



# Ravensdale Junior School

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Dear parents and carers

Thank you so much for your very generous support for our fundraising day on the Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The non-uniform day contributions and the cake/samosa sale **raised just over £2,000 for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal.**

I would like to say a sincere thank you to our lead mid-day supervisor, Mrs Zaib, who was the leading force in organising the cake and samosa sale, as well as to all the staff and volunteers who helped out.

Mrs Zaib would also like to extend her thanks to all companies who contributed:

Reflection Path  
Pak Foods Store  
Sharif and Sons Store  
Faizan E Madina  
Qurban and Sons  
Pak Catering  
Raja Cakes  
MacDonalds

Kind regards

*Zoe Cannon*

## Key Dates

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.05am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9.05am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.05am

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9.05am

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm

NEU Strike Day

World Book day - pupils dress as a character

Woodpeckers Showcase class assembly

Class photos

Kingfishers Showcase class assembly

Herons Showcase class assembly

Flamingos Showcase class assembly

Non-uniform day for chocolate Bingo donation.

Chocolate Bingo for Families

## Communication

For general enquiries, please email Mrs Price, our senior administrator in the office [admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) Breakfast and After School Club bookings, all payments, residential visits, attendance and general enquiries.

[head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - serious concerns or positive feedback

[senco@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - Special Educational Needs

[pastoralsupport@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:pastoralsupport@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - emotional and behavioural support, support for parents

[chairofgovernors@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - communicate directly with the Chair of Governors, Jill Wilkinson.

[safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - safeguarding concerns.

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

## Glow in the Dark Disco

This was a huge success and the children really enjoyed themselves - one to be repeated! We raised £570 which will go towards replacing reading books in the school. Many thanks to members of the PTFA who helped to organise the event.

## Derby Libraries

Derby Libraries are getting ready for the 2023 Big Family Read and this year the theme is dinosaurs!

The Big Family Read is a chance for families to come together and explore the joy of reading and discovering new books. This year our book collection includes everything from dinosaur fact books to fiction books with diverse characters and exciting storylines.

In the libraries there will be a free dinosaur hunt to encourage families to search out the dinosaurs and discover some fabulous books along the way, we have a free programme of events for children to enjoy with our partners the Lowe Ranger and Derby based arts organisation Furthest From The Sea, plus there will be a chance for children and young people to celebrate their creativity and enter our competition for some great prizes.

The Big Family Read launches on Monday 20 February and runs through until Saturday 1 April. The competition closes on Saturday 29 April.

Full details are on our website but please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any more information,

[www.inderby.org.uk/libraries/news/the-big-family-read/](http://www.inderby.org.uk/libraries/news/the-big-family-read/)



## Derby Parent-Carer Forum

Please see the attached invitation to get involved with the Derby Parent-Carer Forum (at the bottom of this memo)

## Medication in School

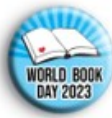
Please remember that any medication required in school by a child must be handed into the school office. Medication that is required 3 times a day can be given at home, unless this is time specific, or the child is at After School Club until late.

## First Aid Notifications

Text messages regarding First Aid given to pupils are only sent when we feel that the child may need ongoing treatment or monitoring.



## World Book Day



On **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, we shall be celebrating **World Book Day** by dressing up as our favourite book characters or as interesting words (see pictures above). Children are invited to bring in their favourite book to share and we shall be enjoying book related activities throughout the day.

## PTFA meeting - 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## Awards in School

We would love to hear about any awards or achievements that children attain outside school and share them in our celebration assembly on Fridays. Please ask your child to speak to Mrs Wright or Mrs Cannon if they have something to share.

## School Dinners

Please could you discuss the menu each week with your child? Some children are making choices and are then upset because they don't like it, resulting in the kitchen team finding them something else. We don't want any child to be upset or hungry, but equally, we don't want to be duplicating meals due to the cost involved.

