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Dear Parents & Carers

We have had an amazing half term here at Ravensworth and once again the children have packed so much learning into every single day. I am especially proud of our 'Writers of the Week': Elizabeth Dixon, Max Edwards, Charlotte Dobinson, Harry Willis, Freddy Godfrey, Joseph Nelson, Edward Dixon, Kimberley Dobinson, Grace Nicholson, Mary Hoskyns-Abrahall, Zach Wardle, Evie Millns, Evie Walker and Daniel Vaughan. It is so lovely to celebrate the achievements of our amazing children in Community Celebration Worship on a Friday afternoon.

Mrs Corinne Bell enjoyed the experience so much, she would like to share it:

*I have recently had the pleasure of attending Community Collective Worship at school on a Friday afternoon. As you know the children lead this and it is a lovely celebration and sharing of their achievements throughout their school week. The children celebrate the achievement of "Writer of the Week" and Pen Licences, they nominate their peers for "The Badger" and the Carpenter Cup and enthusiastically share why they may have received a jewel (or in some cases jewels!) that week and how they have contributed to the collective classroom jewel jars.*

*Perhaps you would think that on a Friday afternoon they may be a little tired after a busy school week but they appear to have still have plenty energy left to share their experiences and the fun they have had that week. It is a lovely way to spend 20 minutes and it would be so nice for them to share it with parents, siblings, grandparents and carers. So if you have some time come and join them in prayer and sometimes in song. I guarantee you will feel very proud of them as I do!*

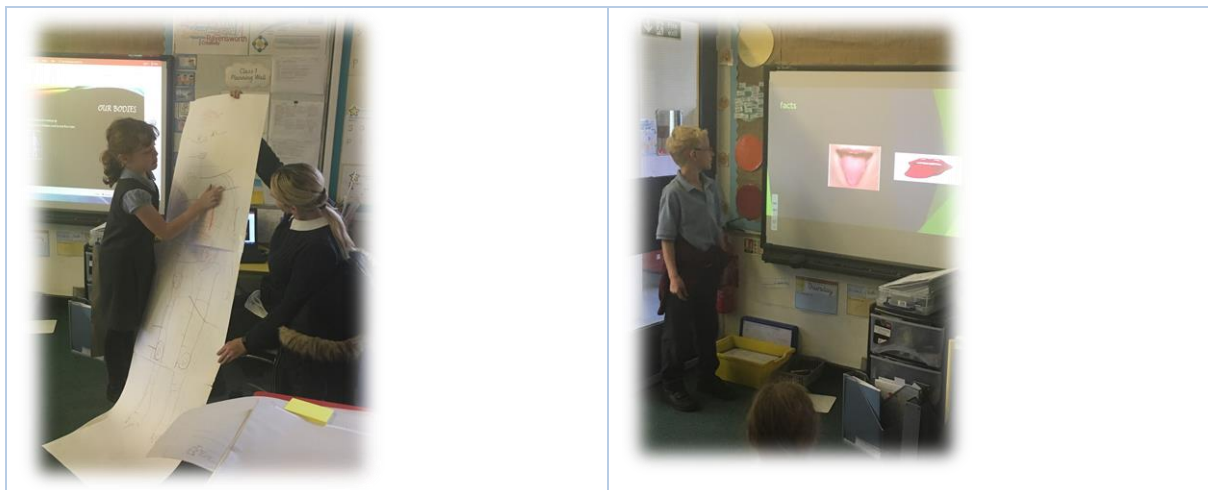
*Corinne Bell Vice Chair of Governors*

I would like to say thank you to the children and staff for presenting a wonderful Harvest Praise. What a wonderful day we had with Brenda's delicious Harvest lunch, a sprint up the hill and collecting conkers in the Church yard too. I thought the quality of the art work, prayers and singing was outstanding.



