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Reflect



Aim High



Value Others



Explore



Now It's Me

Dear parents and carers

It's been a very busy start to the term and with the warm weather, it really does not feel as though we have reached the middle of October already! It has been lovely to see the Year 3 classes settling in very quickly to the new routines and really enjoying themselves at lunchtime - especially with the dressing up clothes!

As usual, safeguarding is high on our agenda, and I thought that this general advice that I've seen in an internet watch foundation booklet would be useful for parents. The link to the whole booklet can be found at [Parent_Resource_UpdatedJuly2023.pdf \(iwf.org.uk\)](http://Parent_Resource_UpdatedJuly2023.pdf(iwf.org.uk))

Instead of saying:

"You're not looking at that rubbish again?"; "Why are you still using that app / following that idiot?"; "Oh, X just spends all their time watching videos of influencers and celebrities."

Say: "What are you reading about?"; "Can you show me how to play that game?"; "I don't get this app - what do I do?"; "Who's someone really good that you follow?"; "What kind of things do they post?"; "Who should I follow?"; "What's X saying today?"; "What's funny?"; "Look at this video I found!"; "I really like that photo you posted."; "Can you show me how this update works?"; "That's so good - where did you learn to do it?"

If children feel you are interested and will respond positively, they are much more likely to tell you if they see or hear something that makes them uncomfortable.

Zoe Cannon

Key Dates for your diary

Friday 20th October

Tuesday 24th October

Thursday 26th October

Friday 27th October

Monday 6th November

Halloween Disco 6.30 - 8.00pm £2.00 on the door

Parent meetings with teachers 3.40 onwards

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Break up for half-term

Return to School

Halloween Disco - Friday 20th October

We are using the same DJ as last time and he provided excellent entertainment. Children are welcome to dress up and should bring a maximum of £3 spending money. No mobile phones are allowed, and all children must be collected. Please enter via the playground next to the climbing apparatus. There will be a teacher for each year group signing children in. Children then enter via the garden where they pay the £2. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, as squash will be freely provided, and this saves on plastic waste. Please take coats home and bring them back later. Please do not send children with plastic axes, knives etc!!

Parents Evening

You will have been sent a link to sign up for parents' evenings which are on the 24th and 26th of October. During this meeting, teachers will let you know how your child is settling into their new class, but we would also like to find out more about your child. What hobbies do they have, what do they enjoy doing, what inspires them, what do they worry about? Etc. This will really help teachers to get to know you and your children better, which in turn will help us to better support them in school.

Office Staff

We once again have a full office team!

Mrs Wise (Mon - Wed) Admin assistant
Miss Sheard (Wed - Fri) Admin assistant
Miss Wilson - Senior Admin
Miss MacDonell - Office Manager

Please help them by using the website for information and paying online wherever possible.

Lost Property

We already have lots of lost property! There are water bottles on the bench near the garden area and we will try to bring the lost property trolley out at home time. Please name everything carefully so we can return it to your child - our Year 6 monitors do a great job, as long as they can find a name!

School Parking

There are still many cars pulling up down the cul-de-sac that leads to school. Please be aware that this is not allowed between 8am and 6pm and that traffic law enforcement teams are carrying out regular spot checks. If an emergency vehicle such as fire engine or ambulance was trying to get through, they would sometimes find it very difficult. We have many elderly neighbours who live down the cul-de-sac and we would be so grateful if parents showed them care and respect by parking elsewhere.

Instrument Lessons

There are opportunities for children to learn the guitar, piano, violin, saxophone, clarinet and flute in school through the peripatetic teachers. Rocksteady is also in school, where children learn to play the keyboard, drums, electric guitar, bass and to sing as part of the band. There is a half price subsidy for lessons if your child is eligible for pupil premium funding. Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested.

Class Dojo

Are you signed up? A huge thank you if you are! If not, you are missing out on some key information about your child's class - please do it today!

Contacting Staff at School

For general enquiries, please email the office. Please raise all other concerns with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk Breakfast and After School Club bookings, all payments, residential visits, attendance and general enquiries.

head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - serious concerns or positive feedback

senco@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - Special Educational Needs

pastoralsupport@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - emotional and behavioural support, support for parents

chairofgovernors@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - communicate directly with the Chair of Governors, Jill Wilkinson.

safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - safeguarding concerns.

Year3@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - to contact Year 3 teachers (just change the digit for other year groups)

School Uniform

Thank you so much! Children are looking extremely smart and the improvement in PE uniform has been very noticeable. We are looking much more like Team Ravensdale!

Mobile Phones

This has turned out to be a very contentious issue!! We have carried out some research and found out that both Murray Park and Littleover do not allow mobile phones in school. We are therefore currently re-evaluating our policy and will let Year 6 parents know when our policy has been updated.

INSET days for next year 2023-24

4th and 5th September 2023

6th October 2023 (This is a Transform Trust INSET and will be different for the infants)

22nd and 23rd July 2024

Please note that the above INSET days are not on the calendar below and should be considered separately.

**RAVENSDALE JUNIOR SCHOOL
DERBY CITY HOLIDAY DATES
2023-24**

As confirmed by Derby City Council

School closes

Re-opens on

Summer	Friday 21 st July 2023	Monday 4 th September 2023
Mid-term	Friday 27 th October 2023	Monday 6 th November 2023
Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024
Mid-term	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Easter	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
Mid-term	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Summer	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Wednesday 4 th September 2024