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Dear Parents & Carers

It was Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 7th February and as well as raising awareness with the children about how to stay safe on the internet I would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness with you: as it is very important that you talk to your children about how to stay safe online and to monitor your child's online activity, especially as we have had some issues with some of the children in Class 3 saying unkind things on Instagram recently.

There is an 'Education pack for parents and carers' on the safer internet day website <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017> and other websites provide useful information too:

NSPCC online safety <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> Has material and information for use with young children as well as older children. Thinkuknow <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> Provides helpful advice and tools that a parent/carer can use to help keep their child safe online. They have downloadable guides for parents/ carers on various social media sites like: Instagram, Whatsapp, youtube etc. There is also some useful information on Childnet and the Safeguarding Children website. <http://www.childnet.com>
<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

The village green is an ongoing concern for parents and to maintain positive relationships with residents, the Parish Council and to keep complaints to a minimum, please could I remind you to be considerate to all village green users and residents and park sensibly without obstructing residents entrances. Cars should park diagonally onto the grass crete to allow as many cars as possible to park. Also, please follow the direction of the buses as this reduces damage to the green. If you need to make a speedy exit, please park a little further away to avoid having to drive around the bus and taxis as this is unsafe.

On a more positive note, I thoroughly enjoyed accompanying Class 2 on their 'mantle' as Parish Councillors, investigating a complaint from a resident of Ravensworth (Mrs N Osey) about pollution and litter in the beck. Thankfully there was no evidence of pollution, but lots of litter... Oh and Class 2 were also learning about the features of a River and erosion too. They showed great respect for the environment and super teamwork too...

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The staff, Governors and I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Shazell for her hard work throughout our school; as she has worked in all three classes and with every child in school during her time here at Ravensworth. I am sure you will all agree that she will be sadly missed and join us as we wish her well in her new adventure in the Falkland Islands.

I do hope Class 3 are enjoying their snowy trip to High Force and I am looking forward to sharing some of their fabulous photographs with you in the next newsletter!

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

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Children celebrating achievements this week:

Our stars of the week are:

Class 1: Arabella and Will Brown (Class 3)

Class 2: Alex Metcalfe and Alfie Maude

Class 3: Emmaly Smith

The Badger has been awarded to: Kimberley Dobinson

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Eve and the 'skipping girls'!

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Grace Harrison

News from Class 1

The children have been enjoying reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers this week. In response to this book the children made 'Found' posters and made penguin pictures by painting a watercolour wash background then sticking on the penguins they made completely independently. They have turned out beautifully. We will continue with our penguin theme into next week by producing further work linked to the book and by finding out facts about penguins using the internet.

In maths we have been looking at time with the children seeing how many chosen actions they can do in a minute and seeing how many cubes, blocks or

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counters they can use to build a tower in one minute. We have started to look at o'clock times and the year 1s impressed me with their time telling skills. During PE we have continued with learning various yoga poses and the children have shown their strength and skills as they have moved in different ways across the equipment. This is my last newsletter so I would just like to say what a genuine pleasure it has been teaching and working with your wonderful children. They are a true joy and I will miss seeing them every day. I would like to thank you all for the continued support you have all given to the children and to myself. It has been much appreciated and I have enjoyed getting to know many of you. I wish everyone the very best for now and in the future.



News from Class 2

Jewel jar treat was great fun last Friday. As you can see, the children made some awesome boats (I'm not sure how sea worthy they would be but they were very imaginative!).



Last week the children received an interesting letter from a Ravensworth resident, Mrs N Osey, in regards to pollution in the beck. They investigated this pollution in role as Ravensworth Parish Council and enjoyed a trip to the beck to look for pollution. I'm glad to report that there were few signs of pollution and the children have written back to Mrs N Osey to explain this.

The topic 'Go with the flow' is coming to an end; next term's topic is 'The Big Bang' and will be linked to space and science (forces).

