



Friday 18th May 2018

Summer Term 1 Issue 3

Dear Parents & Carers

Yesterday the SATS ended with a cheer from the children (and staff) at Ravensworth. We are so proud of our Year 6 children, who approached these tests with maturity, focused on the task in hand and showed resilience and perseverance throughout. We now have to wait until 10th July for the results but whatever they will be, we know our Year 6's are amazing and will succeed in whatever they chose to do. They have now quickly moved onto preparing for the final stage of their time at Ravensworth; deciding the colour of their Leavers Hoodies, where they will go on their Year 6 treat day and what they are going to plan for Leavers Assembly! A big thank you to Mrs Petch who prepared the children so well academically and also helped them to remain relaxed and positive. Thank you to Mrs Susan Stanwix, Mrs Brooks, Miss Yarrow and Mrs Richmond who also helped us this week.

I have had a big increase in applications to take leave of absence in term time for family holidays in May, June and July. Please remember that unless there are exceptional circumstances, I am unable to authorise leave for family holidays. We will still be learning right up until the end of term and it is important that children attend school to ensure they make good progress and do not miss essential building blocks that will have an impact on learning as they move through their education. Attendance figures are regularly reported to The Department for Education and The Local Authority.

The professional photographs for the website are stunning. Here's a sneak peak to whet your appetite...



We are celebrating Sports Day early this year on Friday 15th June. Please save the date and come and join us with Dave from Skip 2 B Fit for our traditional family picnic lunch at noon, followed by an afternoon of sport, including our well-loved tennis tournament.

On July 15th 2018 it will be 50 years since Ravensworth Church of England Primary School opened it's doors and we are planning to have a 50 year anniversary reunion celebration on the afternoon of Saturday 14th July. I will be setting up a Facebook event page and advertising this in the local press, but please could you save the date and spread the news to any ex-pupils, ex-staff, family and friends that may want to

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attend. This is a very special event in the life of our school community and we would love it if as many people as possible could join us.
It's 'Words of the Week' time again...

Words of the Weeks:



Thanks to Aaron from Barton for helping to choose our new words for the next two weeks, they are: **flawless**, **diabolical**, **lanky** and **petite**. Good choices as we look back at the **flawless** behaviour of Year Six during their test week.

You may have heard the exciting news that this year's whole school production at Ravensworth will be 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' on Tuesday 26th June. All of the children know their parts now and the songs that they will be singing. You can help out at home by singing along to the songs on a CD, Spotify or You Tube! They are lovely songs!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy celebrating the Royal Wedding.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

Children celebrating achievements last week:

Our stars of the week were:

Class 1: Edward, Elizabeth & Elliot

Class 2: Toby & Zach

Class 3: Izbel & Fae

The Badger was awarded to: All Year 6 pupils for being the best that they can be

Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Habitat children for showing forgiveness & friendship

Our writers of the week were: Bertie, Grace N, Morgan, Emmaly, Samuel & Grace H

News from Class 1

Class 1 have worked so hard over the past couple of weeks and I am so proud of each and every one of them. We are continuing to work on our class topic of

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'Explorers and Adventurers' and have enjoyed looking at Scott of the Antarctic and Captain Cook in our topic lessons. Their enthusiasm for the topic has been great and we have had some wonderful discussions around Scott's journey to the Antarctic. In English, we are writing to persuade, and the Year 1 children have amazed me with their ability to create persuasive adverts and posters. English the year 1 children have now began writing persuasive letters to Mrs Stevenson to persuade her to let us go to Whitby next term (fingers crossed she says yes!). The reception children have done lots of work on Goldilocks and are able to retell the story using actions – they should be very proud of themselves! Thanks to the lovely weather recently, we have been able to do some gardening in our outdoor area and the children have even planted their own sunflowers – we are checking them each day for signs of growth.



