



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Autumn Term One

Dear parents/carers,

What an amazing first half term we have had!

We have welcomed new staff to the team: Mrs Rowbottom, Miss Cockles, Miss Phillips, Miss Guttridge and Miss Scrivens. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are already demonstrating some excellent learning behaviours! We have celebrated our Literary Festival. We have relaunched our student council – they are eager to fulfil their role and be the voice for others within school. We have also trained some of our older children to become playground leaders.

In the past 7 weeks, we have provided many exceptional experiences, which our dedicated team plan, to ensure the teaching and learning at Ravenfield is memorable and enjoyable.

Our year 2s visited Conisbrough Castle (and even made the news!). Whilst year 6s visited Crucial Crew and learned some very important life skills. We have welcomed many visitors into school too, including a health and safety team from Redrow and engineers from AMRC. Our visitors have inspired our children. One child in year 2 commented on the AMRC visit and said, "When I grow up, I want to be an engineer!"

This term we have also enjoyed opening our doors and welcoming our families to the various stay and learns that we have hosted. Thank you to all who attended/showed their support with these events. It is really appreciated by both staff and children.

Thank you once again for the support you have given me. The kind words and messages are always appreciated.

Enjoy the half term break!

Miss L. Jepson
Principal

Dates For The Diary

- 20.10.23** – INSET day
- 20.10.23 – 29.10.23** – Half Term
- 30.10.23** – Halloween Disco
- 31.10.23** – Y1/5 Wonderdome
- 02.11.23** – Owl Adventures
- 08.11.23** – Cresswell Craggs at Nottingham University Museum
- 16.11.23** – Individual School Photos
- 17.11.23** – Children In Need – Non-school uniform day
- 17.11.23** – Flu Vaccinations
- 01.12.23** – Christmas light switch on in the community
- 04.12.23** – Parents Evening
- 06.12.23** – Parents Evening
- 06.12.23** – Christmas Jumper Day
- 11.12.23** – EYFS Christmas Performance
- 12.12.23** – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance
- 13.12.23 & 14.12.23** – Y3,4,5 & Y6 Christmas Performance
- 22.12.23** – Santa Dash – Fancy Dress Fun Run
- 22.12.23** – Last day of term

Coming soon...

After half term, we will be relaunching our house system. We will be nominating 4 year 6 pupils to become house captains. We will be using house points to reward children who demonstrate our Core Learning Characteristics.

We have purchased a sports kit for our children to wear when they represent our school in festivals. We can't wait for you to see it! If anyone is interested in sponsoring our kits, please get in touch.

We are currently looking into the Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme to support those who are accessing the Wrap Around Care.

We will be launching a new aspect of Parent Pay soon. This will be used to book after school clubs. It will also be used to book and pay for Breakfast Club.



Friends Of Ravenfield

Our PTA needs your help!

Friends of Ravenfield are a small group of volunteers who have a passion for raising money to help make our children's time at Ravenfield Primary Academy even better!

Over the last 5 years, they have hosted many events including:
Monthly sweet shop, Easter discos, Easter egg and bunny visit,
Summer fair,

Lucky number, Halloween disco, Design your own Xmas cards,
Christmas fair, Christmas movie afternoon, Valentine disco, Bingo night,
Year 6 £30 donation for grow a £, End of year doughnut
event, Ice cream at the end of the school year, Jubilee fair fun and
many more!

The money raised at these events was used to purchase the following:

- £2000 donation for library etc
- Coronation medals
- Book vending machine
- Easter bunny visit and treat (yearly)
- Panto snack boxes (yearly)
- New football nets and balls
- Christmas movie treat boxes (yearly)
- Library revamp 2020
- Hair play station outside
- New Outside Track Trail
- Willow Dome
- Outside play equipment
- Noticeboard
- Defibrillator
- Book for every child from Santa

Our children really benefit from the money raised.

We don't want the Halloween Disco (30th October) to be the final event. However, we are at a critical point - due to the low number of volunteers. This will mean some events can't go ahead.

If you can help in anyway, it might be attending meetings to share your ideas or dedicate some time to support an event, then please contact school to let us know. We would appreciate any help you can give.

We should all feel part of the PTA because we all have the shared vision of wanting the best for our children.

Attendance - September – October 2023

Robins –94.2%

Starlings – 99.2%

Owls –96.4%

Hawks – 97.3%

Swallows 97.6%

Falcons – 98.9%

Kingfishers –94.6%

Eagles – 97.1%

School Total – 97.2%

PE Kit

Thank you to all our families for the support with the new guidelines regarding PE kits. Just a reminder, the expectations are:

- No earrings/jewellery
- White T-Shirt
- Black/Navy Shorts
- Pumps/Trainers
- Dark Sweatshirt and Jogging Bottoms for Outdoor PE

Now the grass is getting wet/muddy, please ensure your child brings a spare pair of socks and shoes to change into.