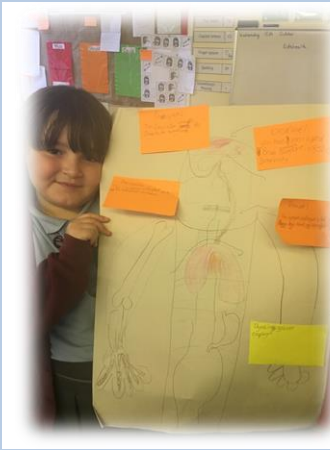
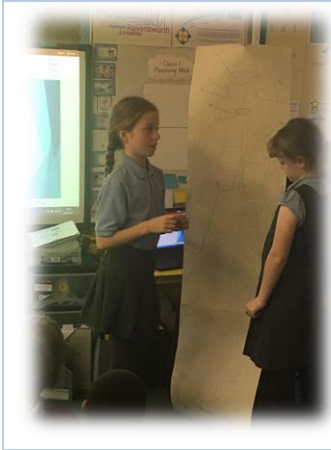
I have some exciting news about our plans to move Holmedale Pre-school into our school to share with you. Some alterations will need to be done to the school building to do this and the first phase of building work will take place during the Christmas holidays, so this will not disturb your child/rens teaching and learning or Mrs Richmond's dance lessons. The second phase of the building work will take place during the Spring term and we hope to welcome children, families and staff into school as soon as this is completed.

Our extra-curricular clubs have been a great success this half term and it was lovely to see Science Club present their findings with presentations, posters and powerpoints.



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A big thank you to our amazing and skilled staff for their hard work. There are no clubs during the first week back due to Parent Consultation Evenings, but don't forget to sign up to after school tag-rugby, gymnastics, IT and science next half term. Letters to follow after half term.

I have been so proud of our sports teams this half term. Please read Miss Crisp's match reports below! We have entered teams for Year 5/6 mixed football, Year 3/4 football, girls football, netball and KS2 multiskills. Well done to everyone. Our next sports competitions that we will be practising for include: tag rugby, gymnastics and cross country.

Myself, Miss Crisp, Mrs Dobinson and Mrs Godfrey all enjoyed visiting Class 3 at Ingleton Youth Hostel during their outdoor education residential at Longrigg. They have had an amazing time climbing, caving, canoeing and making new friends and memories.



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A huge thank you to Mrs Petch and Mrs Stanwix for looking after our wonderful children. I hope you enjoy big (damp and smelly!) hugs and hearing all about their adventures. I look forward to seeing you in school during Parents Consultations or at our Bonfire Lunch on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.  
Have a happy half term...

Kindest regards,

*Sharon Stevenson*

Mrs Sharon Stevenson  
Executive Headteacher

### **Ravensworth**

**Children celebrating achievements last week were:**

**Our stars of the week were:**

**Class 1: Joseph Edward & Max**

**Class 2: Mary**

**Class 3: Zach & Daniel**

**The Badger was awarded to: Ruby**

**The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup was: Robert**

**Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Emily Tennant**

**Pen licences were awarded to: Zach & Thomas**

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

Class 1 have had an amazing last two weeks of term. They have been reading and writing their own fabulous instructions. The children have shown super cooking skills this week as we have made sandwiches, cookies and fruit kebabs. They have made fabulous links with our beautiful bodies topic as we have been discussing healthy and unhealthy food choices. The children loved getting cosy in our reading shed especially during the windy weather. They have decorated it with spooky skeletons, Halloween masks and pumpkin fairy lights too! Have a lovely scary half term everyone!

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

We have had a fantastic 2 weeks and I couldn't be prouder of our little team. First of all, they were amazing at the Year 3 and 4 football. They played brilliantly and were fantastic sports. Sadly, we didn't make the semi finals, but we played exceptionally well. My sports club also made it to the Year 6 High Five netball tournament. Our team consisted mainly of Year 3 and 4 children who went purely for experience. They were amazing and even managed to score goals. It was a great opportunity for them and next year I look forward to taking a competitive team. Some of our girls were also involved with the girls football. They progressed the furthest of any Ravensworth teams, where they qualified for the semi-finals, getting knocked out on penalties. Class 2 are full of excellent sports children. Finally, today was our second jewel jar treat, a testament to how hard our children are working. We made tasty hedgehog bread for the whole school to try. Have a lovely half term.

#### **News from Class 3**

It's been very quiet in school without our Year 5 and 6's but in Cumbria Class Three have been awesome! We have shown what super listening skills we have when

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following instructions; used our exploring skills to find new things and visit new places and our teamwork is amazing – always helping and encouraging each other and making sure no-one is left behind.



