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Dear Parents & Carers,

Our school has been quite a busy place to be over the past couple of weeks. The Governors and I have been monitoring learning and behaviour in classrooms during lessons and also outside at break times - (which was especially chilly)! I am very pleased to inform everyone that we have seen lots of evidence of good and outstanding behaviour, we have had lots of positive feedback which is fantastic.

Our Year 6 pupils have worked really hard in their SATS booster lessons which began this week. Miss Yarrow made a point of informing me how well they had worked. Well done children, we are really proud of you all!

Just a little reminder that next Tuesday there is an information evening at school for all parents commencing at 5pm. During the evening we will discuss Year 1 phonics, KS1 and KS2 statutory assessments. We would like to invite all parents to come along and join us so that you have the necessary information to assist your child with their learning.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

Ravensworth

Children celebrating achievements this week:

Our stars of the week are:

Class 1: Joseph and Samuel

Class 2: Amy Calvert, Matthew Cooper, Will Hegarty

Class 3: Thomas Smith

The Badger has been awarded to: Amy Calvert

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Alex Metcalfe

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Toby Antoncich

News from Class 1

The children continue to enjoy retelling 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt with actions and gave a special performance to class 2 during collective worship this week. Michael Rosen is becoming a firm favourite in class 1. The children have loved watching him perform his poem 'Chocolate Cake'. Due to the popularity of this poem and bear hunt we decided to write letters to Michael Rosen telling him

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about our favourite parts of the story or the poem. We hope to write these letters up neatly in order to send to Michael Rosen himself.

Some of the children have chosen to use the laptops to type labels for our bear hunt display and are enjoying the educational games on topmarks maths and topmarks English on the computer.

Last week, the year 1s became robots to be guided along a path instructed by each other. Left and right is still quite tricky! They then wrote instructions to guide a robot along the path. I was so impressed with their perseverance as this was a lot of writing to undertake!

Thank you very much for the junk modelling materials you have sent in.



News from Class 2

Class 2 have been loving their adventure story writing and today, they finally get to write their stories based on the David Weisman picture book, Flotsam. They have been so inspired by his magical, detailed pictures; I can't wait to read their end stories. They have also been enjoying learning about Monet and I have included some pictures of them whilst colour mixing paints to make their own version of the 'water lillies'.



News from Class 3

Class 3 have been learning to construct good arguments this week in English so watch for that at the weekend! They have had some very successful results in school! The booster sessions are going down really well with the children and there is some really enthusiastic learning taking place. The football coach on a Tuesday has brought learning about healthy lifestyles to life and the children are really enjoying learning about their bodies in practical, fun ways.

Week commencing
30th January 2017

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Monday 30th Jan	Please note Mrs Richmond is not in school today. If you have an urgent query, please leave a message on our answerphone and a member of staff will return your call.
Tuesday 31st Jan	EH 1.00pm Class 3 Sport, move & learn project 5pm Parents information evening YR1 Phonics, KS1 & KS2 statutory assesments. All welcome
Wednesday 1st Feb	PE all classes (am) 10.00 - 11.00 am Class 3 Music lessons
Thursday 2nd Feb	EH
Friday 3rd Feb	
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Monday 6th Feb	EH?
Tuesday 7th Feb	EH 3.15 - 5pm Messy Church
Wednesday 8th Feb	PE all classes (am) 10.00 - 11.00 Class 3 Music lessons
Thursday 9th Feb	EH
Friday 10th Feb	9.15am Class 3 visit to High Force in collaboration with Barton Class 3. Individual letters were issued on 25 th Jan. 7.30pm School Friends Race night at Newsham Village Hall. Tickets £3.50 including a pie & pea supper available from Amanda Antoncich 07837406957. This is usually a very popular night!

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
Thursday 4 th May	YR3,4,5 & 6 swimming lessons begin for 10 weeks at Richmond Pool.

School holidays 2017-2018: We have been advised by County hall that we are unable to have Tuesday 5th September 2017 or Monday 30th October 2017 as planned and so instead the new dates are Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July 2018. An amended holiday list has been uploaded onto our website for information. Please feel free to download and print a copy for your records.

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Cello Lessons: We are very lucky to have Andy Wardle giving private music lessons in school each week. He is a professional musician who also teaches pupils at Richmond School and has indicated that he has places available for any pupil in Year 3 and above who would be interested in learning to play the cello. A copy of his information letter is available by request from Mrs Richmond.

Messy Church: Our next Messy Church will take place on Tuesday 7th Feb. This is open to everyone, including parents, grandparents & carers so please feel free to come along and join in. All we ask is that you inform us in advance (preferably before Tuesday 7th Feb) how many children & adults will be attending so that our volunteers have an indication of how many that they need to cater for. Many thanks.

Swimming lessons: Thank you to all parents who responded to our text messages regarding swimming lessons for pupils in Year 3 and upwards. The majority of parents indicated that their children would like to attend. Lessons have been booked to begin on **Thursday 4th May** for 10 weeks until **Thursday 13th July** at Richmond Pool from 1.30 - 2.30pm. We have booked 3 swimming instructors and pupils will be grouped according to ability. A letter giving notification of charges will be issued in due course.

Race Night: Newsham Village Hall 7.30pm on Friday 10th February. Tickets are available from Mrs Antoncich at the bargain price of £3.50 each which also includes a pie & pea supper. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

Fundraising: Our School Friends are always actively seeking new ways of raising much needed funds for our pupils which are used towards those 'little extras' such as trips, treats, xmas gifts and many more. In the new 'on-line world' most of us shop on the internet. If you would be kind enough to join the Ravensworth School Friends donation site, free of charge at easyfundraising.org.uk/ravensworthschoolfriendsassociation your school will benefit from each purchase you make. We greatly appreciate all of the help that our School Friends give us. A lot of time and effort goes into organising events in aid of school funds and as they say 'many hands make less work'. So if you or any member of your family would like to give a little free time to help, please let us know and we will pass on your details to a member of our School Friends Association.

School grounds & Ravensworth Castle: Last Saturday we had two children in the school grounds on the play equipment. These children had also been exploring Ravensworth Castle in the next field. The children live in a nearby village and so had made a special trip to Ravensworth. Please could all parents remind their children that our school grounds are out of bounds when school is closed. More concerning is the exploration of Ravensworth Castle, as it is surrounded by marsh land and is in a dangerous condition. It is privately owned and so is not open to the general public. If the dangers could be pointed out to your children we would very much appreciate it. Many thanks.

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