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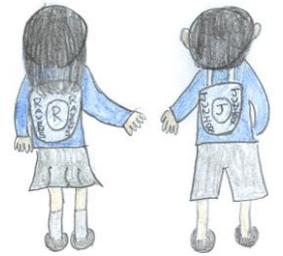
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Ravensdale Talent Evening

Thank you very much to Mrs Hands for organising this enjoyable evening. A huge well done to the performers and grateful thanks to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who came to support the children.

Key Dates

Wednesday 18th July reports out to parents.
SATS results will also be given out on this date. (There is no open afternoon, but parents are welcome to make a follow-up appointment with the class teacher)

Thursday 19th July 9.30am Year 6 performance for parents

Friday 20th July 2.00pm Year 6 performance for parents

Friday 20th July (evening) Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tuesday 24th July Film Night

Wednesday 25th July The pupils will enjoy a lively theatre production in school during the morning. Break up for the Summer.

Return to School on Thursday 6th September.

Parent Partnership

Thank you to all parents who joined us for our science morning yesterday. There was a wide variety of practical science happening around the school and it was lovely to see the pupils enjoying their learning so much alongside their parents.

To help with science at home, you do not need any specific knowledge yourself. Encourage children to ask questions and model doing this yourself e.g. why do bubbles float? Encourage them to suggest answers. The greatest science discoveries began with questions and ideas for answers. With Google at your fingertips, the answer is often only a click away!

Year 6 Residential Visit

Our Year 6 children were away from Friday to Monday on a wonderfully active residential visit, which included raft building and canoeing. I am so very grateful to the fantastic staff that we have at Ravensdale who are willing to give up their time voluntarily to run these visits - they receive no extra pay for doing so. Running these visits is extremely tiring, but staff were back teaching again on Tuesday morning. The 'thank yous' from pupils and parents when they arrived back were very much appreciated.

Class Organisation for 2018-19

Years 3, 4 and 6 will be organised in the same way next year.

In Year 5, the children will be split into 4 groups of mixed ability every morning for English and Mathematics. Miss Florey will be the fourth class teacher, based in the community room. In the afternoon, she will be running booster groups for Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Staffing Update

Sadly, Mr Lodge, Miss Hartley and Miss Waring, who are teaching assistants, will be leaving us at the end of this term. I would like to thank all of them for the great support and service that they have given to the school and wish them well in their future careers.

Miss G Orme has joined the teaching team, but no teachers are leaving.

Mrs Wilson, Mrs Groombridge and Mrs Rigby have recently joined our mid-day team.

PE update

We have recently had continued success, with teams getting into the county finals for Track and Field, Girl's cricket and tennis.

The competition in the track and field event was very high, but our team did exceptionally well:

- Ashleigh excelled and achieved a gold medal in all of her events, 75m, 300m and Javelin.
- Elochi was a star, being awarded a Gold for the long jump and Silver for shot.
- Grace breezed away, gaining a gold in the 150m and Bronze for 600m.
- The girls relay team came in third, getting a bronze.

Mrs Crane has commented how very well we are now doing in running events, thanks to the children regularly taking part in the 15 minute run in school.

Outdoor play

At lunchtimes, we have a wide variety of toys and games outside for the pupils to play with and wish to continue to extend this provision. If you have any dressing up clothes and costumes that would fit junior age children, we would be very grateful for any donations.



School Uniform

If you are unsure of the rules on school uniform, please see the school brochure on the website, or ask in the office.

The uniform for next year is mainly unchanged. We do ask that skirts and trousers are the standard school uniform design and that skirts and dresses are knee length.

As we are increasingly becoming a more active school, the governors have also approved the change to allowing pupils to wear either trainers or school shoes to school. Trainers must be either black, dark blue or dark grey with no colour stripes or flashing lights.