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Dear parents and carers,

I am always amazed when I walk round school at the wide variety of activities that the children are doing as part of their learning. I am also so proud that the majority of children are really engaged in the lesson and striving to 'aim high' at all times.

As well as the curriculum overviews that are sent home each term, you can see full details of all areas of the curriculum on our website. As parents, when we ask children what they have been doing that day, they will tell us that they don't know, or can't remember - often because they are tired! If you know in advance that they have been looking at Pompeii in history, for example, you can then ask them about it, which hopefully will give you a much better conversation!

Kind regards

Zoe Cannon

Key Dates

Wednesday 8 th February 3.40 - 6.20pm	Parent consultation meetings (book online)
Thursday 9 th February 6.30 - 8.00pm	Glow in the dark disco for pupils
Monday 13 th February 3.40 - 6.20pm	Parent consultation meetings
Friday 17 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 27 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 7 th March 9.05am	Woodpeckers Showcase class assembly
Wednesday 15 th March 9.05am	Kingfishers Showcase class assembly
Wednesday 22 nd March 9.05am	Herons Showcase class assembly
Wednesday 29 th March 9.05am	Flamingos Showcase class assembly
Thursday 23 rd March	Non-uniform day for chocolate Bingo donation.
Thursday 30 th March 7.00pm	Chocolate Bingo for Families

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)

Parent Parking

Apologies for an error in the last newsletter! It was a black Land Rover that was partially blocking a drive and not a Range Rover. Thank you very much to the parent who contacted school to make sure it wasn't her.

Glow in the Dark Disco - Thursday 9th February

We have booked a glow in the dark disco and DJ for this disco, so it should be great fun! Children can bring glowsticks, or buy them at school.

This is the usual format - the cost is £2 on the door and the children can bring up to £3 for glowsticks, sweets, chocolate and crisps. Please send change wherever possible.

We ask children to bring a water bottle and squash is free.

Children can dress up, but please avoid items that they will put down and take coats back with you, as they get very mixed up with so many children in the hall.

Drop off at reception. Children must be signed in on a class list by a member of staff and then pay the entrance money on the door.

Parents come to reception to collect, walk through to the hall, collect their child and leave via the hall doors and rear playground.

Pupils are not allowed to bring in mobile phones or other items such as fizzy drinks or gum. All children must be collected by an adult, even if they usually walk home alone.



Parent Consultation Evenings

These will take place on Wednesday 8th of February and Monday 13th February. Bookings can be made using our online system from Wednesday 18th January.

Collecting Children from School

Please ensure that any adults who are sent to collect children during the school day are aware that they must go to the school reception and not go round the site looking for the child's class.

Parent Partnership Morning

This has now been moved to Wednesday 15th February at 9.00am. Parents can come and get a tea/coffee in the hall and listen to a short presentation about keeping children safe online before working alongside their child in the classroom. Please email the school office to book a place.

Where are your children in greatest danger?

Last week we offered an evening zoom meeting to update you about how to protect your children from the greatest danger in their lives. Sadly, not one parent attended. In school we are dealing with increasing incidents of children accessing inappropriate content online, or causing distress to others through their communication, which can be very abusive.

Children will have TikTok accounts (age 13+) and similar that are not private and many parents do not know how to set the privacy settings. Children of primary age often do not have the emotional maturity to understand how to communicate appropriately on these sites.

All parents can access National Online Safety, which provides a wide range of up to day information to support parents in their understanding of what children are doing online. [Click here for more information](#). Please see the website for details.

PTFA meeting - 8th March 7pm

The next PTFA meeting will be virtual, and from now on, every other meeting will be virtual to enable parents with childcare responsibilities to attend. We have a lovely group of parents and it is a great chance to get to know others, so please join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89814405572?pwd=TXRmYUQxbm5paCtjSVN3MklwSU9hdz09>

Meeting ID: 898 1440 5572

Passcode: 421357

Free Adult Education Classes

Would you like to improve your English? We have arranged free adult education classes in school on a Friday morning after half term in our Community Room. These will have a focus on learning English as a second language.

We are then hoping to offer other areas such as First Aid and Children's mental health and well-being. Please see the flier at the bottom of the newsletter for further details.

Toys in School

Children are no longer allowed to bring any toys/games into school without permission from the class teacher. We are having difficulties with children swapping/losing cards and other items. We recognise that some children gain great comfort from bringing an item from home and this can be agreed with the class teacher, but no general toys/cards or games should be brought in.

Donations for School

If anybody has toys, games or dressing up clothes that you no longer use that would be suitable for After School Club, please would you bring them to the school office.

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

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. SATS will now take place Tuesday - Friday instead of starting on Monday.

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

Mid-term	Friday 17th February 2023	Monday 27th February 2023
Easter	Friday 31st March 2023	Monday 17th 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

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Our **FREE** New to English classes are friendly, supportive and will help you improve your English Skills.



Session Information:
When: Fridays (Starts 3rd March)
Time: 9.15-11.15am
Where: Ravensdale Junior School, Devonshire Drive, DE3 9EY

**To book, please contact the school office
01332 512373**

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Learning Opportunities for Adults

Courses for adults in Derby for fun, for work, for life.

- Maths and English (GCSE and Functional Skills)
- Digital skills
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Vocational and Professional Courses (Teaching Assistants, Bookkeeping, Health and Social Care, Counselling)
- Independent living and preparation for working life for adults with learning difficulties/disabilities
- Courses for wellbeing, resilience, and health
- Arts and Craft courses
- Modern Foreign Languages including British Sign Language
- Employability and employment support
- Family Learning courses

Many courses can be enrolled on, via our website -
www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk

Want to enrol in person?

Visit one of our centres to sign up to any course, Monday to Friday 9am-4pm

- Derby Multicultural Centre, Dairyhouse Road, Derby, DE23 8HN
(Also open 9-12pm on Saturdays)
- Village Learning Centre, Browning Street, Derby, DE23 8DN
- Kedleston Road Training Centre, 184 Kedleston Road, Derby, DE22 1GT
- Allen Park Centre, Allen Street, Derby, DE24 9DE

For more information about our courses, talk to one of our team today:

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