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Newsletter
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Dear Parents & Carers,

I must apologise that Mrs Richmond was not able to upload the final newsletter of last half term with photographs due to the power cut we had. So this week's newsletter is an amalgamation of both... I know Y6 SATS were over a month ago, but...

I would like to say a huge well done to our Year Sixes, who survived SATS last week! Thank you to all of the children who have worked so hard to prepare themselves for doing their very best in these tests. They demonstrated a really positive attitude and a healthy and confident approach. Whatever the result, I am already very proud of you. My thanks to Mrs Amanda Monteith who did an amazing job serving breakfast every day and setting the children up well for the task ahead and to our Governors, Mrs Alison Brooks and Mrs Susannah Bateman who gave up their time to be readers and 'extra' adults. Here are the children letting off steam after maths paper 1 and 2 on Wednesday:



After working hard all week it was lovely to share some down time with them on Friday and treat them to an ice-cream at Mainsgill... Francis and I loved the banana and mango flavour but chocolate was the most popular by far.



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They also enjoyed their well-deserved Leavers Lunch on Wednesday and we were entertained by 'toasts' from Will, Eve, Finn and Jack. A huge thank you to Brenda who made four different lunches and three different desserts for the children. We are so lucky that Brenda is part of our team and wish her well for her upcoming operation. We will miss her over the next few weeks and look forward to seeing her in September.



I am delighted to announce that after a rigorous recruitment process, the Governors and I have appointed an outstanding, experienced Y6 and KS2 teacher for Class 3 for September 2017. The Year 4 and 5 children, who took part in the interview process, agreed that Mrs Petch was their favourite and the majority of the school council agreed too... However, the fact that she supported Sunderland didn't go down too well with some of the boys... but Mrs Petch swiftly redeemed herself when she said her favourite cake was chocolate cake! Mrs Kirstie Petch will be a great asset to our strong staff team and you will all get an opportunity to meet her towards the end of the Summer Term.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Smith on his new job for September 2017 at Wolsingham Primary School. Mr Smith is enjoying his time at Ravensworth and will stay with us until the end of term.

At Ravensworth School we pride ourselves on being able to offer a really wide variety of sporting activities and competitions. This term the children have already had the opportunity to have fun and learn new cricket skills with Mark Jobling from the 'Chance to Shine' cricket scheme and he will be with us until the end of the year. Hopefully, we will be able to get out onto the field next Monday! Also, we have recently had our school grounds digitally mapped for an orienteering course and the children will be focusing on outdoor adventurous activity next half term, as well our

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Sports Day with Dave from Skip2BFit. Children in Class 1 and Class 3 will be taking part in an orienteering workshop on Tuesday 13th May so please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Some of the children are very keen to weed the raised beds and get planting. They enjoyed pulling the rhubarb and Brenda made rhubarb crumble with our very own rhubarb for pudding on Wednesday! Jack and Morgan have already planted some little gem lettuce and some tomatoes. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Vaughan for donating plants for our raised beds and for Mr & Mrs Bell who have been across to help the children plant them. This warm and wet weather is perfect for growing conditions – but not much good for our cricket practice.



My congratulations go to all those who took part in the UKMT Gifted and Talented maths challenge: for their commitment and conduct both in the preparatory sessions and on the Challenge Day itself. Well done to James Tallantire and Will Brown who scored highly (and narrowly missed a Bronze award by one mark) and will receive a certificate, to Owen Wardle who achieved a Bronze award and to Freddie Millns who achieved a Silver Award. For a Year 6 to be awarded any certificate in a challenge open to students up to Year 8 is really very impressive.

ESH Property Services are re-developing Oswin Grove in Gilling West and they visited school (along with their Mascot) to teach the children about building site safety and keeping ourselves safe in the community. All the children have been asked to design a safety poster for the chance to win prizes and the opportunity for the winning poster to be used on site. Please could all entries be returned by 20th June.



We are looking forward to the Cluster Music Event next Wednesday, when Class 3 will join over 200 primary school children to sing as one amazing choir and to perform on their stringed instruments as part of a primary school orchestra. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it promises to be a very emotional event.

And finally, I thought you might be interested to know that after learning about the general election and Democracy during Collective Worship and finding out about

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what each of the main parties have planned for education in their manifestos the children took part in a secret ballot. If it were up to Ravensworth School, the Green Party would be running our country today!

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

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Children celebrating achievements week of 26/05/17 were:

Stars of the week:

Class 1: Charlotte & Lucas

Class 2: Seb, Toby & Caitlin

Class 3: Lucy & Jack

The Badger was awarded to: Newsham United football team!

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup was: Grace Harrison

Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Brooke Harrison

News from Class 1

We have had a great start to the new term and we are excited about our 'Wild West' topic. We have a tepee in the classroom that has been invaded by an Indian settlement (small world) and the children are thoroughly enjoying the imaginative play. We are looking forward to creating our own weather forecast reports and performing them next week.

