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Dear parents and carers

We had an excellent first 'PTA meeting last week. Twelve parents have expressed an interest in being involved and came up with some excellent ideas for both fundraising and community engagement. For the time being, we are going to create a 'steering group', whilst we find our feet and will organise a more formal AGM next year. They also enjoyed warm samosas and spring rolls kindly provided by our kitchen!

Our next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday 30th November to plan the Christmas film night and activities for the spring term. We have also decided to provide hot drinks and mince pies at the Christmas productions for parents and ask for donations. I can't promise samosas at every meeting, but we will have biscuits! Treat it as a night out!

If you have any good ideas, or would like to get involved, please either email me or come along to the next meeting.

Zoe Cannon

Key Dates

Wednesday 30 th November	7.00pm Next PTA meeting for parents
Wednesday 14 th December	9.15am Christmas Performance for Parents Yr3,4,5
Thursday 15 th December	1.45pm Christmas Performance for Parents Yr3,4,5
Thursday 15 th December	6.30pm Christmas film night
Friday 16 th December	9.15am Christmas Performance for parents Yr3,4,5
Monday 19 th December	12.00pm Christmas dinner and jumper day
Monday 19 th December	1.30pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas parties
Tuesday 20 th December	9.30am Rocksteady Concert
Tuesday 20 th December	1.30pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas parties
Wednesday 21 st December	School will go to St Johns for a Carol Service
Wednesday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas
Thursday 22 nd December	INSET day for School staff only
Monday 9 th January	Start back at school

The 8th of May has been given as a Bank Holiday, but this is the first Monday of SATs week and Year 6 were due to take a test on that day. We are still waiting an update from the government as to how this will be resolved.

Communication

For general enquiries, please email Mrs Price, our senior administrator in the office 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)

Music in School

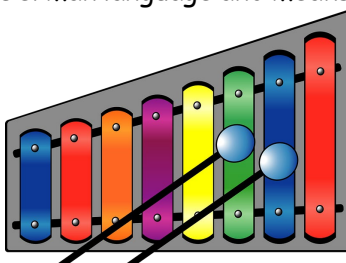
We are very keen that children have a good working knowledge of music by the time they leave us. For this reason, we have purchased a new scheme called Charanga. As well as being very engaging, it also teaches children how to read basic music using recorders or glockenspiels. We are using glockenspiels at the moment.

The **Derby Music Partnership** are working with **Year 4**, who are all learning to play the Ukulele. I sat in on part of a lesson last week and it looked great fun. We are just starting to offer guitar lessons in school and this is a great way to move on from the Ukulele.

There are various **peripatetic lessons** offered in school. All music lessons are subsidised by 50% if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding. The only requirement is that they practise and remember to bring their instrument every week. SEND bursaries are also available for Music Partnership teachers (Woodwind and violin) - see derbyshiremusicclub.org.uk.

- **Woodwind** (flute, clarinet, saxophone) £10.50 for a 20-minute lesson and £15.50 for a 30-minute lesson with Miss Lord
- **Piano** £10 per 20 minutes with Ms Watkiss.
- **Violin** £5.00 for a 20min shared lesson , £7.00 for 15 min individual ,£10.00 for 20 min individual.
- **Rocksteady** (drums, keyboard, electric guitar, base guitar and singing) £37.29 per month
- **NEW! Guitar** (price will be available shortly)

A Glockenspiel (originated in the German language and means 'to play the bells')



Breakages in School

Now and again, pupils' personal items will get broken by other children in school. If this is an accident, we would expect no further action. However, if something was broken on purpose, we will be asking the parent of the child to contribute towards its replacement. Obviously, we can't enforce this, but I am sure that you would feel this is fair if your child was affected.

Sign Up Online

Thank you so very much to those of you who have signed up for Marvellous Me and National Online Safety.

Marvellous Me give you updates about what your child is getting up to at school.

National Online Safety has a wealth of resources for parents to help you keep your child safe online - as adults it is so hard to keep up to date!

Please see the parent pack for how to get the most from Marvellous Me.

<http://marvellousme.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Parent-Pack-Sept-2022.pdf>

Dinner Money Payments

Please remember that dinner money should be paid in advance. You wouldn't leave a restaurant and expect to be able to pay them later!! We run our own kitchen and have to pay for the food, wages, equipment etc.

