

**The Collaboration of Barton and Ravensworth
Church of England VC Primary Schools**

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson



Newsletter
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Dear Parents & Carers,

To celebrate our school becoming one of the founding members of Dales Academies Trust on 1st December I would like to invite you to attend a Service of Celebration in Kirby Hill church at 2.30pm. I am delighted that the Right Reverend Bishop Paul Ferguson, one of our Trustees will lead the Service and Damian Chubb, CEO of Dales will also be there to share our vision for the future. Please come along to meet Bishop Paul and Damian, to celebrate with the children and to be part of this exciting 'family' of church schools working together for excellence.

This week, your child will be bringing home a Christingle Candle. Please can you fill the candle with change to support The Children's Society and bring the candle along to our Messy Church Christingle Service on Tuesday 5th December at 5pm at Kirby Hill Church. If you are unable to attend the Service, I would be grateful if you could return the candle to school before this event.

After the children and staff 'road-tested' an Avantis Classbook and unanimously approved it, I am really excited to say that our class set of Avantis Wireless Charging Laptops and charging trolley have now arrived in school. We can't wait to produce some amazing work and improve our IT skills over the coming weeks and months (watch this space!). A huge thank you to the Friends and the Dakyn Trust for their kind donations towards this amazing piece of tech.



The 'Growing Healthy in North Yorkshire' height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6 are due to take place in the near future. Parents of children in Year R and Year 6 will receive a letter explaining the process and how to opt out of the programme. If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to do anything further and you will receive your child's results in a letter. School do not receive the results of these height and weight checks- it is for your information only.

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These results have proved to be quite controversial and it is up to you as parents, whether or not you decide to share these with your child. If your child's measurements are below or above the healthy range you will be contacted by a member of the Healthy Child Team

I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff and talented children for their hard work in teaching and learning in maths (and especially problem solving). Mrs Kellie Harris, our subject leader for maths across the collaboration has been monitoring maths learning in school, alongside Mrs Corinne Bell (Maths Governor) and they were both delighted with the children's learning, the standard of work in books and how much the children's problem solving skills have improved. Mrs Bell felt that maths in Ravensworth School has never been as good as it is now.

The Friends of Ravensworth School put on a great Movie Night for the children on Friday 10th November. Mr Ken Blackwood from The Rotary Club set up a huge screen and the children were treated to Despicable Me III, popcorn and juice. My thanks to the Friends for organising such a lovely evening.



We currently have lots of pupils absent with a nasty cold bug and/or a tummy bug. This type of bug is always present at this time of year. Please may I remind parents, that in line with The Health Protection Agency Regulations, all children affected must be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. To be fair to other pupils and staff, please do not send your child to school if they are not fully recovered or are unwell. Many thanks for your support with this.

More news on infections and infestations: It is our policy to do dance and gymnastics in bare feet. If your child has a verruca, please could you cover this with a plaster at home, alternatively we will do this at school so that your child is able to take part in PE lessons. We have had a reported case of headlice in school. Please could you be vigilant in checking your child's hair and treat accordingly and ensure long hair is tied up. Thank you for this.

And finally... the Countdown to Christmas has begun... the children are learning their carols for the Christingle Service, the parts have been 'divvied' out and Class 1 have started to learn their Nativity songs for their production of 'Christmas Counts'. Our Christmas Tree arrives on Thursday, with special thanks to Ravensworth Nurseries and to the Friends for decorating it. I am really looking forward to next week: to our Dales Academies Trust Celebration Service and the Friends Christmas Disco. Do encourage

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your child/ren to come along and have a boogie and support the Friends at the same time.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

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Children celebrating achievements this week:

Our stars of the week are:

Class 1: William & Edward

Class 2: Ava, Will & Alfie P

Class 3: Evie M, & Fae

Our writers of the week are:- Edward J, Ruby, Samuel, Ralph, Matthew, Evie M & Robert

Pen licence was awarded to:- Evie M

The Badger has been awarded to: Max

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Emmaly

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Lucas

News from Class 1

Class 1 are getting excited as Christmas is not far away. The children have been writing some lovely stories about Supertato and another about the adventures of a magical clothing item that travels around the World. The children have been told their parts in the Christmas play and are very excited as we learn the stories. Next week, I will be sending home information about your child's role, costume ideas and lines to be learnt (if your child has speaking parts).

We are turning our shed into a Santa's Workshop so please could you send in any cardboard boxes, old toys/games and wrapping paper that we can use to help the Elves (the toys/games will be donated to local charities).

