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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson

Newsletter  
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Dear Parents & Carers

It is lovely to welcome Mrs Sophie Pitchers, who will be working with us in Class 1 until Easter and Mr Len Farley, who will be working in Class 3 on long-term supply. I am very proud to say that the children have already made them feel very welcome. If you need to contact Mrs Pitchers or Mr Farley, please email [admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk) and Mrs Richmond will pass these on.

We are continuing to encourage a love of reading and writing in school by celebrating World Book Day with our children and parents this week. It was lovely to see the children and parents sharing their favourite story books and reading their own writing to each other. Thank you for your support with the children's costumes – they all looked fabulous.



I would like to say a huge thank you to Brenda and Julie for making such a special Valentine's Meal for the children. I am sure that you will agree that we are so lucky to have such fantastic cooks who go that extra mile for the children (and staff!).

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You will be aware that Miss Thurman has not been in school. We now know that she will not be returning to Ravensworth. Consequently the Governors and I will be able to begin the recruitment process and I am confident that we will appoint a fabulous teacher for Class 3. We are looking forward to strengthening the talent and expertise we already have in school to build an amazing team.

We have got a busy half term ahead, with our 'Big Bang' creative curriculum topic which will include a whole school educational visit to The Life Centre in Newcastle. Our Christian Value this half term is 'Justice' and we are continuing to develop a Growth Mindset approach to learning. We will be involved in lots of sport this half term; including the Cross Country Festival, a day with Dave Gibson from Skip2BFit, Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition and Y3/4 and Y5/6 Mini tennis. Nathan, our sports coach from Richmond School has started the lunch time cricket club, so that we will be prepared for the Kwik Cricket and the Drax Cricket competitions at the end of April. Some of the children will also take part in the Richmond Swimming Gala on 26<sup>th</sup> April. We have Messy Church on 21<sup>st</sup> March, Red Nose Day on 24<sup>th</sup> March and our Easter Service at the end of term to look forward to.

Ravensworth Nurseries have kindly donated compost for our raised beds and Mrs Bell has cleared them ready to plant flowers and vegetables over the coming weeks. Please could I ask that if anyone has a mini, plastic portable greenhouse that they no longer use, please could they donate it to school as we would like to be able to grow some seeds.

I would like to say a huge well done to Thomas Smith who smashed his Personal Bests in all his races again, finally going under 3 minutes for 200 freestyle too! Here is an amazing action shot from the Gala!

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And finally, well done to our fabulous footballers; Edward, Finn, Francis, Fraser, James and Owen who played so well during the Winter League Finals on the last Friday of half term that they have been promoted into the Champions League. We wish them well for their next match in the Champions League.

Kindest regards,

*Sharon Stevenson*

Mrs Sharon Stevenson  
Executive Headteacher

### **Ravensworth**

**Children celebrating achievements this week:**

**Our stars of the week are:**

**Class 1: All of class 1**

**Class 2: Matthew Cooper**

**Class 3: All of class 3**

**The Badger has been awarded to: Francis**

**The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Ruby**

**Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Henry**

#### **News from Class 1**

Hello, I am Mrs Pitchers, Class 1 Teacher for this half term. Everyone at school has been very welcoming and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week. I am much looking forward to what the next few weeks will bring!

This week, the children have been very busy learning about 'The Big Bang'. They have lots of questions and some fantastic ideas. In response to this, we have created some wonderful artwork. Year 1 have used paper plates and multi-media to create the planets and Reception have completed some fantastic splat paintings! The children have also been working very hard in Maths; we will be doing lots of work on addition and subtraction to 20.

Our favourite part of the week has definitely been World Book Day. The children really enjoyed dressing up and telling us all about their characters. They have produced some beautiful work in their writing books.

#### **News from Class 2**

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I hope you all had a lovely half term; the children have certainly come back to school refreshed and ready for learning. We ended last terms topic by making fossils which the children really loved.

The next topic is 'The Big Bang!' I have planned a lot of science learning based around the topics Space and Forces. We have started this week looking at the different planets and writing poems about them.

I have to say the children looked amazing today for 'World Book Day' and it was lovely to have so many book characters in school. I was glad Mr Twit behaved himself; the Mad Hatter was really not so 'mad' and we all enjoyed keeping an eye out to see if we could spot Wally! I had a few students from Hogwarts in the class as well. We all had a lot of fun! Please continue to encourage the children to read and try to remember to record this in their reading journals.

### News from Class 3

Hello, my name is Mr Farley, I am the new, old face in Class 3. My teaching career has led me to all four corners of the North East, Richmond in the South, Redcar in the East, Ashington in the North East and Stanley in the West and all points in between. Mrs Stevenson has asked if I can teach Class 3 up to at least Easter and I have agreed. My experience is right across KS2 and KS1, having worked in a number of schools with my own class in YR1/YR2 up to Y6. I was born and lived a lot of my life in Sunderland, so that is where my accent is from, if you were wondering.

The topic in Class 3 this half term is The Vikings. In Maths, our focus will be multiplication and division with particular focus on multiplication tables. English will be based upon poetry, scientific reports, myths and legends. Music will be on a Wednesday. PE will be on a Wednesday and on a Thursday afternoon. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please e-mail [admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensworth.n-yorks.n-yorks.sch.uk) and your message will be passed on by Mrs Richmond.

Week commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Cross country consent form deadline was last Friday. Please return if not already done so. Thank you <b>EH</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EH</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PE all classes AM. Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans. Lunchtime cricket club with Nathan Fisher.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EH</b> KS2 cross country event at Catterick Racecourse (Years 3,4,5 & 6)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	* School Friends Mother's Day competition deadline extended to today.*
Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EH</b>

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<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	PE all classes AM. Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans. Lunchtime cricket club with Nathan Fisher.
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	<b>EH</b> Richmond School Junior Maths challenge individual letters have been issued to relevant pupils.
<b>Friday 17th</b>	

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Messy Church 3.15-5.00pm everyone welcome. Please let us know beforehand if your child is not on the bus. Thank you
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day – Wear Something Red to school for a small donation. Mother's day lunch 12.00. Deadline for <u>all</u> orders is <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Skip 2 B fit day – Dave from Skip2Bfit is back by popular demand and will be doing a workshop with each class and a motivational Collective Wrship at the end of the day.

**School Friends Mother's Day Competition:** We have been advised that the deadline for this competition has been extended to Friday 10th March. There is a red postbox in our school hall near Class 2 for all pupils to post their entries. Good luck everyone!

**Mother's Day lunch:** This will take place on Friday 24th March at 12.00 noon. Individual letters to follow. If mum is unable to attend due to other commitments, grandmas or a guardians are very welcome. If you child is currently having a packed lunch and would like a lunch that day, please inform us by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Payments to school:** We are fast approaching the end of the financial year which is a busy time in the school office. In order to assist Mrs Richmond and our North Yorkshire County Council bursar, Nicky Milton, may we request that all parents take a few moments to log into their Parentpay accounts to check that they are up to date. Many thanks.

**Sainsbury's vouchers:** Thank you to everyone who has sent in their vouchers, please keep them coming as they are a great way for us to obtain equipment for playtimes. The collection box is in the school hall near Class 2.

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