



NEWSLETTER – March 2023

Principal's update

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a half term it has been! Thank you for your support. We have had many exceptional experiences. We LOVED the eggs and bonnets that the children made at home. Everyone is so creative and had some wonderful ideas. Also, a big thank you for raising money as part of our sponsored hop. We will keep you posted about the grand total and share with you what the money is spent on.

This term, our partnership work with AMRC (The University of Sheffield) has been brilliant with our Key Stage 2 children. They have been involved in many exciting STEM learning projects.

We have also been developing our work 'With Me In Mind' who are supporting our whole school community with positive mental health strategies.

We have celebrated World Book day and Comic Relief which again I thank you all for your support. Our children really get into the spirit of such events. It is a real joy to be part of and it is great to feel included in national events.

We are always on the look-out for new volunteers for our 'Friends of Ravenfield' group. We appreciate any amount of help/time you can offer. If you would like to know more details about the group, please ask Mrs Williams in nursery.

Next term, we have many exciting events planned. Including our Coronation event in May (see below). More details will follow.

I hope everyone has a wonderful break and I am looking forward to what I am sure will be a wonderful summer term.

Kind regards

Caroline Coates

Dates For The Diary

19.04.23: Y3 Moorland Discovery Centre
20.04.23: FS2 Stay and Learn
21.04.23: Y4 Class Assembly (Parents invited)
28.04.23: Y3 Class Assembly (Parents invited)
05.05.23: Coronation Event
8.05.23-12.05.23: SATS Week
16.05.23: Carnival day
15.05.23: Y3 Weston Park Museum
19.05.23: Y2 Class Assembly (Parents invited)
09.06.23: Y1 Class Assembly (Parents invited)
14.06.23—16.06.23: Y6 Residential London
23.06.23: FS1/2 Class Assembly (Parents invited)
29.06.23: Y6 Leavers Assembly—2.15pm
14.07.23: End of year assembly

We've listened...

Class Assemblies

We have made a few changes to how we will host class assemblies. The first big change is the time of day. Instead of it being in an afternoon and part of WOW assembly, we are moving the assemblies to a Friday morning - meaning after you have dropped your child off at school, you will be welcomed into the assembly hall. Once the children have been registered, they will then join you with work they wish to share. This means your child can showcase the learning they are most proud of; making the assembly more personal. It is also an opportunity to look at floor books and chat with the class teacher. Hopefully, there will be tea and cakes too as we will be inviting you all to stay after the assembly for a parents' forum. This is an opportunity for you to chat with Mrs Williams about what is working well at Ravenfield and discuss any suggestions to help move our school forward.

Homework Menu

Another change is the introduction of a homework menu. This will be shared with parent's during the first week back. It will outline the homework set for that half term and give suggestions on creative homework your child may wish to engage with. Keep your eyes peeled for this.



Thank you once again to our families for the monies raised through the sponsored hop!

Money raised will go towards providing resources , engaging learning environments and exceptional experiences.

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Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Below, we've highlighted a few tips for parents to consider to ensure that their children get the most enjoyable experience out of the service.

5 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

DISNEY+

- 1 Create a strong username & password**
On its release in the US, Canada and Netherlands in November 2019, Disney+ was dogged by allegations of being hacked. Many users complained that their account details had been stolen and blamed Disney's security. To date, Disney+ has confirmed there was no data breach from their end. As Disney+ doesn't use 2-factor authentication, anybody who potentially hacks your username and password could also access your credit card details. Therefore, it's important to create a unique username and a strong password that isn't used for other sites. Always use a mixture of letters (upper and lowercase), numbers and symbols and try to ensure the minimum length is 8 characters.
- 2 Monitor your child's usage**
Whilst the ability to stream on almost any device capable of connecting to the internet might seem great at first, parents may also want to exercise a little bit of caution. Parental controls on Disney+ are quite limited and there are no settings to help with screen time or usage, so it can be easy for children to binge watch, particularly given the amount of content available. Apple, Google and Amazon devices all provide options to limit children's screen time so parents can manage how long their child uses the app.
- 3 Enable 'Kid's Profile' mode**
Although Disney+ is billed as family friendly, there is still an option to enable a 'Kid's profile' which removes all PG and PG-13 rated content. This adds an extra level of safety if you're still concerned that your child may watch something that could be deemed too 'intense' for their age. Setting up a kid's profile also switches off autoplay which means the next video in any series won't automatically play once one episode has finished. It should be noted though that children can easily switch between accounts themselves given there is no security required to get into profiles.
- 4 Double check for Films with outdated cultural depictions**
The Disney+ service includes programs and movies that go back to the 1920s and which have been left in their original format, with their original content. Some of this programming contains cultural misrepresentations and depictions that were included in the original show, but Disney would never include them now. For example, cultural stereotyping, the representation of minority groups or character portrayals which may be deemed racist. For this reason, viewers are made aware through a warning message stating "This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions." Whilst Disney do their best to highlight any such content, it's always worth discussing these issues with your child if they raise any queries.
- 5 Sit back and enjoy!**
Above all else, Disney+ is designed to be family friendly and there's very little, if any, adult-themed content available for children to stumble across. The library of films and programmes can range from all-time classics to the latest Hollywood blockbusters and it can be a great avenue for parents and children to sit down together, ready the popcorn and enjoy some great family friendly entertainment.

Meet our expert
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PE Kit

Just a reminder that our expectations for PE kit is as follows:

- White T-Shirt
- Black/Navy Shorts
- Pumps/Trainers
- Dark Sweatshirt and Jogging Bottoms for Outdoor PE



Attendance - March 2023

- Robins—94.6%
- Owls—91.5%
- Swallows—96.3%
- Kingfishers—95.8%
- Starlings— 96.5%
- Hawks- 98.2%
- Falcons—97.8%
- Eagles—97.8%

School Total—96.2%

Educational Apps:

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Freckle

Spelling Shed

Core Learning Characteristics

We are focused on helping our children develop their 'Core Learning Characteristics'. If your child has shown any of them at home please let us know as we would love to celebrate!