News from Class 2

Class 2 have been working hard and have finally completed their amazing super-hero stories. Most stories involve Coconut Kid the super hero that the children created with Liz Million. I have to say, I am very impressed with their writing and it was lovely hearing them sharing their stories with each other today.

In Maths our topic has changed to geometry and children have been learning all about the properties of shapes and describing their angles. Feel free to continue discussing shapes with the children in their home environment.

News from Class 3

As always in class 3 we have had a busy fortnight. In English we have been planning and writing an adventure story based on a character from our class novel 'Wonder'. The children have written dramatic settings and thoughtful character descriptions to include in their stories. The movie based on the book is out soon but please don't rush to take the children....we have plans! In maths we have recently moved on to learning about fractions having made fantastic progress in calculations over the past few weeks. With sports hall athletics just

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around the corner, we have been focussing our indoor PE sessions on practicing the more technical events like the triple jump. It is not as easy as it looks!



Week commencing Mon 27th November 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 27th November	
Tuesday 28th November	EH PE all classes AM with Nathan
Wednesday 29th November	Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm
Thursday 30th November	EH
Friday 1st December	Christmas tree decorating by School Friends 9.00am Dales Academy Trust Celebration lunch for all pupils 12.00noon. Celebration Service at Kirby Hill Church 2.30pm - all welcome. Christmas disco in school hall for all pupils 5.00-7.00pm bring a donation of food on the night for the buffet please.
Week commencing Mon 4th December 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 4th December	EH
Tuesday 5th December	*Deadline for all Christmas lunch orders* PE all classes AM with Nathan Christingle at Kirby Hill Church 5.00pm - all welcome. This date has now been confirmed.
Wednesday 6th December	EH Sports Hall Athletics at Richmond School Year 4,5 & 6 9.30am. Please return consent slips by next Monday
Thursday 7th December	
Friday 8th December	EH North Yorkshire Fire Safety Presentation for pupils 1.30pm

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
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Monday 11th Dec	Flu immunisations Reception to Year 4. Please contact your doctor's surgery if you have not registered on line and would like your child to be included.
Tues 12th Dec	Whole school visit to Georgian Theatre panto The Wizard of Oz with Barton School 10.00am performance. Letters to be issued next week.
Wed 13th Dec	Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm Messy Church 3.30 - 5pm – all welcome
Thurs 14th Dec	KS1 Nativity Reception to Year 2 pupils in school hall 2pm and again at 6pm. All welcome
Fri 15th Dec	*Wear your Christmas jumper for a donation to Save The Children Christmas Appeal*
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas lunch day for everyone who ordered meals by the deadline of 5 th December
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas Party Day
Fri 22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays 1.30pm

Dales Academies Trust Lunch and Celebration Service – There will be a buffet lunch for all pupils on Friday 1st December to celebrate Ravensworth & Barton joining the newly formed Dales Academies Trust. This will be followed by a Service of celebration for the whole school at Kirby Hill Church commencing 2.30pm - 3.00pm. The service will be attended by Mr Damian Chubb CEO of The Dales Academies Trust and The Right Reverend Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby and Trustee of the Dales Academies Trust will also be in attendance. All parents have been issued with individual letters, please return consent forms to take your children to church by **next Monday**.

Christmas Lunch – Our annual Christmas lunch for all parents and Governors will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 12.00 noon. Individual letters were sent out to everyone on Monday. Please note that the absolute deadline for orders is Tuesday 5th December, unfortunately we will be unable to add any late orders. Please could you check your child's bag regularly for letters from us or replies that should have been handed in. If there is anything still in their bags, may we request that you telephone to inform us so that bags can be checked. Thank you.

Parentpay changes:- in preparation for our move to Academy status on 1st December, amendments have been made to our Parentpay data. With effect from next Monday, we will no longer be accepting payment for visitor lunches by cash or cheque, all payments will be required via the Parentpay website. In anticipation of this, every parent has been given two visitor accounts on Parentpay by Mrs Richmond. In order to access these, you will need to activate the accounts, once activated, parents will then be able to merge the account with their children's accounts and so everyone will have a 'one stop shop' for lunch payments. Activation letters and our Christmas lunch letter will be sent out on Monday.

Children In Need – a big Thank you to everyone who donated their loose change to this very worthy cause, there were so many donations that Mrs Richmond couldn't carry it all and had to make three trips to the Post Office to bank it! The final total for Children in Need was £143.96 which is fantastic for a small school. Well done!

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Great North Air Ambulance – again the support and generosity of parents & guardians of our pupils has shone through with the Air Ambulance Bag collection which raised £184.40 for us. Many thanks for the invaluable support from our School Friends for giving up their free time to organise this event.

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