## **Inappropriate Images of Children online increased 1000% during the lockdown period**

**It can happen as quickly as this:**

1. Child is contacted by an adult posing as child on a platform such as Minecraft.
2. Adult persuades child to contact them on another forum such as Facebook.
3. From this, the adult can often work out the child's location.
4. Adult messages the child to say that they know where they live and if they don't send them a naked image of themselves, they will come to the house and murder their parents.
5. Child is now too scared to tell their parents, because they have done something wrong by speaking to a stranger and also fear the consequence, so sends the photo.

The above can happen in as little as 20 minutes. (from a report on Radio 4)

### **What can you do?**

Ensure your child knows that they can talk to you about anything that worries them online and spend 20 minutes each week alongside them in their online world - find out what they are doing. You wouldn't send them to a strange place without checking it out first - do the same online.

## **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.

## **Current Vacancies in School (closing dates 28.2.23)**

|                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cleaner            | 6.45 - 8.45am                         |
| Catering assistant | 17.5 hours a week - daily attendance. |
| TA                 | 32.5 hours full time.                 |

Mid-day supervisor 11.45 - 1.20 (3<sup>rd</sup> March closing date)

Full details are on our website.

## **English as a Second Language**

We have organised a free adult education course which starts this Friday at 9.30am in our Community Room. This is an opportunity for adults to develop their English when this is not their first language. So far, we have not had any takers! Please pass this information onto anyone who may be interested. There are fliers with more information below.

## INSET Days for Ravensdale Junior School 2022-23

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October (different to infants) 2022

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The 8<sup>th</sup> 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

|                  | School closes                         | Re-opens on                              |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Mid-term</b>  | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023    |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Easter</b>    | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023    | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023       |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Mid-term</b>  | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023      | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023         |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Summer</b>    | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023     | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023    |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Mid-term</b>  | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023  | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023     |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Christmas</b> | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024      |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Mid-term</b>  | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024    |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Easter</b>    | Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024  | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024       |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Mid-term</b>  | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024      | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024         |
|                  |                                       |  |
| <b>Summer</b>    | Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024    | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 |
|                  |                                       |  |

# Derby Adult Learning Service

Learning Opportunities for Adults

## Come and improve your English

Our FREE New to English classes are friendly, safe and will help you improve your English skills



### Session Information:

**When:** Fridays (Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> March)

**Time:** 9.15-11.15am

**Where:** Ravensdale Junior School, Devonshire Drive, DI

# Derby Adult Learning Service

Learning Opportunities for Adults

## Courses for adults in Derby for 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, Bookkeeper and Social Care, Counselling)
- Independent living and preparation for working life for adults with 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](http://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

- Derby Multicultural Centre, Dairyhouse Road, Derby, DE23 8  
(Also open 9-12pm on Saturdays)
- Village Learning Centre, Browning Street, Derby, DE23 8DN
- Kedleston Road Training Centre, 184 Kedleston Road, Derby,

**contact** For families  
with disabled children

Dear Parent/Carer

My name is Catherine Ratcliffe and I am an Associate working for Contact (formerly Contact a Family). Contact is the delivery partner for the Department for Education for Parent Participation. I have been asked

by Contact to work with parents and carers in Derby to engage parents and carers to develop a new Parent Carer Forum.

The purpose of participation in this context is to ensure better outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their families. It is about the involvement of parents with a range of professionals and strategic managers in the early stages of planning and the subsequent delivery of services. The benefit of actively involving parents in decision-making is an integral part of government legislation and plans, and evidence suggests that services are improved when parents are actively involved in shaping them.

I would like to invite you to one of the virtual meeting listed below to discuss how parent participation and co production might be developed further in your area. It is essential that as parents/carers that it is your voice that is heard in the design and development of services for your children and young people.

Please join in to find out how you can play your part in achieving better outcomes for children with SEND

The meetings will be virtual and held on

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 10-00 to 11-30 am**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 12 to 1-30 pm**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7-00pm to 8-30pm**

**Please email [Catherine.ratcliffe@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.ratcliffe@cafamily.org.uk) for log in details**

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Ratcliffe