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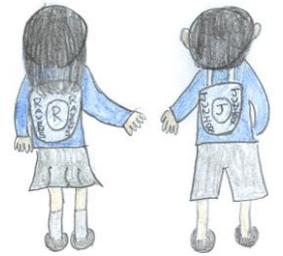
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Sponsored Run

Well done to all of the Year 3 pupils who have been running every day this week as a sponsored run. Each year group chooses an event to raise money for the school's chosen charity for the year. This year it is the RSPCA. Thank you to parents, friends and relatives who have provided the sponsorship money.

The next INSET day is on Monday 2nd of July.

Please look on the website for the dates of events happening this term.

Links with the Infant School

This week we have joint e-safety training for staff, parents and governors.

During this term, we have two joint staff meetings planned, where subject co-ordinators will meet with the aim of creating a greater degree of continuity between the two schools and to share best practice.

The Main Gates

The opening times for the pedestrian gate are: 7.40 - 9.00am
3.10 - 6.00pm

Parents have been observed following cars in the main gates with their children to gain access to the site earlier than 7.40am. I can understand that this is tempting if you are in rush, but is dangerous and a very poor example to set for the children. We do have CCTV operating on the gate and parents will be contacted if this is observed.

School Uniform

The majority of our pupils look very smart when coming to school - thank you to all parents for your continuing support with this. As a mum of three boys, I know what a challenge this can be! Please remember that **skirts should be knee length**, even if tights are worn as well. I appreciate it may not be the best time to replace uniform this term, but please take this into account when purchasing new items for September.

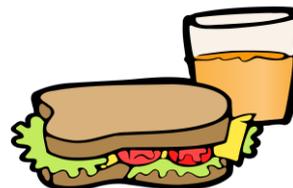
Internet Safety

There have been several issues this year about the language that our older pupils are prepared to use on-line to each other at home. Thankfully, these are rare, but the language can be extreme and we take any issues brought to our attention very seriously.

Any problems about online communication can also be reported via our CEOPS link on our website.

Packed lunches

Please remember not to send any nuts or products containing nuts either with birthday sweets or packed lunches, as we have some pupils in school who have severe allergies.



Mobile Phones

Occasionally Year 6 pupils will ask for permission for a mobile phone to be brought into school if they are walking a long distance home from school, or catching the bus. We allow this for those Year 6 pupils as part of their preparation for secondary school, although it is possible that a 'phone can be a safety hazard, such as a distraction when crossing roads, rather than offer a great deal of protection. Children younger than year 6 should be escorted if they are walking a long distance home. Our mobile phone policy is on our website.

Governance

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Ideally, we are looking for people who have experience with finance, legal matters or human resources. Governors meet twice each half term, usually 5.30-7.30pm. Full training and support will be given. Please email the office on admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk if you are interested in finding out more.

Doggy Treat

Pupils in Year 3 had an unusual twist to their literacy lesson as they watched Mrs Dimmick's dog being bathed on the playground. This was the 'hook' to start off a new literacy topic on writing instruction and the children very much enjoyed this unusual start to their writing!



Mid-day Supervisor

We currently have one vacancy for a mid-day supervisor in school to join our friendly team. The hours are daily between 11.45 and 1.20pm. Please contact Mrs Albutt in the school office for further details. admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk

Gardening club

Now that spring is here, gardening club is going strong and they have been busy planting seeds.

If any parents are able to donate plants suitable for a school garden (these could be cuttings or root balls from your own garden) or any hand tools, the club would be extremely grateful.

Breakfast and After School Club

A leaflet has gone out this week regarding our Breakfast Club and the new After School Club that we will be running from September.

If you would like places for September, please could you contact school as soon as possible through the usual channels.