From next week, any child who owes over £10 in dinner money will be given a simple sandwich and an apple for dinner. This is part of our policy. It may sound harsh, but parents can end up owing over £50 and when this applies to several parents, it starts to impact our budget significantly. £627 was overdue last week.

Thankfully it doesn't happen often, but we have pursued parents in the courts before now, even when the child has left the school, and have been successful. Parents have ended up having to pay far more than the initial debt.

Our school dinners are wonderful and great value. We are delighted that so many children enjoy them! Please try to remember to pay in advance, as this really helps the smooth running of our office.

Communication

There seem to be several issues with the Teachers2Parents App and so we are advising parents not to rely on it to receive messages for the time being.

Twitter

Catch up with what we have been doing on Twitter on the homepage of our website.

Cost of Living

Please see the posters that accompany this newsletter for information.

Flu Clinics

Please see the poster associated with this newsletter about the availability of flu clinics around the city. This is an option if your child missed the vaccination in school and you would like to go ahead with this.

Sporting Events

Our PE leads, Miss Dean and Mr Watts, work hard to engage with the Derby Schools Sports Partnership, and offer a wide range of experiences to children. Below are the reports, written by the children, from 3 events that have been attended.

Dodgeball Festival at Willows

On Wednesday 8th November 2022, 10 selected pupils from the dodgeball after-school club were selected to play at a dodgeball festival competition at Willows Sports Centre. We played 13 games. We won 8 and lost 6. I think we did amazing because we won more than we lost and we also had 5 wins in a row! The 3 coaches who were there said we did the best. Overall, I had a great time.

By Arash-Ali

Girls Football Competition at John Port

On Friday 11th November 2022, we went to a football competition at John Port. We played four games and they were 8 minutes long. We won one game, drew one and lost two but our coach said that we did amazing. The people who went were Lily, Lottie, Amira, Poppy, Phoebe, Lasheyah, Anaya, Florrie and Anaya. The hardest game was against Silverhill. We had a great time playing.

By Lilly-Grace and Lottie

Cyclo-Cross Race at Moorways

On Thursday 17th November, a group of 6 children went to the Cylco-Cross event at Moorways. There were 3 races: a girls' race, a boys' race and a mixed race. In the mixed race, it was like a relay and we worked really well together. We had great fun and came third. The weather was extremely wet and we got very muddy but at the same time we had a lot of fun. We can't wait to race again.

Isabelle and Jack

Landau Forte Winter Fair – 3rd December

Landau Forte College invite you to this exceptional event which will have lots of stalls showcasing a large variety of products. This is a free event, open to the general public.

Their extremely popular Santa's Grotto will return for those magical Christmas moments, with access to craft rooms where you can help the elves create Christmas decorations and some reindeer food to sprinkle on Christmas eve, a snowman hunt, gift and printed photo with the big man himself.

There will be over 50 stalls, to shop and browse from, a choir singing Christmas carols and lots of festive treats to enjoy.

They're currently offering us a discounted rate from £6.00 to £4.50 per child, just simply quote our school name when purchasing tickets.

These are available on the day or from the College between 4pm - 8pm.

For more information regarding the event please email; winterfair@landau-forte.org.uk

Could you foster?

Would you like to find out how you can provide a family home to children in your area? Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Derby, who are urgently seeking full-time foster carers willing to foster. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer in your area please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers (Football Association)

Every week millions of children play football, many of them in organised clubs and organisations. As part of its safeguarding response, the Football Association has created a safeguarding course for parents.

The course is designed to help parents make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. The course helps parents recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively.

This free course can be found here:

<https://learn.EnglandFootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

Flu vaccination clinics



We now have flu vaccination clinics
available to book in Derby

**If you completed a consent form, you should have
received a booking link. If not:**

Please get in touch to book on

01283 707178

01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

could you foster?



**we urgently need
foster carers
in your area**



We can help you to provide a young person with a stable, secure home.

Call us on 0800 389 0143

Visit us at www.nexusfostering.co.uk

INSET Days for Ravensdale Junior School 2022-23

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 7th October (different to infants) 2022

Thursday 22nd December 2022

Monday 19th June 2023

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 2022 – 2023

As confirmed by Derby City Council

School closes

Re-opens on

	School closes	Re-opens on
Christmas	Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Monday 9 th January 2023
Mid-term	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Easter	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
Mid-term	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023
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