

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

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Newsletter
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Friday 8th June

Summer Term 2 Issue 1

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to say a huge Ravensworth welcome to Elizabeth Collins in Year 2, who started her Ravensworth journey with us on Monday. We are also looking forward to her little brother Thomas starting in Reception in September. I am over the moon to have Mrs Dobinson back with us in Class 1, we have really missed her. However, I must say heartfelt thanks to every one of our amazing team at Ravensworth who have ensured that the children in Class 1 have been having fun, learning and making great progress.

Class 3 celebrated the end of their learning about the Greeks with a Greek Day and the Gods looked down on us and blessed us with a Greek feast, Olympic games and sunshine.... well... maybe not!



Thank you for all your hard work with the costumes... the children looked amazing and so did Mr Irons and Mrs Petch. A special thank you to Mr Irons for organising such a lovely day.

This half-term's whole school creative curriculum theme is 'Beachbombers' and we are launching the learning with a 'beach' day, to inspire the children and hook them into the topic. The children from Barton will join us at Ravensworth this afternoon for beach games, sandcastle competitions, paddling fun and making ice-lollies! Our landing pad activity will be a whole school trip to one of our regions favourite beaches – Whitby. I have already enjoyed reading Class 2's recounts of the Endeavour sailing into Whitby harbour this week. We are so fortunate to have Mark Jobling from the Yorkshire Cricket Board teaching the children cricket this half term. He is amazing and the children made so much progress whilst having loads of fun this week! Responsibility is our Christian value this half term.

Barton

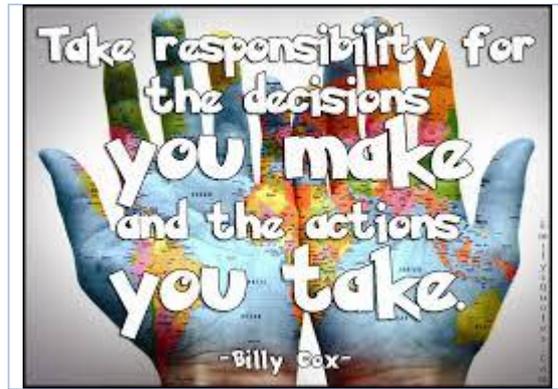
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The children are having fun and progressing through the heats of the tennis tournament during playtimes and lunchtimes and we can't wait to find out who will be in the final on Sports day, which is next Friday 15th June. Please join us for our traditional picnic at 12 noon, followed by the tennis final and races at 1pm.

Please keep spreading the news that on July 15th 2018 it will be 50 years since Ravensworth Church of England Primary School opened its doors and we are planning to have a 50 year anniversary reunion celebration on the afternoon of Saturday 14th July (including a veterans tennis tournament and Friends BBQ). 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.

Next week sees the last of our Statutory Assessments – Year 1 phonics screening. This will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week and will be administered in a very positive and informal manner, part of everyday classroom practise. Your Year 1 child will probably not even know they have taken place. Next week also sees the beginning of our transition activities for our new Reception starters with a meeting for parents on Tuesday 12th June at 6pm followed by a programme of visits and activities.

Words of the week this week are:



The words for the next two weeks fit perfectly with our upcoming sports day!

They are: ambitious, ecstatic, encouraging and contented. We have lots of *ambitious* athletes who feel *ecstatic* about winning trophies. I can't wait to see everyone *encouraging* each other, although as long as the weather is nice I'll feel *contented*.

Keep practising those 'Joseph' songs for our upcoming whole-school production on Tuesday 26th June.

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Kindest regards,

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News from Class 1

Class One have had a fabulous start to this half term with each and every one of them showing a mature and positive attitude towards their learning – we are very excited about our 'beachcombers' topic and are looking forward to learning more about the seaside. The Year 1's have impressed me this week with their ability to work together to create an acrostic poem, complete with an abundance of adjectives and alliteration. Alongside this, Reception gave an amazing performance of 'The Gingerbread Man' on Thursday and were able to retell the story with confidence and charisma. In Science this week, we completed a flower and plants hunt around the school grounds and dissected our own plants to learn more about the different parts and functions – it was very interesting, and the children were all so well behaved.



News from Class 2

Class 2 have had a great start to this half term and are already enjoying the beachcombing topic. They have watched and written about the Endeavour entering Whitby harbour and played a big part in organising our very exciting beach afternoon. They are currently outside enjoying fish and chips so I am off to join them in my deck chair!



