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Dear parents and carers

Thank you so much for all who came to watch the children on Sports Day last Friday. Our PE leads, Mr Arthur and Miss Dean organised the day brilliantly and we were very grateful for the help from the Murray Park Year 9 students, who also did a great job.

The day ran slightly differently to previous years, as we only had the one field, but this seemed to improve the experience for the children and is likely to be something we will continue in the future.

All children took part in the morning events, but in the afternoon, heats had already taken place in PE lessons, and only the 'finals' took place. The children were very supportive of one another, there was a lovely atmosphere and thankfully the weather was perfect! Parents suggested we sell refreshments which we will keep in mind for next year.

Zoe Cannon

INSET Days for 2022-23

Thursday 1st September

Friday 2nd September

Friday 7th October (different to infants)

Thursday 22nd December

Monday 19th June

**This term we have an INSET day on
Friday 24th June**

Parent Coffee Mornings

9-10am in the Community Room
Please sign in on the sheet at the
reception window.

Thursday 16th June Year 3

Friday 17th June Year 4

Thursday 23rd June Year 5

Friday 1st July Year 6

Book Fair

Thank you so much to all parents and carers who supported the book fair before half term. Over £1900 worth of books were sold! School receives commission in the form of books and this meant we were able to purchase over £400 of books for the book corners in classrooms. We hope you enjoyed reading your purchases over half term!

Jubilee Celebrations

We had a wonderful time celebrating the Jubilee. Thank you to all parents and carers who came out to see our Jubilee parade. The kitchen provided a lovely Jubilee picnic, with the homemade scones with cream and a strawberry being a great favourite. All children will be bringing home a commemorative coin (funded by the school) and a Jubilee book (funded by the DFE) this week.

Staffing Changes

We are currently advertising for an after-school club assistant (3.00-6.00pm daily), a teaching assistant and a senior admin assistant to replace Mrs Lord in our school office. Please see the Transform website for details.

<https://www.transformtrust.co.uk/vacancies/>

We also have a vacancy for a mid-day supervisor (11.45- 1.20pm daily). Please contact Mrs Albutt on admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk. For details.

School Drive

Please remember that, only cars with blue badges, or parents collecting a child during the day, are allowed down the school drive.

Communication

For general enquiries, please email Mrs Lord, our office manager.

officemanager@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)

Enterprise Week

Year 6 are busy designing items and games that will be available for the rest of the school to buy or pay for a go on Friday (17th June). If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5, they can bring money in on Friday and their class will have a slot to go around all the stalls. The proceeds are going towards funding the Year 6 production of the Lion King.

Ravensdale Infants

We have been delighted that the infants are once again back on site. The new school and resources look amazing! It has been a very long 18 months for their staff and parents have been incredibly supportive and patient. The temporary classrooms are now being removed from our field and it will be reinstated to grass.

The importance of play

During the pandemic, children very much missed socialising with each other. At Ravensdale, we recognise the importance of these social times and provide a wide variety of toys for the playground. However, it sometimes rains, and we would rather that children were playing than too. Therefore, we have invested in a large unit for every classroom which is full of toys: lego, K'Nex, Top Trumps, Uno, Connect Four, wooden railway track etc. The units in each class are different and year groups will rotate them at the end of each term. Thankfully, no rain is forecast in the near future, but when it does return, the children will have a great time playing together!

Race for Life

Parents and pupils raised an amazing amount of money for cancer research! **The total at the moment is £2051.** Thank you so much to everyone!

We were lucky to have a fine day that wasn't too warm and all the children put a huge effort into running as many laps of the field as they could in their time slot. Mrs Cannon ran a lap with every class to show support. Well done Mrs Wyke, Mr Arthur and Mrs Bembridge who were also spotted running.



Parent Partnership Mornings

Pre-pandemic we used to host a parent partnership morning each half term and we are delighted to be reintroducing them again next half term. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd June, 9.00am- 10.00am and the focus will be on reading.

The way this works, is that we invite parents to come into the hall to have a cup of tea or coffee (and may be a biscuit!) and listen to a short presentation by staff on the key theme - in this case, reading. At about 9.25am, parents then have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see reading in action in the classroom. You can sit alongside your child and support them with the activities taking place.

Due to the constraints of space, we only allow 8 parents per class. **Please could you contact the school office, either by phone or email Mrs Lord at the address given above, if you would like to attend.**

If you turn up and haven't booked, we may have to turn you away if the numbers are too high. Thank you for your support with this.

Commonwealth Games

This Thursday and Friday (16th and 17th of June), we are holding special enrichment days to learn about the Commonwealth. Progressive Sports coaches are in for both days, to give pupils a chance to try out some of the sporting activities that are part of the games. In their classes, children will be learning about some of the countries that make up the Commonwealth.



Governors

Parents sometimes ask how they can support the school, and one very helpful way is to become a governor. Our meetings are once per half term, usually 5.45 - 7.30pm and full training (about 10 hours) will be given through Transform - most of this is recorded videos that you can complete in your own time. Governors are also asked to attend some other meetings and events in school - this is usually only one or two per term. Employers are usually supportive of staff who become school governors.

We are currently looking to recruit 2 governors. If you are interested, please get in contact with Mrs Cannon for an informal discussion. 01332 512373 or head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk.

INSET Days for Ravensdale Junior School 2021-2022

Friday 24th June 2022

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 2021 – 2023

As confirmed by Derby City Council

	School closes	Re-opens on
Summer	Friday 22 nd July 2022	Thursday 1 st September 2022
Mid-term	Friday 21 st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
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