



Friday 19th January 2018

Spring Term Issue 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to our wonderful 'Street Detective' theme. To inspire the children and hook them into their learning a terrible (but fictional) crime will be committed in school. The children will have to search for clues around the village, take finger prints, plaster of Paris footprints and ask questions to solve the crime. I hope that whoever committed the crime will be very, very sorry, will learn from their mistake and I hope that our children will show our Christian value and forgive them.

“Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.”

Psalm 32.1

Once again, the January forecast is for wintery weather and I would just like to reassure you that if it is safe to do so, I will always endeavour to keep the school open. However, I did need to close the school yesterday and must thank you for your support with this. As I did yesterday, I will text parents as close to 7.45am as I can - even if it takes two or three attempts to deliver to all (!!!!!) . If you do not receive a text, school will be open. If you need to update your contact details, please do this via the school office.

Please could I ask for your support with an important and very topical issue we are having in our 'Healthy School'. Many children bring cakes and sweets into school to celebrate birthdays and very kindly share with their class and to sometimes share with the whole school. However, we have an increasing number of children in our school with allergies, food intolerances and dietary conditions who are unable to take part, so we are now unable to continue with this. Please be assured that we will talk to the children and ask them to suggest other ways of celebrating their birthdays in school – for example birthday stickers or a class birthday card (the children will come up with much better ideas I'm sure!). Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

We are holding true to our vision of allowing every child in the school to represent the school in a sporting event and this term Class 3 will be taking part in the Tag Rugby Festival on Friday 26th January and the whole of Key Stage Two will be taking part in the Cross Country Festival on Thursday 8th March, which will be at Richmond School this year, due to building works at Catterick Racecourse.

Kindest regards,

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Children celebrating achievements last week:

The Badger was awarded to: Daniel

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup was: Thomas

Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Bertie

Our stars of the week were:

Class 1: Joseph, Louis, Elliot, & Holly

Class 2: Alfie P, & Seb

Class 3: Daniel

Our writers were:-

Class 1 : Samuel, Joseph & Elizabeth

Class 2: William G, & Caitlin

Class 3: Jenna & Daniel

News from Class 1:-

This term has started with a lovely layering of snow which the children have loved playing in. We have been finding out about Ravensworth and how it has changed over time. We went on a super village walk this week and the children created lovely maps. We are learning about The Highway Man and exploring the poem to decide what kind of character he is.

Our topic this term is 'Street Detectives' the children have made the outdoor shed into a travel agents so the children have been flying all around the World.



News from Class 2:-

Happy New Year! It has been a busy start to the new year and as always, class 2 have worked extremely hard. They are settling into the rhythm of work again. This terms topic is street detectives and they have been loving finding out about the village of Ravensworth, looking at maps and aerial pictures. We

They have been learning about the highwayman poem and on Wednesday the children really enjoyed reciting some of the verses of the poem. Our maths topic will continue to be multiplication, looking at how written methods can support children's calculating.

Over the last 2 weeks we have been discussing about how we reflect and children have designed a spiritual, reflective area in a corner of the classroom. It is so lovely in there with smelling candles (not fire ones!), pictures, Lego and lovely things to look at and hold. It is a place where many of us have sought refuge after our eventful times with the weather! Great idea class 2!

News from Class 3:-

Happy New Year (although it all seems a long time ago now). Class 3 have begun our new topic of 'Street Detectives' by finding out about Ravensworth and beginning to write a

Wikipedia type page for children. This was backed up with our local walk around the village where we spotted many of the things we read about (for example stone from the castle used in local houses). We have an experienced dance teacher joining us on a Wednesday this term and she has been working us hard and helping us to create dramatic dances linked to our novel this term 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells. The book is set in Whitby so we will be further developing our mapping skills using maps of Whitby as well as our locality.



Week commencing Monday 22nd January 2018	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 22nd January	EH
Tuesday 23rd January	Durham University students in school Cross country lunchtime club Years 2 – 6 with Mike Layfield 12.30 - 1pm. PE kits needed Computer club 3.15 - 4.15pm with Mrs Petch Years 3-6.
Wednesday 24th January	EH PE all classes (am) with Victoria Sellars. PE kits needed Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm Gymnastics club 3.15-4.15pm with Miss Crisp Years 3-6.
Thursday 25th January	Science club 3.15-4.15pm with Mrs Dobinson Years Rec - Year 2
Friday 26th January	EH Tag Rugby festival at Richmond School Class 3 – letters to follow next week.
Week commencing Monday 29th January 2018	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 29th January	
Tuesday 30th January	EH Durham University students in school Cross country lunchtime club Years 2-6 with Mike Layfield 12.30 - 1pm. PE kits needed Computer club 3.15-4.15pm with Mrs Petch Years 3-6.
Wednesday 31st January	PE all classes (am) with Victoria Sellars. PE kits needed Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm Gymnastics club 3.15-4.15pm with Miss Crisp Years 3-6.
Thursday 1st February	EH Science club 3.15-4.15pm with Mrs Dobinson. Years Rec –Year 2.
Friday 2nd February	

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Thursday 8th March

KS2 Cross- country event at Richmond School.

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
Tues 20th Feb	Messy Church 3.15pm - all welcome
Thurs 22nd Feb	Year 5 & 6 Science transition event at Richmond School 9.00am

Payments – there are still a number of parents who are required to visit Parentpay to credit their children's lunch, milk & juice accounts. We would be grateful if they could do this urgently please, each account that is in debit is impacting on our tight school budget and in order to reduce the amount of administrative time taken issuing reminders, may we request that everyone checks their accounts on a weekly basis. For parents who forget to check, there is an option on the Parentpay website to activate a text reminder from the site when accounts are running low which is very helpful.

School uniforms – just to keep everyone informed – we are currently in negotiations with the on-line school uniform supplier School Shop. This will enable parents and carers to order uniform items directly and to have them delivered straight to your door which is a more convenient way of obtaining your supplies! Our normal procedures of ordering uniforms are still in place at the moment – further information will follow soon when our School Shop site goes 'live'.

Did you see anything? - we have been advised that on Thursday 18th January between 19.30 & 20.00 hours, a van parked outside The Bay Horse Inn, Ravensworth was broken into and items including power tools, keys and a wallet were stolen. If you or any of your friends and neighbours saw anything suspicious that evening, please could you contact the police on 101 quoting reference number 12180010234.

Library books – the language section of our library would benefit from a few extra books and so before we look into purchasing new books does anyone have any language books particularly French and Spanish suitable for primary children that they would be willing to donate? May we also ask everyone to have a look at home to see if any of our books are hiding on book shelves and in cupboards so that we can have them back in school for other children to read. Many thanks

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