

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

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Newsletter  
Together, Stronger.



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Dear Parents & Carers

The last two weeks in school have been super and I feel it is a privilege to see the children working hard and enjoying all the extra curricular clubs that are now well under way. One of my highlights this week was watching (and listening to) Lorna and Elizabeth enjoying the sunshine in our wonderful setting and the children in Class 1 using our new resources creatively...



I am delighted that all of our Year 6's who took part in Bikeability passed and are now safe to be let out on the roads! Well done Robert, Thomas, Emmaly, Evie and Lucy.

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Class 2 are now the 'biggest' class in Ravensworth and they are enjoying lots of space in the old 'Class 3'...



Class 3 have already had three music lessons with Mrs Evans are learning, 'Mr Blue Sky' - much to Robert's delight. It is lovely to hear their music making on a Tuesday afternoon.

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There has been much in the news and on social media recently about the changes to assessment in primary school and I just wanted to let you know that the children in our school have performed above the national average in KS1 and KS2 in almost all areas, except in the percentage of children reaching the expected standard in maths. This really is something to celebrate. Our children are amazing!

However, as a result of this, maths is a key priority for our school improvement plan this year, with a special focus on improving reasoning and problem solving. Our school improvement priorities this year also include:

- **To improve progress in writing and mathematics and progress of vulnerable groups**
- **To continue to develop and enhance the school curriculum**
- **To raise the profile of SMSC and British values within the Church school**

**Key Plan 1:** To increase the percentage of children making expected or more than expected progress in writing through a focus on English grammar, punctuation and spelling, greater evidence of extended pieces of writing and writing for a wider variety of audiences.

**Key Plan 2:** To increase the percentage of pupils making expected or more than expected progress in maths. Ensure provision allows for the majority of pupils to make accelerated progress and meet targets in maths with a focus on improving problem solving and reasoning.

**Key Plan 3:** To ensure that vulnerable groups, including middle and high prior attaining pupils, disadvantaged pupils, and SEN children all make expected or more than expected progress from their individual starting points.



**Key Plan 4:** Continue to develop and enhance the school's curriculum with a particular focus on IT (including digital communication), Science and the creative arts.

It is still my intention that every child in the school should get the opportunity to represent the school in a sports competition this year and to ensure that our children experience a really wide variety of sporting activities. This half term we already have teams and classes entered for Y5/6 boys and girls football, Year 3 / 4 football, Year 5/6 netball and Reception and Year 1 / 2 multiskills and it is lovely to see Nathan teaching football skills and Miss Crisp getting very competitive teaching netball!

There is quite a lot happening on an evening next week, including Open Evenings at Richmond School and SFX for Year 5 and 6 parents and our Longrigg Parents Meeting which is being held at Melsonby Methodist School on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm (please see below for further details).

And finally... don't forget parents, carers, friends and family are all welcome to join us for Community Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon from 2.40pm- 3.00pm. Come along and enjoy a song, a prayer and a celebration of the week in school.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Sharon Stevenson  
Executive Headteacher

### **Ravensworth**

**Children celebrating achievements this week:**

**Our stars of the week for last week were:**

**Class 1: Alanna & Max**

**Class 2: Will & Rose**

**Class 3: Jake**

**The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup last week was: Robert**

**Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Alanna**

#### **News from Class 1**

The children have been working hard to understand numbers and comparing them to each other. The children have enjoyed using different equipment to show me their fabulous knowledge of numbers. In Literacy, they have been writing information 'all about me' and I have loved finding out about their pets and favourite things.

#### **News from Class 2**

I can't believe how fast this term is travelling! The children have been working so hard learning about their bodies and I have just finished marking some excellent reports about the eye. This week class 2 have been rounding numbers and much fun was had trying to find all the possible numbers that would round to each 10. They have also practised writing numbers in words by writing some very expensive cheques – I will be trying to cash in my millions at the weekend! Children have been loving their French lessons, learning the parts of the body and counting up to 20 in French.

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### News from Class 3

Class 3 have been busy with our work on Our Beautiful Bodies for the past few weeks including learning where our organs are placed and the main jobs they are responsible for. We have just begun looking at how our diet can effect some of these organs for the better or worse. In Maths it has been all about numbers and we are developing our skills in explaining why an answer is right or wrong or even when there is more than one correct answer. During English lessons we are linking in some of our Science work to help us write in a scientific way using expanded noun phrases to make an explanation clearer.



| Week commencing Monday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2017 | Ravensworth<br>EH = Executive Head in school  |
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| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>                           | <b>EH</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>                          | KS1 Multi-skills event (Class 1) at Richmond School (am)<br>PE Classes 2 & 3 with Nathan<br>Year 6 Open evening at Richmond School                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>                        | <b>EH</b><br>Rev Kirby for collective worship (pm)  |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>                         | Parent's evening YR5 & 6 Longrigg Residential at Melsonby School 5.30pm<br>Parent's evening for Year 6 at St Francis Xavier School doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start      |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>                           | <b>EH</b><br>Football Tournament Richmond School 1-4pm individual letters have been issued to pupils involved<br>MacMillan coffee morning at Barton School 9.15-10.15am |
| Week commencing Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>October<br>2017    | Ravensworth<br>EH = Executive Head in School  |
| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>                             |   |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>                            | <b>EH</b><br>PE all classes with Nathan   |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                          |   |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                           | <b>EH</b>   |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                             | Football tournament at Richmond School 1-4pm. Letters for selected pupils have been issued today  |

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| Future Dates<br>More details will usually follow but information for your diary | Ravensworth   |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>  | Absolute deadline for all Longrigg payments<br>YR5/6 girls football tournament at Richmond School 1-4pm. Letters to selected pupils have been issued today. |
| <b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> -Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                             | Year 5 & 6 Longrigg Residential *parents please return consent & medical forms* thank you   |
| <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>  | Year 6 visit to RAF Leeming Crucial Crew (am)– letters have been issued, please return your consent forms promptly  |
| <b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>   | Tempest Photography for individual photos. Pre-school siblings are welcome <b>no earlier than 2.15pm</b>  |

**Jeans for Genes Day** – Many thanks to everyone who wore their jeans to school today, we have raised £47.80 so far. There is still an opportunity for everyone to donate to this very worthy cause in aid of Cystic Fibrosis, if you would still like to send in a donation, please do so in an envelope on Monday all donations are gratefully received. Many thanks

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