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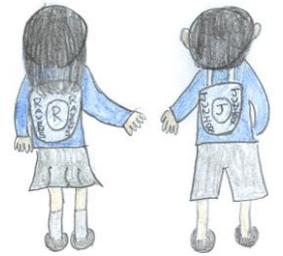
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Parent View

Thank you very much to all parents who have completed the questionnaire on Parent View. 65 parents have now taken part and the results are overwhelmingly positive about the school, with 99% of parents saying that their child is happy at school and 94% who would recommend the school to other parents.

Thank you also to parents who completed the slips on parents' evening, asking for your opinions of the strengths and areas for development within the school. These were also extremely positive, with many parents citing effective communication between home and school as one of our strengths.

Key dates for next half term

- 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
- 17.5.17 Swifts' Class Assembly
- 26.5.17 INSET day**
- 26.5.17 Break up for half term
- 5.6.17 Return to school
- 3.7.17 INSET day
- 26.7.17 Break up for summer holidays
- 6.9.17 Return to school

INSET days for next year: October 20th 2017. December 18th and 19th

Dance Festival

If you would like to watch the performance of the Ravensdale Dance team at the recent Derby dance festival, please use the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DerbyCitySSP>

Fundraising News

The Chocolate Bingo Evening was well attended and very enjoyable. £120 was raised and the money will be put towards outdoor and indoor equipment for lunchtime.

Well done to Holly, Alice and Bethany, Sara and Scarlett raised £14.85 towards Maddy's Smile by selling loom bands.

Gia and Freya raised an impressive £92 by selling beautiful hand crafted book marks and little books, again for Maddy's Smile.

Internet Safety

Try to reach an agreement with your child on the guidelines which apply to Internet use in your household. Here are some tips to get started:

- Discuss when and for how long it is acceptable for your child to use the Internet
- Agree how to treat personal information (name, address, telephone, e-mail)
- Discuss how to behave towards others when gaming, chatting, e-mailing or messaging
- Agree what type of sites and activities are OK or not OK in our family

Staffing

Sadly, we are saying good-bye to some members of staff at the end of this term.

Miss Ward (class teacher in Year 4) is leaving to spend more time with her family and Miss Udall is covering this role until July.

Mrs Arshid (TA in Year 3) is moving to another school and her role will be covered by Mr Thomas for next term.

Mrs Tunnicliffe (kitchen assistant) is moving to a new role.

We would like to thank them very much for their contribution to the school and wish them well for their change of role.

Reading Books

We are very pleased that pupils are enjoying the new reading books so much! However, some of them are already beginning to look a little worn. Please make sure that your child has a suitable bag in which to carry their book to and from school, which will minimise any damage and also take care where they are stored at home. We are currently investigating the use of zipped plastic wallets to try to extend the life of our lovely new books.

Swifts Class Assembly

Please note the change of date from Wednesday 10th of May to Wednesday 17th of May at 9.05am.

A Whole Year!

I've now been Head Teacher at Ravensdale for a year and continue to thoroughly enjoy my role! Ravensdale really is a very special place to work and learn and several new staff have commented about the excellent relationships between staff, between pupils and between staff and pupils, as well as how very welcome they have felt.

We have aimed to create more opportunities for parents to come into school and will be continuing to extend this over the next year, as we strongly believe that the more that parents, school and children work together as a team, the more effective is the education for our pupils.

Development of the School Grounds

Over the Easter holidays, electronic gates will be installed in place of the barrier and manual gates at the main entrance to school. This will mean that any people entering or leaving school will have to gain permission from the school office for the gates to open. These are being installed to improve safety for the pupils.

A new metal shed will soon be erected in the grounds to store new equipment which will be purchased for outside activities at lunchtime.

Fun at lunchtimes - can you help?

We are aiming to make lunchtimes more enjoyable for pupils by providing more equipment for outdoor play and for indoors during wet lunchtimes. Do you have any DVDs (U or PG), board games, Top Trumps cards or construction toys such as lego or K'Nex that you no longer use? We would be very grateful for any activities or equipment that would help to make wet lunchtimes a fun time for the pupils.

Ofsted is committed to improving engagement with parents and sharing information about what we do. As part of this work we would like to invite parents of school-age children to attend a webinar we will be running on **27 April at 19:00**.

During the webinar we will be outlining:

- What does Ofsted do
- How we prepare for inspection
- What happens during an inspection
- The priorities in the East Midlands

We are hoping that you will be able to pass on this information to parents at your school in order to aid attendance. If you have parents that would be interested in attending they can do so by registering at the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5645404351662691586>

If any further information is required please direct responses to EastMidlands.Webinars@Ofsted.gov.uk

School Council Report April 2017

This year we were invited to the cathedral by the bishop of Derby for an introduction to parliament session. It was very informative and we enjoyed creating posters for anti-slavery.

We have been busy raising money for Maddy's smile. So far we have raised £1005 and hope to have an accurate figure at the end of term. Year 5 and 6 are due to carry out their fundraising next term.

We are keen to improve our school environment as we have held many school council on this matter, and have come up with a long list of ideas. We have emailed these ideas to Mrs. Cannon and Miss Roe.

The Medical Education department at the Royal Derby Hospital is looking for female volunteers aged between 18 – 45 to act as simulated patients for our undergraduate medical student exams in May 2017. We're asking for ladies to attend for a half-day exam, either 8.30am – 1.00pm or 12.30 – 5.00pm. Volunteers would also need to come to a two-hour training session prior to the exams.

As a thank you, you will receive a gratuity payment and we can even pay for a taxi to get you here and home again. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

If you would like more information about how you can help out your local teaching hospital please give Lesley Bentley or Kathryn Tarplee in the Exams team a ring on 01332 788169 / 789258 or email us at ugderbyexams@nhs.net

Alternatively you can register at <http://www.derbyhospitals.nhs.uk/education/medical-education/undergraduate-medical-education/volunteer-patients/>

We look forward to hearing from you!