



Friday 19th May 2017

Summer Term Issue 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

First of all I would like to say a **huge** well done to our Year Sixes, who survived SATS last week! Thank you to all of the children who have worked so hard to prepare themselves for doing their very best in these tests. They demonstrated a really positive attitude and a healthy and confident approach. Whatever the result, I am already very proud of you. My thanks to Mrs Amanda Monteith who did an amazing job serving breakfast every day and setting the children up well for the task ahead and to our Governors, Mrs Alison Brooks and Mrs Susannah Bateman who gave up their time to be readers and 'extra' adults. Here are the children letting off steam after maths paper 1 and 2 on Wednesday:

After working hard all week it was lovely to share some down time with them on Friday and treat them to an ice-cream at Mainsgill... Francis and I loved the banana and mango flavour but chocolate was the most popular by far!

I am delighted to announce that after a rigorous recruitment process, the Governors and I have appointed an outstanding, experienced Y6 and KS2 teacher for Class 3 for September 2017. The Year 4 and 5 children, who took part in the interview process, agreed that Mrs Petch was their favourite and the majority of the school council agreed too... However, the fact that she supported Sunderland didn't go down too well with some of the boys... but Mrs Petch swiftly redeemed herself when she said her favourite cake was chocolate cake! Mrs Kirstie Petch will be a great asset to our strong staff team and you will all get an opportunity to meet her towards the end of the Summer Term.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Smith on his new job for September 2017 at Wolsingham Primary School. Mr Smith is enjoying his time at Ravensworth and will stay with us until the end of term.

At Ravensworth School we pride ourselves on being able to offer a really wide variety of sporting activities and competitions. This term the children have already had the opportunity to have fun and learn new cricket skills with Mark Jobling from the 'Chance to Shine' cricket scheme and he will be with us until the end of the year. Hopefully, we will be able to get out onto the field next Monday! Also, we have recently had our school grounds digitally mapped for an orienteering course and the children will be focusing on outdoor adventurous activity next half term, as well our Sports Day with Dave from Skip2BFit.

Some of the children are very keen to weed the raised beds and get planting. They enjoyed pulling the rhubarb and Brenda made rhubarb crumble with our very own

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rhubarb for pudding on Wednesday! Jack and Morgan have already planted some little gem lettuce and some tomatoes. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Vaughan for donating plants for our raised beds and for Mr & Mrs Bell who have been across this lunchtime to help the children plant them. This warm and wet weather is perfect for growing conditions – but not much good for our cricket practice.

Don't forget that it is Messy Church on Tuesday 23rd May at 3.30pm and it would be lovely if as many children as possible could come along to enjoy the activities and share a meal together... and of course there is always delicious cake!

And finally... my congratulations go to all those who took part in the UKMT Gifted and Talented maths challenge: for their commitment and conduct both in the preparatory sessions and on the Challenge Day itself. Well done to James Tallantire and Will Brown who scored highly (and narrowly missed a Bronze award by one mark) and will receive a certificate, to Owen Wardle who achieved a Bronze award and to Freddie Millns who achieved a Silver Award. For a Year 6 to be awarded any certificate in a challenge open to students up to Year 8 is really very impressive.

See you at Muddy Monkeys on Sunday...

Kindest regards,



Mrs Sharon Stevenson

Executive Headteacher

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Children celebrating achievements:

Our stars of the week are:

Class 1: Harry & Joseph

Class 2: William G

Class 3: Freddie Millns

The Badger has been awarded to: Grace Harrison & Mary Hoskyns-Abrahall

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Fraser Proudlock

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Eve Cooper & Brooke Harrison

News from Class 1

The children have loved learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been talking about the different versions of the story and they have developed super understanding. We have been transforming our outdoor area into an amazing learning space, the children have named some of the areas 'Splash zone' and 'Our garden'. The children are looking forward to getting some inspiration for 'Our garden' when we visit Ravensworth Nurseries next week.