News from Class 2

I hope you all had a lovely half term; the weather (on the whole) was fantastic! The children are settling back into the school routine and are completing lots of writing. We are currently learning about adventure stories and I have to say, the children's descriptive writing has been excellent! In maths, children are learning about the value of numbers and ordering them. We have been doing a lot of problem solving and learning how strategies can help to solve problems. We will be continuing to learn about America with our topic, 'The Wild, Wild West'. Just a reminder, PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday this term so please encourage children to remember their PE kits.

News from Class 3

Back to school after a lovely break and we are getting ourselves ready for the second half of the Summer Term in Class 3. We were really glad to welcome Miss Yarrow back and she has been keeping Y6 busy all week. The Y6 Leaver's Lunch on Wednesday was a really enjoyable experience, however I think Will was getting a little too much enjoyment from having the teachers serve and wait on him!

Unfortunately due to the weather this week our Monday cricket session had to be indoors, but the children are really enjoying the time with Mark Jobling and we are working hard on improving our skills.

Year 4 and 5 have been doing some fantastic work on diaries based on our class novel, The Indian in the Cupboard. We will soon be starting a new unit of work on instructions. In Maths we have begun to work on fractions and decimals. We have been doing some interesting work on Native Americans, and are in the middle of producing some great PowerPoint presentations.

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Week commencing 12th June	Ravensworth
2017	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 12th June	Cricket (chance to shine) all classes AM Richmond School to see Year 6 pupils 2pm
Tuesday 13th June	EH Orienteering Class 1 & 3 PM Archery after school club 3.15-4.15pm selected pupils
Wednesday 14th June	EH Class 3 music lessons AM Class 3 music event Richmond School 2pm – 7pm
Thursday 15th June	EH Year 3/4/5 & 6 swimming lessons 1.30-2.30pm New Reception pupils Parent's Evening 6pm
Friday 16th June	
Week commencing 19th June	Ravensworth
2017	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 19th June	Cricket (chance to shine) all classes AM Uniform order for September deadline is today
Tuesday 20th June	Archery After school club 3.15-4.15pm selected pupils
Wednesday 21st June	EH Class 3 music lessons AM ESH stay Safe Competition entry deadline information given to pupils during an assembly before half term
Thursday 22nd June	Year 3/4/5 & 6 swimming lessons 1.30 - 2.30pm ESH Stay Safe site safety competition entries to be collected by ESH representative
Friday 23rd June	EH

Future Dates More details will usually	Ravensworth
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follow but information for your diary	
Sunday 25th June	Messy Church family service at Dalton village hall 10.30am
Thursday 29th June	New Reception pupils visit 1.00-3.00pm
Tuesday 4th July	Year 6 Leaver's service at Ripon Cathedral 1.30-2.30pm letters to follow next week. Meet the tutor evening at Richmond School
Wednesday 5th July	Meet the tutor evening at Richmond School
Thursday 6th July	Parent's evening St Francis Xavier School
Mon 10th, Tues, 11th, Wed 12th July	Year 6 Induction Days at Richmond School
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6 Induction Day at St Francis Xavier School
Thursday 13th July	Year 6 disco at Richmond School 17.00-19.30
Friday 14th July	Year 6 leaver's trip to Forbidden Corner (individual letters to follow) School Friends summer BBQ
Tuesday 18th July	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly & lunch

PE kits: as we have PE taking place most days, it is essential that your child has a full PE kit including suitable footwear in school at all times. Many thanks

Uniforms:- If there is anyone who would like to order new uniform items for September, there will be an order sent to our suppliers on **Monday 19th June**. Forms are available to download from our website or from Mrs Richmond in the office. Please order beforehand as uniform suppliers at this time of year are extremely busy and so unfortunately we will not be able to guarantee your items if orders are received after this date.

Contacting Mrs Stevenson : The diary above shows the days that I am in Ravensworth School, but I would just like to remind you that although I might not be in the building, I am the full time Executive Headteacher and can be contacted via phone or email anytime. I am always happy to communicate with parents, children and staff at anytime.

Headlice: We have been informed that a couple of our pupils have been treated for headlice. May we request that all parents check their child's hair regularly – preferably once a week and to treat as and when necessary to control the spread of these troublesome creatures.

Sainsbury's vouchers: Thank you to everyone who has donated their vouchers to us, Mrs Richmond will begin counting them next week so that we can cash them in and place an order for playtime/sports equipment for the children. Before she does, if anyone has any more vouchers lurking in purses and wallets, we would be very grateful of them by next Wednesday please as the more we have, the better equipment we are able to order.

Barningham village fete: takes place Sunday 18th June from 11am-3pm. Lots going on throughout the day, proceeds will be donated to Barningham village church & Barningham village hall. Everyone is welcome. Please contact 01833 621343 for further details.

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