



Friday 28th September 2018

Autumn Term 1 Issue 3

Dear Parents & Carers

Music Mark

It is no secret that I absolutely love music and I am delighted to announce that we have been nominated and achieved a national Music Mark Award to recognise the high-quality music education in our school. This includes our whole school music lessons, instrumental lessons and performances. This is a super achievement and is in line with our vision to improve outcomes for children by providing a high-quality broad and balanced curriculum.



Jeans for Genes

Thank you so much for your support with Jeans for Genes day, our very generous small school raised a total of £87.20. All donations will make a difference to children and families living with cystic fibrosis.

Multisports

Our youngest children in school, in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had an exciting morning representing the school at a cluster sports event in Richmond School. Mrs Dobinson was so proud of the children, who participated with enthusiasm and excitement and behaved so well. Thank you to all staff who made this such a special event for our children. It is our school vision that each year every child will get the opportunity to take part in an extra-curricular sports event and represent the school. We have made a great start – with our Reception and Key Stage 1 multisports event on Wednesday, Year 5-6 football on Friday, Year 3-4 football on Friday 5th October and Cross Country for Years 3,4,5 and 6 on Friday 19th October. Go TEAM Ravensworth.



Governance

Our collaboration with Barton and with other schools in Dales Academies Trust is going from strength to strength and our first joint Full Governing Body Meeting was very

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successful. The meeting took place on Monday 24th September at Ravensworth School, Barbara Whittle (formerly of Barton) was appointed as Chair of Governors by the Trust and Corinne Bell (formerly of Ravensworth) was elected as Vice Chair of Governors. There were no other changes made to the structure of the Local Governing Board at this point and the work of the committees and Governor monitoring in school will continue to be robust and hold me, as Executive Headteacher to account. We have an outstanding group of Governors and I am hugely grateful for their commitment and hard work ensuring the very best outcomes for our children.

Wrap Around Care

I am delighted to confirm that Ravensworth School can now offer wrap-around care, delivered by our dedicated staff team. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am - 8.30am with a choice of cereals, toast, fruit, milk and juice. The cost is five pounds per session and is led by Mrs Godfrey.

Mrs Hull leads our After School Club from 3.15pm - 5.30pm at a cost of five pounds per hour or part thereof. Mrs Hull has planned a wide variety of clubs to meet the interests of the children. Children will be required to bring their own healthy snack to after school club. As we are a cashless school, all payments will be required through Parentpay. The payment facility for wrap around care has been added to the Parentpay system.

If we can help you with your regular and flexible child care needs please contact Mrs Richmond in the school office to book a place for your child.

Messy Church – everybody welcome – I look forward to seeing you there!

Our first Messy Church of the new school year takes place on Tuesday 16th October, 3.10pm - 5.00pm. Messy Church is run by a dedicated bunch of volunteers who are a part of our wider school and church community. Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' and the values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages and based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Children can stay on their own or you are very welcome to join us with younger/older siblings, for bible stories, songs, prayers, activities and to share a high tea together. We always end the session with a delicious cake, so even if your child is staying unattended, please come along at 4.45pm to share a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

If your child is staying for wrap around care on Tuesdays, staff will accompany them to Messy Church and then keep them as normal in Class 1 until you arrive to collect them.



Harvest Festival

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE Our Harvest Festival will take place on the last day of term, Friday 26th October. Weather permitting, the plan is to set off from school at 9.30am to walk to Kirby Hill church for our Harvest Praise at **approximately** 10.30am. Please join us for this wonderful walk up the hill. We will then walk back to school after the service and you are kindly invited to join us for a Harvest Community Lunch at 12 midday. Brenda is serving our popular fish, chips and peas/mushy peas and a harvest cake for dessert. There will also be a raffle to win a hand made bonfire cake kindly donated by Brenda, our cook. We will issue a letter to all everyone via e-mail as we will need to know how many meals to prepare. Payment is required beforehand via Parentpay. Please be advised that these timings are flexible as the Harvest Praise will start once all the children are in the church and we don't know exactly how long it will take us. Thank you for your support and patience with this. A letter with further details and lunch menu will follow.

Words of the Week

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Our words for the next two weeks fit perfectly with our children in Ravensworth. They strive to show that they will **persevere**, are **determined, dedicated** and are **committed** to doing their best!

Please remember that we do have an "open door" policy. Your first point of contact is either the office or your child's class teacher. Please do use the planner to keep in touch too. I look forward to seeing you in school very soon.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

Children celebrating achievements last week:

Our stars of the week were:

Class 1: Sebastian & Edward

Class 2: Alfie P & Samuel

Class 3: Evie & Jake

The Badger has been awarded to: Ethan

Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Charlotte

Our Writers of the week were: George, Effie, Charlotte, Ethan, Bertie, Adam and Evie

News from Class 1

We had an amazing morning at multiskills this week. The children joined in lots of skill activities with other children. They loved it so much we have had throwing and hurdling activities in our outdoor area. The children have also loved using the gymnastics equipment and climbing frame in PE. They have all blossomed with confidence when become stronger when climbing and more controlled in their jumping and rolling. Since the beginning of term, the children have all become super mathematicians and are amazing at comparing, ordering and recognising numbers within 20 and up to 100. We are going to be challenging ourselves to help Mrs Richmond add up her orders this week in our Class 1 Office (outdoor shed)!

