

27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the holiday season Ravenfield Primary Academy feels like a wonderful place to be and even though things are unusual this year the children come to school ready to learn and with a positive attitude. This would not be the case without your continuing support, thank you.

Christmas

Christmas is going to look different in school this year. We will still ensure that your child does not miss out on the absolute joy of being at school at this time.

So far the Christmassy things that we have planned are....

3rd December: **Christmas At Ravenfield** (each class is recording a Christmas film for our whole school which we will share with parents/carers)

7th December: **EYFS 'Winter Tales of Wonder'** Live Digital Interactive Workshop and Storytelling (Remotely from Sheffield Theatres)



Week Beginning 14th December: Virtual Christmas Panto (provided by Friends of Ravenfield)

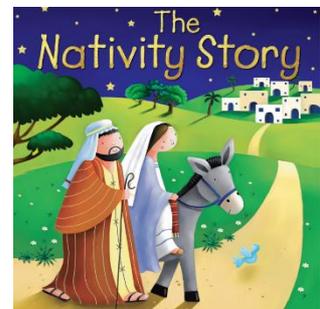
Friday 18th December: Final Birthday Party of this year for birthdays in December.

We are turning our wooded area into a magical forest for Christmas with fairy lights and are looking forward to wrapping up warm and spending some time here for maybe a story and some festive cheer. We are hoping that we might get a remote visit from Father Christmas.

Rotherham library Services have sent all of the classes a big box of Christmas books to enjoy over the next few weeks.

Foodbank

A big thank you for all of your donations for festive hampers we were all really touched and I know that Gemma Haigh is busy now putting them together. Thank you Gemma.



Children in Need

Well done to all parents/carers who contributed to the BBC Children in need charity collection. We have raised £322.50 at Ravenfield Primary Academy!



Birthday assembly

Today was our first birthday party and it's lovely to see the children so excited about it. Mrs George has made some fab buns for the children with birthdays.



Anti-bullying week

Following anti-bullying week last week we are planning to some work in school with Ann Foxley Johnson from the anti-bullying alliance. More details will follow.

Road safety week

Last week was also Road Safety week and I wanted firstly to take the opportunity to thank Mr Henry for looking after our children so well as our new crossing patrol person. I would also like to say that I have had some real compliments about the way our children travel to and from school. Well done!

Nursery Rhymes

Our EYFS children are learning nursery rhymes all of the time as it's such a good way to develop language. Earlier this month it was 'World Nursery Rhymes Week' and there are some really good resources on here.



<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

Nursery (F1)

We still have places for children to start in F1 from January 2021 in our wonderful new nursery provision. Ring the school office for more information.

Supports and communication for parents in school

Following feedback from the reports we sent out earlier this term we are planning to hold our next parent's evening either through a zoom type platform or over the telephone if people would prefer. In the meantime please do get in touch with school if you would like a phone call with your child's teacher about any questions you may have.

I would once again like to thank all of you for your prompt and regular communications over any potential Covid-19 symptoms in your children. This has meant that we have been able to seek advice from the DFE and PHE so that we have a clear picture of who is self-isolating and keep school safe.

A reminder that if you or someone else in your household is waiting for the results of a Covid-19 test you must keep your child off school until your result comes through. We will of course keep parents updated with any further developments. Please see the link below to our website and further information on how we would respond to a positive case in school.

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