

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

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson



Newsletter
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Dear Parents & Carers

Firstly, I would like to say a huge congratulations to all our violin and cello players, who excelled themselves at the music concert at Richmond School last Wednesday. I was so proud of their singing, playing and confident performances and most of all their huge smiles: they really were awesome! Our school gave Mrs Evans a bouquet of flowers to say thank you for pulling the whole thing together so well and making it such a memorable evening for all. I would also like to say thank you to Mrs Susan Stanwix, Mr Smith, Miss Crisp and Mrs Dobinson for giving up their evening to support our wonderful children.



I am upgrading the IT equipment in school, so as well as having a class set of learnpads, the children will have a class set of new laptops to enhance their learning in Computing. I would like to say a big thank you to School Friends, who have kindly donated £2000 towards the laptops. The Friends really would appreciate your support: at meetings, at one of the many events or providing a raffle prize the upcoming Summer Fair and BBQ.

It is the first of our transition days for our New Reception Starters on Thursday 29th June at 1pm, and I know you will join me in a big Ravensworth welcome to: Elizabeth, Holly, Max, Lorna, Edward, Louis, Effie & Mylo also and to Freddie who joins us in Year 2 in

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September and their families and wish them well as they start their first steps along the Ravensworth School journey.

Your views about the proposal to convert to academy status and to join the Dales Academies Trust are really important to us and I do hope you can come along to the meeting at school on Tuesday 11th July at 4pm. If you are unable to attend, you can share your views by completing a short survey on our school website www.ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Our musical performance on Thursday 29th June will take place from 6pm-7pm as twenty six children and their parents are willing to come along and support our school. Although there are only a small number of children, they make an amazing sound and you are in for a treat! Refreshments will be available for both adults and children.

And finally, congratulations to all of our dancers from Mrs Richmond's dance school - The Rhythm & Shoes Dance Academy, who performed beautifully for their parents last weekend at the examination awards presentation events. The exam results were fantastic and we are so proud of you all.



Mrs Richmond would also like to congratulate her students on their wonderful performances at the panto auditions last Tuesday, she is pleased to announce that

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two of her pupils were successful (82 children auditioned for 18 places) and they will be performing in The Wizard of Oz ,pantomime at The Georgian Theatre at the end of this year. We hope that you are able to go along to see what we are sure will be a lovely panto.

I am so proud that we have so much to celebrate!

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

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Children celebrating achievements this week:

Our stars of the week are:

Class 1: Ruby & Lucas

Class 2: Zak

Class 3: Cecelia, Freddie & Nathan

The Badger was awarded to: Henry

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup was: Emily Tennant

Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Rose

News from Class 1:-

Class 1 have been listening to the story of Pocahontas and acting out scenes. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about her life and comparing it to their own lives. They have been creating a small Indian settlement in the small world area and it is lovely to see them re-enact Pocahontas life. We have a new water tray in our outdoor area and the children have loved exploring the different levels and how to transport water from one side to the other.

News from Class 2:-

Class 2 have been busy designing their Totem Poles whilst learning about America. I have some excellent artists in the class and am looking forward to our end class Totem Pole! They have also been learning about habitats and had great fun designing a home for a ladybird! One group even designed a play area and another an area to lay eggs and raise the babies! I have included a few for you to enjoy too.



News from Class 3:-

Class 3 continue to work hard in all aspects of school life. In the classroom we have been looking at Native Americans (producing some excellent presentations) and also some of the outlaws of the Wild West, for which we made some 'Wanted' posters! However, the reason for which I am really proud of the class at the moment is their performance in the Music

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Festival at Richmond School. The behaviour and attitude was excellent, and the evening performance really showed our children at their best. Despite the heat inside the hall, their performance in the Strings and Choir was excellent. Well done!

Week commencing 26th June 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 26th June	EH Cricket (A chance to Shine) AM all classes
Tuesday 27th June	EH Archery after school club, individual pupils concerned 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 28th June	Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans Tempest Photography photo order collection 8.30am Any late orders must be sent direct to Tempest please.
Thursday 29th June	New Reception pupils 1.00-3pm. Swimming lessons Year 3/4/5&6. A musical evening performed by our pupils 6 – 7pm everyone welcome
Friday 30th June	
Week commencing 3rd July 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 3rd July	Cricket (A chance to shine) AM all classes
Tuesday 4th July	EH Class 3 music lessons with Sue Evans - day changed for this week only Year 6 leaver's Service Ripon Cathedral 1.30-2.30pm Archery after school club 3.15-4.15pm Meet the Tutor evening Richmond School. Any queries, please contact Richmond School.
Wednesday 5th July	Meet the Tutor evening Richmond School - second date. Any queries, please contact Richmond School.
Thursday 6th July	EH New Reception pupils 1-3pm Year 3,4,5&6 swimming lessons. Year 6 Parent's evening SFX. Any queries, please contact SFX School.
Friday 7th July	School reports are being issued to parents.

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
Sunday 25th June	Messy Church family service at Dalton village hall 10.30am
Mon 10th - Wed 12th July	Year 6 Induction Days at Richmond School
Tuesday 11th July	Academies Parent's Information Evening 4pm
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6 Induction day at St Francis Xavier School

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Thursday 13th July	Year 6 disco at Richmond School 17.00 - 19.30
Friday 14th July	Year 6 leaver's trip to Forbidden Corner
Tuesday 18th July	Sports Day – Skip2Bfit (letters with details to follow)
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly & lunch

Communication: all schools are now in the midst of an incredibly busy time of year, dealing with the academic end of year tasks that all have specific deadlines which must be met by staff. All letters that are issued are clearly marked with the date that responses need to be received at school, however, on a regular basis, we receive late replies which is creating problems with administration. May we please request the help of all parents and guardians to reply quickly as it is very time consuming issuing reminders. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Over recent weeks, Mrs Richmond has received a number calls to her personal mobile with queries relating to school matters out of school time. May we please request that anyone with an enquiry relating to school ring the school number of 01325 718375, there is an answerphone in operation. If there is no one available to take the call immediately, your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fundraising for Cancer Research: we have been informed that Kimberley and Charlotte Dobinson are having their hair cut into a 'bob' on 4th July and that their long hair will be donated to 'The Little Princess Trust' which provides wigs for children suffering hair loss. The girls are being sponsored and the funds raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. A 'Just Giving' page is available at www.justgiving.com, which is quick and easy to use for anyone who would like to donate, please visit the page and type in Sharon Dobinson to locate the details required.

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