PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – November 2023

What have we achieved so far this half term?

Thank you to Y1 and Y2 parents who attended class assemblies. It is always a privilege to open our doors and welcome our families into school. Our children are always keen to share their amazing outcomes.

This half term, we have had many Exceptional Experiences including:
- Y6 have been to the Nottingham Justice Museum
- Y4 enjoyed their time at the Deep, where they developed their understanding of plastic pollution
- A group of children attended an Anti-bullying workshop at Gulliver's

Thank you to adults who supported these visits. Your commitment makes these experiences possible.

Looking forward...
After school clubs
We are keen to provide our children with a range of 'extra-curricular' opportunities (in the form of after school clubs). We are currently in the process of reviewing the clubs we currently have on offer. We will also soon be making plans for clubs on offer after Christmas. Your views are always welcomed. Miss Hanby recently shared the following link on Dojo: https://forms.office.com/e/QbuHBmAyAt
Please use the link to share your views on our extra-curricular offer.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss Jepson
Associate Principal

Dates for your diary:

01.12.23 – Parents – Stay and Christmas Crafts

01.12.23 – Ravenfield Light Switch On - at The Cavalier

04.12.23 – Parent's Evening (except Y2 and Y3)

06.12.23 – Parents Evening (Whole school)

08.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day

08.12.23 – Christmas Fayre

11.12.23 – EYFS Christmas Performance

12.12.23 – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

13.12.23 - FS2 Perlethorpe visit

13.12.23 – Parents Evening (Y2 and Y3 only)

13.12.23 & 14.12.23 – Y3,4,5 & Y6 Christmas Performance

15.12.23 – Panto – Years 1 – 6

20.12.23 - Christmas dinner
22.12.23 – Santa Dash – Fancy Dress Fun Run

22.12.23 – Last day of term

Our updated approach to behaviour...

As you are aware, we have adapted our approach to behaviour. Key adaptations include:

- Good to Be Green is no longer displayed in classrooms (removing the physical cards)
- Updated/relaunched the house system
- House points have replaced Dojo points
- We are focusing and rewarding the positives (linking to our Core Learning Characteristics)
- We are now communicating red cards

Our approach/strategies may have adapted slightly, but our expectations of behaviour still remains the same.

For further information, please see Dojo – School Story.

Attendance:

We recognise the importance of attendance. If children aren't in school, they aren't learning, which means they aren't making progress.

We are in the process of reviewing and updating the way we reward attendance. We are looking at rolling out incentives and rewards for children with high school attendance, including vouchers. We have recently launched the use of stars in planners to recognise 100% attendance.

Watch this space for further information.

Miss school - Miss out

10 MINUTES

Being late 10 minutes each day for one year is equal to missing approximately 6 school days.

Aim High Assemblies:

We ask children at such a young age to make decisions about their future – especially about careers.

At Ravenfield Primary Academy, we want to support our children in making these kinds of decisions. I am keen to kick start the Aim High Assemblies after Christmas. These are assemblies (15-30 minutes long) for years 5 and 6. It is an opportunity to inform children about your own career choices/journey. It is also an opportunity to inspire our young people.

A couple of parents have already put their name down to support. If you are interested, please contact school.

PTA:

The Halloween Disco, which our PTA organised, raised an incredible £121. We are keen to put these funds towards furniture (such as bean bags and cushions) for our new library.

Our next PTA event, is our Christmas Fayre. Any support with running stalls etc would be really appreciated. Get in touch with school, if you can help in any way.

Remember, these events raise vital funds to make our school even better!

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