



# Ravensdale Junior School

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Dear parents and carers

Thank you to all parents who attended our **Parent Partnership morning** on reading last week. It was very well attended and there were many positive comments from parents and grandparents.

This is something we will be continuing next year, so please do come along, learn more about what is happening in school, and enjoy spending time alongside your child in the classroom.

Although the open coffee mornings for parents have not been well attended, I am very grateful for 2 ladies for putting some excellent suggestions in the box. We are looking as to how we can involve parents more in school next year, which may include the formation of a PTFA. If you have any other ideas of how you would like to be more involved, please do get in touch.

*Zoe Cannon*

## Disco for Pupils

We are holding a school disco next **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30 - 8.00pm**. There is a £2 charge to come in and children can bring up to £3 to buy snacks - change is useful! Squash will be provided for free. Please could the children bring water bottles for the squash to save plastic wastage. **If you can help, please get in touch with the school office.**

We ask you to queue on the playground by the Trim Trail. No tickets are needed in advance and we will take the money as you come in. For safeguarding reasons, we highlight the names on class lists of all children who are attending. One teacher for each year group will be standing on the playground. Please ensure that they have your child's name, before they carry on into the hall. If your contact number will be different for any reason during this event, please email this information to the office beforehand. Please don't leave coats or other items with the children, as they easily get lost.

When collecting the children, please come to the hall door again. You will come into the hall, collect your child and leave via the other hall door.

## Contact with school

Please **do not** use the [admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) for contact with school, but see the contacts and email addresses below.

## Staffing Changes

There is quite a bit of change at the end of this academic year! Mrs Crane (Year 3 job-share teacher), Mrs Brady (Year 3 teaching assistant), Mrs Albutt (school business manager) and Mrs Lord (office manager) are all retiring. Mrs Hunt (Year 3 job-share teacher) is leaving to pursue another career. Mrs Hands (current Yr6 teacher and assistant head teacher) is retiring at Christmas, but to ensure a successful appointment, her replacement has already been appointed. Mrs Wright (deputy-head) will be teaching for one day a week in Mrs Hands' class.

We are delighted to have appointed Miss Hammond as a new class teacher and Mrs Baker as a new teaching assistant. We have also created a new role in school of a higher-level teaching assistant and Miss Scorah has been appointed in this position. She will be the lead TA, but also providing significant SEND support for Miss Hayford and will be liaising with parents around SEND.

Teachers for next year will be:

Year 3 Mrs Hands (Year 3 lead), Miss Dean and Miss Lloyd

Year 4 Miss Florey (Year 4 lead), Mr Arthur and Mrs Wyke (full time)

Year 5 Miss Dunn (Year 5 lead), Mr Watts and Miss Hammond

Year 6 Miss Hayford (Year 6 lead) and Mrs Brown, Miss Akhtar and Mrs Oscroft.

The children will find out who their new teacher is on Monday before our transition days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

## Communication

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

[officemanager@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:officemanager@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)

## Enterprise Week

Thank you for being so generous with the money you sent in for the pupils to pay for items or games from enterprise week. All the children really enjoyed themselves and over a £1000 was taken, which is a record for the school. The money will be used to pay for the Lion King and then to fund pupil leadership projects in school next year.

Thank you too, to the Year 6 parents, who gave amazing support in terms of their time and materials.

## Staff Vacancies

Applications for **mid-days, after school club assistant and higher-level admin assistant for Ravensdale** all close this weekend. Details are on the Transform website.

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



## Enrichment

Year 3 had a great time at Derby Museum last week and were buzzing about what they had seen.

Year 4 went to Warwick castle on Monday and had a fantastic day. I believe that the falconry display was the favourite, with the birds flying very close over their heads!

Year 6 are currently in full swing rehearsing the Lion King and from my office, it's sounding grrrrreat!



## Race for Life

The money has continued to come in for this event and we have now raised well over £3,000. Amazing!

Thank you so much for your generous support and we will give you a final total when we have one.



## 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](mailto:head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk).

## INSET Days for Ravensdale Junior School 2022-23

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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

	<b>School closes</b>	<b>Re-opens on</b>
<b>Summer</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
<b>Mid-term</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
<b>Christmas</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<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