

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

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**Newsletter**  
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Summer Term 1 Issue 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and welcome back to the sunshine! It has been lovely to see the children making use of our amazing setting this week and playing games and enjoying PE on the field. School has been very busy and the children have dived straight back into their learning about 'Explorers and Adventurers' this week.

Just a reminder that to ensure we stay safe in the sun, please can you make sure your child/ren have a water bottle and sun-hat in school. During periods of sunny weather, it is advisable to apply long-lasting sunscreen before school and then if children do need to reapply, please bring sunscreen in a named bottle. We always encourage children to apply their own sunscreen, but staff will help the younger children re-apply to arms, legs, faces and necks if required. Thank you for your support with this (and I hope I haven't jinxed it and made it rain from now on!).

It seems a long time ago now, but our Easter Lunch and Easter performance of The Story of the Three Trees were amazing. Thank you to Brenda for a delicious lunch and to Class 2 who performed brilliantly - especially our soloists; Mary, Rose, Adam and Grace. A special mention for Miss Crisp who did a great job directing the children and to Mrs Hull and Mrs Godfrey who worked so hard behind the scenes and to Mrs Susan Stanwix for the magnificent music.



We have such an amazing school and Class 1 setting we would love to share this and if you know of anyone who is unhappy with their Reception class offer then please give us a call as we do have spaces in all Reception and KS1 classes.

Due to the success of 'Fitness Friday' during Sports Relief, the children have requested that Fitness Friday happens every week. Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 children who have led the activities today.

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It's new **'Words of the Week'** time! Every two weeks, four words will be shared in Monday's Collective Worship and during those next two weeks children will be encouraged to use those words. The words can be used in conversation and in any written work and school staff will be listening and looking out to select their favourite uses to share in Celebration Worship each Friday. We hope you will take part at home too!

### Words of the Weeks:



**This weeks words are: scenic, diverse, remote and hectic. Perfect for describing lovely sunny scenery, exciting Easter holidays and first weeks back at school!**

I have received very positive feedback about how we communicate your child's progress every half term using the Individual Summary Assessment Report. Your child will be bringing this home again today, with details about their recent achievement and how you can help at home. If you would like to discuss anything on the report, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child/ren's class teacher.

I must say thank you to our amazing staff who give up their time to offer exciting extra-curricular clubs which start next week and continue until the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> July. There will be no IT Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, due to Messy Church – so please don't forget to book your child/ren into Messy Church- it promises to be great fun.

We operate an open door policy at Ravensworth Church of England Primary School and for day to day enquiries, please contact Mrs Richmond in the school office or your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Kindest regards,

*Sharon Stevenson*

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### News from Class 1

We would like to welcome Miss Galloway to our class 1 team. She is a student from Durham University and will be working with us over the next 9 weeks. In Class 1 we have been working hard with place value in Maths and children have really impressed me with their counting and learning of number bonds. In Science we have been classify and sorting animals as well as learning about them.

### News from Class 2

I am still brimming with pride after the children's Easter service. They are such a pleasure to work with and an amazing little team. Our topic this week is Explorers and the children are very excited to be learning about explorers from the past and present. Just to let you know, PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday and both will be outdoors so please ensure they have correct kit.

### News from Class 3

In Class 3 we have launched straight into our learning for what promises to be another busy term. Mr Irons, a student from Durham University, has joined us for the next 9 weeks. He will be teaching the class most of the time although I am working with the Year 6 on some SATs preparation, particularly in the mornings. I will still be very much involved in the class though, working with groups and individuals. Our main History topic this half term is Ancient Greece and we will hopefully be working towards our own ancient Olympics later in the term.

Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	EH
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	PE lessons all classes (AM) <b>All PE kits needed</b> Lunchtime cricket club with Craig Marshall YR 3,4,5,6 After school IT club with Mrs Petch YR 3,4,5,6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	EH Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm After School Orienteering club with Miss Crisp YR 3,4,5,6 UKMT Maths challenge Richmond School 4.00pm - selected pupils
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	After school Science club with Mrs Dobinson YR R, 1,2
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	EH Photographer in school for new school website UKMT Maths challenge at Richmond School – selected pupils 1pm

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Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		<b>EH</b> PE lessons all classes (AM) <b>All PE kits needed</b> Lunchtime cricket club with Craig Marshall YR 3,4,5,6 After school IT club with Mrs Petch YR 3,4,5,6
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		After School Orienteering club with Miss Crisp YR 3,4,5,6 UKMT Maths challenge Richmond School 4.00pm - selected pupils
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		<b>EH</b> After school Science club with Mrs Dobinson YR R, 1,2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		
<b>Future Dates</b> More details will usually follow but information for your diary		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Messy Church 3.15 - 5.00pm	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Tempest Photography in school for group class photographs 1.00pm	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Sat's week	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – letters to follow soon	

**Great North Air Ambulance Bag Collection:-** This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8.30am at Ravensworth Village Hall. An e-mail was issued to all parents advising that it is fine to leave filled bags in the usual bus shelters the previous night as long as they are there before 6.30pm. It is not necessary for pupils to have one of the Great North Air Ambulance collection bags and so these are not now being sent out individually. Please fill normal black bin bags with your items, you are able to fill as many as you wish - the more bags we collect, the more funds will be raised for our pupils.

**The Georgian Theatre Pantomime:-** This year's pantomime at the theatre is Sleeping Beauty. Is your child a strong performer who likes to sing and dance? If they are between the ages of 8 – 18 and would like to audition for a part in one of the three teams of children who are required, auditions are taking place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 5-7pm at the theatre. Registration is essential via e-mail to [admin@georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk](mailto:admin@georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk) or call 01748 823710. Mrs Richmond has a number of students from her Dance Academy auditioning so she will be there for 'moral support' if needed!

**Mini Movers, Tiny Tutus & Moo Music:-** Lots going on at The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy, new classes have begun for very young children from the age of 2 years. Mrs Richmond and her team have lessons in Ballet, Tap, Modern, Acrobatics, Street, Freestyle, Line Dancing and much more at various locations in and around Richmond & Catterick

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every day including weekends so please contact her for more details. If our parents are looking for a new hobby why not try one of our very popular adult Ballet or Tap classes? More details on request or message via The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy facebook page.

**New half term:-** As we have now completed our first week back at school. Please could we remind everyone that your Parentpay accounts for lunches, juice and milk must be kept in credit. There is an option to click on a box within the system which will alert you when your accounts are running low. Please could we ask everyone to opt into this so that the need for reminders from school is reduced. A text message was issued at the end of last term advising that milk & juice payments were due for payment on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks for your help.

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