<b>Week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017</b>	<b>Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	<b>Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent's evening 3.30-5.30pm
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>EH</b> PE all classes with Nathan AM *Mrs Richmond on a training course so not in school*
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Rev Kirby for collective worship 2.40pm
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>EH</b> Tempest Photography individual photos 1.00pm. Pre-school siblings are welcome no earlier than 2.15pm please Parent's evening 5.00-7.00pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Bonfire lunch 12.00noon all welcome, invitation letters have been e-mailed.

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Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Messy Church 3.30-5.00pm everyone welcome
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	School Friends Movie Night – Despicable Me 3. 3.30-5.00pm. Individual letters have been issued
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christingle at Kirby Hill Church 6pm
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Great North Air Ambulance bag collection 8.30am Ravensworth village hall organised by School Friends
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Flu immunisations Reception – Year 4 for all who have signed up on line
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Messy Church 3.30-5pm
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity Reception to Year 2 pupils in school 2pm and 6pm all welcome
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	*Wear your Christmas jumper for a donation to Save The Children*
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas lunch day – letters to follow
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Party day

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** To be held in Ravensworth Village Hall On Saturday 28th October from 10:00 hrs to 12 noon. Donations welcome for the raffle as well as home baking & books. Tel Corinne (01325 718920) or Karen (07917625870) Please come and join us - All are welcome

**Birthday cakes:-** It is so lovely that parents and children want to share birthday celebrations with their friends by bringing celebration cakes into school. Please could I ask that you bring in individual cakes or buns, as these are much more hygienic and easier to distribute to lots of children. Thank you for your support with this.

**Medication:-** As winter sets in we will invariably have pupils who will require medication at some point during the winter months. There are specific guidelines which govern the administering of any medication in school which we must adhere to. It is preferable if medication can be administered at home wherever possible, however if your child has been prescribed any items by their doctor and a dose is required during school hours, we are only able to do this if we have a fully completed Med1 form from parents. Under no circumstances must a child keep any medication in their school bags all medicines must be sent to the office for safe keeping and unfortunately we cannot accept a written note attached to a bottle of medicine. Asthma inhalers are in a different category and are kept securely in the classrooms, however, there is a Med 3 form which must be completed for any child to carry and self administer an inhaler. All forms are available from our school office.

**After school clubs next half term:- As we have parent's evenings, there will be no after school clubs during the first week back to school. Letters will be issued when we return giving details of the clubs available for the second half of the Autumn term.**

**Sports events:-** We have had a number of sporting events recently which have been between 1 and 4pm at Richmond School. Whilst we appreciate that it is sometimes a little inconvenient for parents to collect from these events, we rely on the goodwill of parents to assist us. It is incredibly costly to hire transport and the cost of a coach doubles in price if we require a collection that is around school pick up times which would make our attendance at the events too costly. Many thanks to all parents who have helped us recently by agreeing to collect their children after events.

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**Christmas:-** Has everyone booked their tickets to see The Wizard of Oz at The Georgian Theatre this year? Tickets are selling fast! Mrs Richmond is very excited as she has two pupils from The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy performing alongside the professional cast and so she will be going along with her other pupils in December and January to watch them both. (Proud dance teacher moment)! A visit to the panto has been arranged for Ravensworth & Barton pupils on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am performance, individual letters will follow in due course. If you would like to see many of her other pupils 'in action' before Christmas, pop down to the Richmond Christmas markets in the market square on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.00am where the Dance Academy will be performing Christmas numbers on stage to start the Christmas celebrations.

**Cash payments:-** Following the introduction of the new £1.00 coin, the old style coin is now no longer legal tender., please could this be borne in mind when sending any cash payments to school. We are only able to accept the new £1.00 coins and so any old coins sent in will be returned. If parents have any old coins in money boxes or elsewhere in their homes, they can be taken to a bank and swapped for new ones, however, you will be unable to spend the old ones in shops etc. If you are given one in change, please request at the time to have it swapped by the shop or business who attempted to give you it.

**Second hand uniforms:-** We have a variety of clean, good quality, second hand uniform items stored in boxes in our school hall which are available to everyone in return for a donation to school funds. If you would like to come along and browse through the boxes, you are more than welcome, please let us know in advance so that the boxes can be made available. Thank you.

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