News from Class 2

I am so proud of my little team, working so incredibly hard in all areas. Our literacy topic over the next week is based on Autobiography. Please share as many stories of special events that have happened in your family with your child to help inspire their writing. I have loved the stories so far! Linked to this, the children are thoroughly enjoying 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. I do believe a few are reading on ahead of us and Ethan has managed to finish the book in record time! In maths we are moving onto calculation and learning about mental and written methods to add and subtract. Please keep practising number bonds to 20 and 100 to help your children speed up mental calculations.

News from Class 3

Class three are working so hard and are continuing to impress me with their work ethic and high standards. We are all enjoying reading Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo and are producing some outstanding writing based on that. This is also linked to our local history topic where we have been investigating life in a castle to draw conclusions

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about life in Richmond over the years. In maths we are working on calculation methods, including working mentally and problem solving.



Week commencing 1st October 2018	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 1st October 2018	
Tuesday 2nd October 2018	EH Class 3 music lessons with Sue Evans (pm)
Wednesday 3rd October 2018	Class 2&3. After school Multi-skills club.3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 4th October 2018	EH
Friday 5th October 2018	Year 3 & 4 football tournament individual letters have been issued to pupils concerned.
Week commencing 8th October 2018	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 8th October	EH
Tuesday 9th October	Class 3 music lessons with Sue Evans (pm)
Wednesday 10th October	EH Class 2&3. After school Multi-skills club 3.15-4.15pm.
Thursday 11th October	NSPCC 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' information letters have been e-mailed to everyone
Friday 12th October	EH

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
Tues 16th October	Messy Church 3.15 - 5.00pm all welcome
Wed 17th October	Class 2 & 3 visit to Richmond Castle – letters with details to follow
Thurs 18th October	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew – letters to follow
Fri 19th October	Cross country event at Richmond School Year 3,4,5&6 – letters to follow
Mon 22nd October	Parent's consultation evening 4.30pm - 7pm - letters to follow
Wed 24th October	Parent's consultation evening 3.30-5.30pm - letters to follow

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Fri 26th October	Harvest Festival Service and lunch – details above, letters to follow School closes for half term 3.10pm
Thurs 8th Nov – Thurs 20th Dec	Swimming lessons Year 3,4,5 & 6 at Richmond pool. 1.20 - 2.20pm - details to follow

School uniforms:- everyone will now be aware that due to a shortage of space and so that parents can have items conveniently delivered straight to their door, we are no longer stocking uniform items at school. Everything that you need is now available via the School Shop website <http://www.school-shop.co.uk> . We do still have some items in stock which are available on a first come, first served basis and these are as follows:-

Cardigans –	2 x age 3-4	2 x age 5-6	2 x age 9-10	2 x age 11-12	2 x age 13
Sweatshirts –	7 x age 3-4	5 x age 5-6	5 x age 7-8	5 x age 9-10	4 x age 11-12
	3 x age 13	2 x small adult			
Polo shirts -	4 x age 3-4	5 x age 5-6	7 x age 9-10	3 x age 11-12	1 x age 13
PE shirts -	3 x age 3-4	4 x age 5-6	3 x age 9-10	3 x age 11-13	

We also have 1 x age 3-4 fleece, 1 x age 7-8 fleece, 1 x age 3-4 reversible coat and 1 x age 5-6 coat these fleeces and coats have all been used as samples and have 'sample' written on the inner label. We also have one book bag left if anyone is interested.

Communication: in order to reduce our printing costs, many letters are now being e-mailed to parents. With this in mind, if you are not receiving these, please check your 'junk' and 'clutter' boxes. If you find one of our letters in either of these boxes, please do not open it but 'right click' on it and select 'rules' then 'always move messages from this sender to inbox', all further e-mails from us will arrive in your in box.

Parentpay- we are still finding it necessary to send text reminders – (sometimes more than once) to some parents who fail to keep their Parentpay accounts in credit. This is very time consuming and is having a detrimental effect on our school budget when lunches, milk, juice etc is taken by pupils without payment in advance. There is an option within Parentpay to ask for a 'low balance' text message reminder, may we request that everyone opts into this service to help us. Many thanks

Land ahoy! - sadly, our Pirate ship has run aground and is slowly sinking. There are parts that now need attention and we have had a full survey of the structure undertaken. Whilst areas of it are safe for the children to use at this time, it is beginning to deteriorate, it is beyond economic repair and so we have begun to explore the possibility of having it replaced with either a similar structure or something different. We are working with a specialist Company to try to secure funding to help us with this project. More information will follow when we have it.

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