ASA Stage 4 or above and not be registered with any other swimming club. For more information, please contact

[membership@coderby.co.uk](mailto:membership@coderby.co.uk)



## Parental Concerns

We are always grateful to parents for raising any concerns that they have regarding their child. However, we respectfully ask that you contact the class teacher in the first instance and not a member of the leadership team, as we often end up just being the messenger in between! If you are not happy with the response that you receive from your child's teacher, then by all means, please bring it to our attention.

## Sporting Activities

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March Year 3 and 4 competed with other schools in sports hall athletics. Congratulations to George Weston and Isobel Kinder who achieved top results!
- Mrs Hands took a group to the dance festival on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, where they performed a very lively dance to 'I'm the King of the Swingers'. Mrs Hands was extremely proud of how well they performed in front of an audience.
- Year 5 and 6 entered a 4 aside quicksticks hockey tournament at Woodlands School. Year 6- Second in their group; Sebbie Baxter, Lucas Norman, Daniel Blurton, Sam Hindmarch, Daniel Ratcliff, Karol Korzeniewski  
Year 5 - Fourth in the group- Veer Sohanpol, Eleanor Shakespeare, Asal Karimi, Billy Hudson, Leo Davidson, Reece Calladine.