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Dear parents and carers

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are very proud to be able to offer 4 residential visits over the year. Our enrichment offer, is something that we are working hard to improve, as a wide breadth of experience can help not only with life skills, but also with reading, as pupils expand their knowledge about the world. They are also lots of fun!

Our new assistant head teacher, Mrs Staley-West, is leading on enrichment for Ravensdale and we are developing a new tab on the website, so you will be able to see all that is on offer across the school.

We currently have a sports club running every afternoon after school and the take up for these has been very high.

Lunchtime clubs are also very popular and easy for pupils to access. The following clubs are available this term: art (yr6), girls' football (Yr4), Rounders (Yr5 and 6), skipping (Yr 3 and 4), book club (Yr3) and drawing club (Yr3). At lunchtime, our sport coach, Mr Saratt, organises games such as football, dodgeball and cricket on the playground. All great fun!

We are also looking to give pupils opportunities in leadership. Miss Akhtar runs the school council which meets once per half term. Mrs Cannon runs the Eco-Council which meets weekly where possible and is focused on improving the school grounds, as well as recycling and our use of energy in school. Mrs Wright runs I-Vengers council looking at improving e-safety across the school. Pupils had to provide a written application to be part of this council. Some children will soon be trained as mini-leaders to lead games on the playground.

If parents have any suggestions around how we can further improve our offer, please let us know.

Zoe Cannon

Key Dates

1.5.23		Bank Holiday
2.5.23		NEU Strike Day
5.5.23	11am	Coronation Parade down Derwent Avenue
8.5.23		Bank Holiday
9.5.23		SATs test week for Year 6 pupils
10.5.23	7pm	PTFA meeting - both in school and virtual - link below
16.5.23	5.15pm	Governing Body Meeting
17.5.23	9am	RSE meeting for parents in the Community Room
17.5.23	6.15pm	RSE meeting for parents in the Community Room
18.5.23	9.05am	Year 5 Hawks Class Showcase assembly
24.5.23	9.05am	Year 3 Robins Class Showcase Assembly
14.6.23	9.05am	Year 5 Owls Class Showcase Assembly
22.6.23	9.05am	Year 5 Eagles Class Showcase assembly
28.6.23	9.05am	Year 4 Falcons Class Showcase Assembly
12.3.23	9.05am	Year 3 Swifts Class Showcase Assembly

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)

Tesco Fundraising

Ravensdale has been accepted for the Tesco fundraising campaigns to make our reading corners inspirational. Please take the opportunity to vote in store now.

Recent Fundraising

Thank you so much for all your recent support! Red Nose Day raised £208 and the Chocolate Bingo Evening raised £600. School budgets are very tight at the moment, so money raised for school is going towards the £3000 we need to spend on replenishing our reading books. We lose many books every year either to damage, or because they are lost. Please help us by taking great care of the books both at home and in bookbags. Thank you!

Staffing

Sadly, one of our teaching assistants, Miss Keogh will be leaving us in three weeks' time. We would like to thank Miss Keogh for all she has done to support both the pupils and staff at Ravensdale.

Mrs Wise in our office is reducing her hours to Monday - Wednesday morning. We have appointed Miss Sheard to be her job-share and she will be starting in the office from next week.

Who is looking after your child online?

This is a brilliant and thought-provoking video for parents which is also entertaining. Please take 10 minutes to watch it yourself - it may have great benefits for your child if you do.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

Google Reviews

We often receive positive comments from parents either verbally or via email, which is lovely. I wondered if any of you would mind sharing these thoughts about the school on Google Reviews? There are very few comments about the school and it would be great to have some up there. If you Google Ravensdale Junior School, you will see there is a place to write a review down the right-hand side. Even one sentence would be great!

However, if you have any concerns or ideas for improvement, please email the school and we will do our best to address them.

RSE

During the summer term, we teach relationships and sex education. This is done in an age appropriate way for each year group and we follow the Christopher Winter's scheme. Details of what is covered are on our website, however, we always offer a meeting for parents so that you can understand more about what is taught in each year group and ask any questions. The meetings are led by our PSHE lead, Mrs Brown. This year the meetings are at **9.00am and 6pm on Wednesday 17th May**. Parents are only permitted to withdraw pupils from the reproduction element of our curriculum which is one lesson in Year 6.