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News from Class 3

Before half term Class 3 finished off their topic with an Ancient Greek day. The children completed Maths problems based around the ideas of Pythagoras, had a debate and competed in a mini Olympics! The day ended with an Ancient Greek banquet which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

On the first week back Class 3 have been measuring and learning about reproduction in plants. The children have started to write a letter to Mrs Stevenson persuading her to organise a school trip to Whitby. I would also like to thank all of those who have helped the tennis tournament run smoothly.

A quick reminder about homework: We set it on a Friday and it needs to be in by the following Wednesday so we have time to mark it. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Week commencing Monday 11th June 2018	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 11th June	*Year 1 phonics screening week*
Tuesday 12th June	EH PE lessons (AM) all classes PE kits required for all pupils Lunchtime cricket club After school KS2 IT club with Mrs Petch 3.15-4.15pm Parent's evening for new Reception pupils 6pm
Wednesday 13th June	After school rounders club with Miss Crisp 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 14th June	EH Sandra Johnson from Richmond School to visit our Year 6 pupils 1pm After school KS1 Science club 3.15-4.15pm
Friday 15th June	Sports Day with Skip2B fit. Parents are welcome to bring a packed lunch at 12.00noon. Usual races etc begin at 1pm.
Week commencing 18th June 2018	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 18th June	EH
Tuesday 19th June	PE all classes (AM) Lunchtime cricket club After school KS2 IT club with Mrs Petch 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 20th June	EH Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2.40pm After school Rounders club with Miss Crisp 3.15 - 4.15pm
Thursday 21st June	After school KS1 Science club 3.15-4.15pm
Friday 22nd June	EH

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
Tues 26th June	KS2 production Joseph & his Technicolour Dream Coat 1.30pm and 6pm
Thurs 28th June	New Reception pupils 9.00am - 12.00noon
Tues 3rd July	Year 6 Leaver's Service at Ripon Cathedral. Please note change of date from last newsletter Messy church 3.15-5.00pm Meet the Tutor evening at Richmond School 6pm (first date)
Wed 4th July	Meet the Tutor evening at Richmond School 6pm (second date)
Mon 9th, Tues, 10th & Wed 11th July	Year 6 transition days at Richmond School. Pupils to go straight to Richmond School – letters to follow. Year 6 disco at Richmond School
Thurs 12th July	Bike Day at school
Fri 13th July	School reports to be issued to parents
Fri 20th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service in School 10.00am. Please note change of date as above

Sports Day – This takes place next Friday 15th June and has been included in the dates above. Letters were e-mailed to everyone on Tuesday giving details of the arrangements for the day. Pupils who normally have a school lunch will be given a picnic lunch, if parents want to come along and bring their own picnic to eat whilst their children have their school picnic they are welcome from 12.00noon. Pupils who normally have a packed lunch have been invited to have a school lunch if they wish. To reduce disruption and interruptions in the office – access to sports day will be by the wooden gate at the back of the staff room. Please follow the signs!

If you are coming to sports day, please remember to advise us to take your child off the bus list.

Start of day – We have a number of children who are arriving at school very early. Please could we remind all parents & guardians that our staff are on duty from **8.20am** although staff are on site before this time, they are preparing classrooms, and lessons and so are not available to supervise children. To avoid accidents or incidents, may we please ask everyone not to drop off children and drive away before 8.20am. Many thanks.

School uniforms – We are now coming to the end of the stock that we are holding in school but still have some items including book bags for sale. The school shop website at <http://www.school-shop.co.uk> is now live and taking orders from parents who wish to have their uniforms delivered directly to their door. We also have some boxes of second hand uniform in the school hall which are available for a donation to school funds.

Lost property – there is a box in the school library which is beginning to over flow. It's amazing what finds its way into this box. Despite reminders to pupils to have a look for lost items, it is still quite full. Unfortunately staff have very little time to search through this but if you wish to pop in at the end of school for a rummage, please feel free!

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School photographs - The proofs of the group photographs that were taken by Tempest Photography will be issued to pupils who are on the photographs on Monday. The absolute deadline for orders is next Friday 15th June. All orders are required in the Tempest envelope please don't send the order and payment in to us loose. Orders are collected by courier and so no late requests can be accommodated at school, however, they can be sent directly to Tempest but will be subject to a postage & packing charge.

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