News from Class 3

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The children have just returned safely from their visit to High Force, they have all enjoyed taking photographs of the river and natural features on their walk to the spectacular High Force Waterfall. We are looking forward to seeing the photographs in due course so please watch this space!

Week commencing 13th February 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 13th	Parents please note for any messages: Mrs Richmond is not in school today
Tuesday 14th	Parents please note for any messages: Mrs Richmond may not be in school today 12.00 noon Valentine's day school lunch 1.00pm Sport & Move project Class 3 with Middlesbrough Football Coach
Wednesday 15th	PE all classes AM Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans
Thursday 16th	
Friday 17th	3.10 pm School closes for half term
Week commencing 20th February 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 20th	Half term
Tuesday 21st	Half term
Wednesday 22nd	Half term
Thursday 23rd	Half term
Friday 24th	Half term

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
Monday 27th February	School re-opens following half term break
Through out the month of May	KS1 SATS assessment tests. It is important that all KS1 pupils attend school regularly during this month.
Thursday 4th May – Thursday 13th July	Swimming lessons at Richmond Pool 1.30 - 2.30pm for pupils in Years 3-6. 10 weeks in total, individual letters will follow after half term.
Monday 8th May – Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATS week. Year 6 pupils will begin their school day with our ever popular special SATS breakfast! Usually, toast, cereals, chocolate brioche, pancakes etc etc. More details to follow.
Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June	Year 1 phonics week, Please ensure that your child is in school as this is an important week.

Class 1: I am unable to provide much detail at this point in time, but I would like to let you know that the Governors and I, with support from an Early Years Adviser from the Local

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Authority, made a super appointment for the new Class 1 teacher yesterday. There will be an opportunity for you to meet the new teacher after half term at a 'Meet the Teacher' drop in and I will be able to provide you with further information next week.

Homework: Just to keep you informed - Miss Yarrow is providing all homework for our Year 6 pupils and this is given out on a Thursday. The homework must be completed and returned the following Thursday. Mr Roper is providing homework for Year 4&5 pupils which is given out on a Friday to be completed and returned the following Wednesday.

Messages: May we remind parents that we operate an electronic attendance system and if your child is not in school for any reason, we must be informed no later than 9.00am on that day. We have an answerphone for messages which are picked up as soon as Mrs Richmond arrives at 9.00am, please remember to give the reason why your child is absent so that the correct code can be entered for North Yorkshire County Council attendance reports. Similarly if you have a change of pickup arrangements at the end of school, please ring before 1.00pm so that Mrs Richmond can advise staff before she leaves. Messages can be forgotten if they are passed onto staff in the playground and so please adhere to our procedures as much as possible to avoid this. Thank you

Sainsbury's vouchers: We have now received our voucher collection box from Sainsbury's which has been placed in our dining hall. Vouchers are being issued to shoppers from 25th January and they can be accepted at school until 30th June. If you or your family shop at Sainsbury's, we would be grateful of the vouchers as they are a very good way of acquiring free sports equipment for our pupils.

School uniforms: We have a box in our library area which is beginning to overflow with unclaimed items of uniform. There are also coats, bags, socks, shoes etc among it – the majority of it does not show a child's name and so we cannot determine who it belongs to. Please feel free to pop in at the end of school to have a look for anything that belongs to you and may we request that **ALL** items of clothing and shoes are properly named. Any items that remain in the box for a lengthy period will be bagged and donated to the next Great North Air Ambulance Collection as we have limited space in school for storage.

Milk & Juice: The next payment for milk and juice is due via Parentpay on Monday 27th February, the amount required is £6.00. As it is very busy in the office, may we ask that payment is made promptly to reduce the need for Mrs Richmond to issue repeat reminders. Many thanks for your help.

Inhalers & Medication: There are a number of pupils who require inhalers in our school and after a 'spot check', some pupils did not have theirs with them. May we request that all pupils who need to use an inhaler keep one in school at all times. Regulations specify that we must have a fully completed Parental consent form for any pupil who self administers their own inhaler. Forms are available from Mrs Richmond in the office.

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