News from Class 2

Class 2 have been having lots of fun whilst learning; looking at recipes and baking. A big thank you to Rachel Hegarty who kindly came in and shared her amazing Malteser cake recipe with the children. We have been enjoying the cakes all week! The children wrote some amazing recipes and I am looking forward to trying them out soon with Rose! We have started our Year two SATs this week and the children have been working hard to complete the reading papers and spelling and grammar. Next week we will be completing the maths papers. I am

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very proud of our Year two children who are really trying hard to do the best that they can. Well done everyone.

News from Class 3

Firstly we need to say a big well done to the Year 6 pupils for their attitude and effort during SATs week. They were a real credit to you and the school and I'm sure all their hard work will be rewarded with some fantastic results. In Year 4 and 5 we have been working hard on play scripts. We have based our work on 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks. The children enjoyed planning, writing and re-drafting their work, but the greatest enjoyment came in acting out their plays. Mrs Stanwix spotted some real acting talent which will help us when it comes to casting our Summer production! In Maths we have continued to work on measurement, concentrating on solving problems.

Week commencing 22nd May 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 22nd May	Cricket with Mark Jobling – Chance to Shine All classes AM Tempest Photography group photos 1pm
Tuesday 23rd May	EH 5 year old pupil dental checks 10.00am Messy Church 3.30pm. All welcome
Wednesday 24th May	PE All classes AM Class 3 Music lessons Class 1 visiting Ravensworth Nurseries
Thursday 25th May	YR3,4,5 & 6 swimming lessons 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 26th May	EH Kirsty Hugill – School Health for Year 6 pupils 9.15am
Week commencing 29th May 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 29th May	Half term holidays
Tuesday 30th May	Half term holidays
Wednesday 31st May	Half term holidays
Thursday 1st June	Half term holidays
Friday 2nd June	Half term holidays

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
Sun 21st May	Muddy Monkeys obstacle course for all who have registered
Mon 5th June	Mrs Winter from St Francis Xavier School to meet YR6 pupils 1.15pm
Tues 4th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Ripon Cathedral 1.30-2.30pm. Letters to follow
Tues 4th July	Meet the Tutor evening at Richmond School 5pm - 7pm
Wed 5th July	Meet the Tutor evening at Richmond School 5pm - 7pm
Mon 10th, Tues, 11th, Wed 12th July	Year 6 Induction days at Richmond School
Wed 12th July	Year 6 induction day at St Francis Xavier School

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Newsham Carnival: The annual carnival is from Sunday 21st May until Saturday 3rd June, lots of events are taking place in and around Newsham village hall and village green. Fliers have been issued to all pupils for further details, please contact Val on 01833621019, Clare on 01833621423 or Rose on 01833 621300. Contributions of food and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated to be taken to the village hall on the day 10am – 12 noon, as per the flier.

Barningham Village Fete: This takes place at Barningham Park Gardens on Sunday 18th June from 11am until 3pm. There will be a motor car rally, a miniature railway, treasure hunt, live music, beer tent, and much, much more. For any queries, please contact nmilbank@barninghamestate.com or telephone 01833 621343. Proceeds in aid of Barningham village hall & Barningham village church.

Wider Opportunities Music event: Letters are being issued to all parents of pupils in Class 3 today giving details of a concert that has been arranged for our pupils to perform on for Wednesday 14th June at Richmond School. As this is a big event, numbers of people attending are required and Richmond School have asked if we can provide these quickly so that they can ensure that their premises are in compliance with fire regulations. If we could have your response before we break up next week that would be very helpful.

Year 5 & 6 Residential trip to Longrigg 16th – 20th October 2017: Thank you to everyone who has returned their initial consent forms for this trip, indicating whether their child would be attending. There are still a few parents who have not yet responded. If you are able to give us an indication as to whether your child is interested, this would be a great help for our planning.

And finally..... There has been much celebration amongst the children who attend Mrs Richmond's Dance School – The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy. After a mammoth all day exam session on Saturday 8th April where over 100 exams took place in our school hall, Mrs Richmond is delighted to advise you that everyone passed with flying colours. The results were the best ever achieved with over half attaining the highest mark of Honours and the rest attaining either Highly commended or commended. There was a definite 'buzz' in the school the morning after the results were announced! A big 'well done' to each and every child who worked so hard and reaped their rewards, we have some very talented dancers in the Richmond area!

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