News from Class 2



We have had lots of fun in class 2 this week. We sailed to a new island and went out as scientists completing a study on the plant and wildlife that lived on the land

we called 'Ravensworth'. Armed with quadrats, magnifying glasses and sample pots we described and collected many different species of plants, beetles and a fly called Fred! Next week we will classify and group the species found looking for their scientific names. The children have also been writing to scare and I have to say, Grace N and Grace H wrote some terrifying stories. All of the children impressed me with their choice of vocabulary, working hard to include some challenging words from their spellings and the words of the week. Keep it up Class 2!

News from Class 3



I must start by saying well done to the children in Year 6 for completing their SATs tests with a positive attitude and exemplary behaviour. It wasn't the most fun we've ever had in class but the hearty breakfast each morning helped to soften the blow! The year 5s have been real stars too, after being banished from their classroom every morning without a murmur and then working in near enough silence so as not to disturb the tests. What a team! We are all looking forward to being back together again for the rest of the year and making the most of our time together. The children are enjoying learning about Ancient Greece and we will be sure to take some photos next week when we are all dressed as Greeks and feasting on delicious nibbles.

Week commencing Monday 21 st May 2018	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 21 st May	
Tuesday 22 nd May	EH PE lessons all classes (am) with Craig Marshall After school IT club with Mrs Petch YR3,4,5&6 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 23 rd May	Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm After school orienteering club with Miss Crisp (last one) 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 24 th May	EH After school Science club for KS1 pupils 3.15-4.15pm After school Archery club with Mrs Stanwix 3.15-4.15pm – last one for group 1 pupils Group 2 Archery pupils begin 7 th June – 12 th July.
Friday 25 th May	EH Break up for half term 3.10pm
Week commencing Monday 28 th May 2018	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 28 th May	School closed half term
Tuesday 29 th May	School closed half term

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Wednesday 30th May	School closed half term
Thursday 31st May	School closed half term
Friday 1st June	School closed half term

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
Wed 6th & Thurs 7th June	Mrs Richmond is not in school therefore is unable to answer e-mails. Please telephone urgent messages thank you.
Friday 8th June	School Friends Movie night 3.30 – 5pm. Consent letters have been sent out today. Booking & payment of £3.50 essential. Deadline for replies is Monday 4 th June. *No Collective worship today*
Thursday 13th June	Sandra Johnson from Richmond School to see Year 6 pupils 1.00pm
Friday 15th June	Sports day with Dave from Skip2BFit
Tuesday 26th June	KS2 production Joseph & his Technicolour Dream Coat 1.30pm and again at 6pm
Tuesday 3rd July	Messy Church 3.15-5.00pm Meet the Tutor evening at Richmond School
Wednesday 4th July	Meet the Tutor evening at Richmond School
Monday 9th July	Year 6 Transition Day at Richmond School
Wednesday 11th July	Year 6 Transition Day at Richmond School. Year 6 Disco at Richmond School 6.00pm
Friday 20th July	Annual Leaver's Service at Ripon Cathedral Year 6 pupils 10.00am

Great North Air Ambulance: Huge thanks to everyone who donated to the bag collection last week, we have received notification that you raised a whopping £166.80! We appreciate and value all of the support that we receive from our families.

Junk modelling: Following our request for junk modelling boxes in Class 1 on our last newsletter, we have received lots more over the past week and we are now fully stocked. Due to limited storage space, we are unable to keep large quantities and so a new request will be issued when supplies are running low. In the meantime thank you for all of your responses, everyone is very helpful.

Music lessons: Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument? Lessons in a variety of instruments including guitar, piano, strings and much more are available through North Yorkshire County Music Service, further details can be found on their website at www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk or by e-mailing MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorkhs.gov.uk

Brownies & Girl Guides:- The Brownie and Girl Guiding Association in the Richmond area are seeking volunteers to help run their popular groups. There is currently a lack of leaders in the area meaning that some groups are at risk. If you are interested in going along to help the current leaders, further information can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or telephone 0800 1695901

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