

# Ravensdale Junior School

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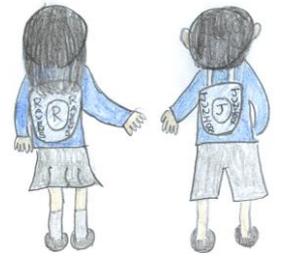
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## Sports' Day

Thank you very much to Mrs Crane for organising another super sports' day and to the many parents who came to watch. Asking the winners of each race to stand on the podium was a new addition this year and enjoyed by parents and pupils. Unfortunately, a mistake had been made when ordering the medals, so not all children could take them away on the day. However, any pupils who were missing a medal, received it during Friday's assembly.

### Key dates

9.6.17 School disco with a beach theme  
21.6.17 School dinner theme day with a beach theme  
28.6.17 Parent Partnership morning: reading  
30.6.17 Overnight camp for Year 3 pupils  
30.6.17 Non-uniform day for summer fair donations  
3.7.17 INSET day  
7.7.17 Summer fair 5.30-7.30pm  
12.7.17 New to Yr 3 meetings, 9.05am, 6.30pm  
13.7.17 Pupil Talent Evening 7.00pm  
14.7.17 End of year reports to parents  
20.7.17 Yr6 production for parents 9.30am  
21.7.17 Yr6 production for parents 2pm  
21.7.17 Yr 6 party 7 - 8.30pm  
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**

## Staffing

We said a sad good bye to the teacher Mrs Majid who left just before half term and many congratulations to Mr Kaushal, who got married over the holiday.

## Fundraising News

Thanks to offers of help from parents, the summer fair will go ahead, but we have decided to move it to the later time of 5.30 - 7.30pm so that more parents are able to come along.



## Megan's Mega Fundraising!!

We are so very proud of Megan Sarson. She decided to organise a coffee morning in aid of Cancer Research and in memory of her dear mum. Thanks to the great organisation and fantastic support from the community, she raised £1200! A fantastic achievement!

## Internet Safety

A school has sent out a warning to parents following concerns a teenage dating app is being used by sinister predators.

Alder Community High School in Hyde posted the alert on its Facebook page over concerns about MyLOL.

The warning came on after members of the public raised concerns over the app.

On further investigation, school bosses found 'the app is being used for inappropriate activities against young people'.



## Attendance

This is currently at 95.75% for the school and should be near to 96.5%. Sadly, some parents are either not informing school when pupils take holidays, or are lying about their absence. We are currently investigating the action that we can take when we have strong evidence to suggest that a pupil has been on holiday and school has not been informed. Hopefully, with the warm summer weeks ahead, pupils will stay fit and well!

## Smart or Android Watches

We know that children love having the latest technology, but these are not allowed in school. We cannot monitor what pupils can access on these devices and even if they are not online, there are often other elements that they can access that can be distracting. Pupils are allowed to wear a watch which tells the time and date and can be used as a stopwatch or alarm.

## Enrichment Day

There are now some beautiful displays up in school from our enrichment day in May. If you would like to see the displays from previous enrichment days, please look under the curriculum tab on the website.

### Message from Derby City Council

Don't miss the superhero-themed fun taking place in Derby parks this summer!

We're gearing up for some summer fun in Derby's parks with the Superhero Picnic in the Park!

All you need to do to take part in the fun is dress up like a superhero, bring a picnic and enjoy the activities. Prizes will be given to the best dressed superhero.

Events are taking place between the hours of 11.00am and 3.00pm at the following parks:

- Mon 31 July at Markeaton Park
- Tue 1 August at Darley Park
- Wed 2 August at Derby Arboretum
- Thu 3 August at Chaddesden Park
- Fri 4 August at Sunnydale Park

## Sporting Round-up

Last term we began our league matches for netball. The children demonstrated great resilience when congratulating their opponents after an initial defeat against Walter Evans. The second match against Mickleover was much better where we beat them, getting 5 well-earned points for the league! The team then played Village Primary and Derby High and although the children played well as a team, finding space and marking, they proved to be worthy opponents and unfortunately we succumbed both games. We then played Dale away and beat them 7-5: another good win. Children are showing improved teamwork and listening to their reflections on the way home shows that they are really reflecting and deciding what they should be doing next!

We also had our annual Derby City Hi Five Netball Tournament at Chellaston Academy. We had a 'mixed bag' of results, a win, a draw and some losses. Although the team fought a very hard battle, they just could not get those goals in that net and unfortunately this is what counts. We did beat Silverhill though!

We took a team of year 4 to the Year 3/4 Mini Red Tennis tournament on Wednesday 10th May. The children played really well in the heat and managed to secure a place in the County Final along with Mickleover Primary on July the 11th. Well done to Isaac Andrews, Jack Collis, Ila-Angel Bains and Maddie Fews. A first for Ravensdale!

We took a team to the Year 5/6 Primary Kwik Cricket on Wednesday 17th May and 3 teams went to Markeaton Park to play in a Primary Tri-Golf festival.

Next half term we have Quicksticks Hockey Tournament, Quadkid Athletics, Primary Rounders, Year 5/6 Mini Tennis and the Derby City Primary Track and Field Competition all to look forward to.

Mrs T Crane