Litter

We seem to have an increasing amount of litter on the school grounds. Most of this is sweet wrappers. As children do not have sweets in school, some of this may be coming from children at the end of the school day. Please could you help us to keep the school tidy by taking any litter home with you.

Adult Learning

We are delighted to have our mental health and well-being class up and running for 5 weeks on Friday mornings and will be advertising the next class shortly.

PTFA

We have a very friendly group of parents who are now meeting every half term in an informal way. We have no set committee at the moment, but the help from this group has been invaluable in organising recent events such as the children's disco and chocolate bingo. They have helped us before the event - for example meeting on a Friday morning in the community room to label the chocolate tombola, and by coming a little earlier to the events to help set up.

It's a great way to have some social time, help the school and meet new parents.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th of May at 7pm. We will meet in the community room, but you can also join us online on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86831058607?pwd=UjRic1VHYW1TbmRwZHNpVk16Qj9nUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3105 8607

Passcode: 387434

Menstruation

As girls often start a period in school, we have developed a school protocol around menstruation. This protocol can be found under the policies tab on our website and the link is here

<https://ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/Supporting%20pupils%20who%20menstruate.pdf>

We do have some girls who are starting their periods in Year 4 and this can be worrying for them if they do not know what is happening. We would suggest that you have a conversation with your daughters around this age about periods so that it does not come as a shock. We do not cover this until they are older in school.

Keeping your Children Safe

There are new video games coming out all the time and it can be difficult to know which ones are appropriate for your child. PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games.

PEGI provides age classifications for video games in 38 European countries. The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of certain age. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

Please keep in mind that many video games contain very strong negative images - once seen these cannot easily be forgotten.

[Pegi Public Site](#)

Staff Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a mid-day supervisor in school. The hours are 11.45 - 1.20 and full details can be found on our website or Indeed.



Local Elections - photo ID needed

Derby will be going to the polls again for local elections on Thursday 4 May, and this year there are several changes for residents to be aware of.

This will be the first time that voters will be legally required to bring photo ID to vote. This is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

Accepted forms of ID include certain passports, driving licenses and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass. Voters will also be able to use expired eligible ID, if they are still recognisable in their photo.

Most people will already have an accepted form of photo ID, but if not, they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online. More information about voter ID can be found at www.derby.gov.uk/voterid.

This will also be the first whole Council election in the city in recent memory. Every seat on the council is up for election and the successful candidates will remain in power for four years. With that in mind, it's important that as many residents as possible are ready to take part by registering to vote and having their photo ID ready before polling day.

Coronation Celebration

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the Coronation. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue and we will be holding a special assembly. At 11am, the whole school will be parading out of school, down Derwent Avenue and back into school. Children are invited to bring in any 'noise makers' such as small drums, kazoos, triangles etc. We do have some in school to ensure that all children have something, but anything from home would be appreciated.



Holiday Clubs

We are delighted that Progressive Sports are running holiday clubs at Ravensdale during half term and the summer holidays. These are being overseen by Mr Scarrat who is the sports coach that works at Ravensdale. Please see the poster below about how to book a place.

Well done for everyone who is attending school every day!

3	96.92
4	96.62
5	94.1
6	95.1
01 ROBINS	95.83
02 KINGFI	97.92
03 SWIFTS	97.0
04 WOODPE	94.48
05 FALCON	100.0
06 MAGPIE	95.83
07 OWLS	92.92
08 EAGLES	92.67
09 HAWKS	97.08
10 SWANS	98.75
11 FLAMIN	92.5
12 HERONS	94.06
Whole School	95.65

INSET Days for Ravensdale Junior School 2022-23

Monday 19th June 2023

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

The 8th of May 2023 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 and should be considered separately.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY



CLUBS

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Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June
9.30am to 4.30pm (or 8.30am to 5.30pm)



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**RAVENSDALE JUNIOR SCHOOL
DERBY CITY HOLIDAY DATES
2022 – 2023**

As confirmed by Derby City Council

School closes

Re-opens on

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