



# Ravensdale Junior School

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Reflect



Aim High



Value Others



Explore



Now It's Me



Stick At It

Dear parents and carers

After seven and a half wonderful years as head teacher at Ravensdale Juniors, I am leaving at Christmas to take semi-retirement and spend more time supporting my family. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with so many fantastic staff, pupils, parents and governors and I have many happy memories which I will treasure. With the great support of Transform Trust and our governing body, I know that the Ravensdale Juniors will continue to flourish.

Transform Trust will be in contact in the near future regarding my successor.

I will be speaking to the children about this in assembly on Monday.

Kind regards

*Zoe Cannon*

## Key Dates for your diary

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December Time TBC

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December am

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Woodwind performance for invited parents

Pupils flu vaccinations

Year 3,4 and 5 Christmas performance

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Non uniform day - choc donations for bingo

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PTFA Chocolate bingo - tickets only.

Year 3 Christmas party

Christmas Jumper Day - just for fun

Christmas dinner

Year 5 Christmas party

Carol service at St Johns Church

Year 6 Christmas Party

Year 4 Christmas Party

Pantomime for whole school

## Staffing

Mrs Wright, the deputy head teacher is taking maternity leave from early December. I am delighted to let you know that our assistant head teacher, Mrs Staley-West, has been appointed to cover the deputy headship during this period.

## Cyclo Cross

A team of Ravensdale pupils took part in this cycling competition on Thursday. They did brilliantly - coming second out of seven teams and only being a few points away from the overall winners.

This is one of a number of competitions that pupils will be able to take part in this year, thanks to the sports grant.



## Halloween Disco

We had a fabulous, postponed disco last week. The children were very well behaved and loved the great entertainment from the DJ.

We haven't got the figures yet, but the proceeds from this disco are going towards the cost of the Christmas pantomime for pupils on the last day of term.

## Reminder

**Please do not park on the cul-de-sac outside our main entrance.**

## Money in School

Please do not send pupils to school with money unless they need to pay for something in school that day.

## Christmas Bingo Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

As the Easter Bingo was so popular, we thought we would do a Christmas version. We will have room for 120 people and will keep a note of families attending. In this way, we can prioritise any families who did not get chance for the Easter Bingo. It will be £5 a family ticket. We are asking for Christmas chocolate donations on the non-uniform day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. A separate letter will be coming out with a reply slip if you would like to attend.

## Instrument Lessons

There are opportunities for children to learn the guitar, piano, violin, saxophone, clarinet and flute in school through the peripatetic teachers. Rocksteady is also in school, where children learn to play the keyboard, drums, electric guitar, bass and to sing as part of the band. There is a half price subsidy for lessons if your child is eligible for pupil premium funding. Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested.

## Christmas Parties

Children can bring their own party clothes to change into on their Christmas party day (see the calendar above)

## Contacting Staff at School

For general enquiries, please email the office. Please raise all other concerns with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

[admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) Breakfast and After School Club bookings, all payments, residential visits, attendance and general enquiries.

[head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - serious concerns or positive feedback

[senco@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - Special Educational Needs

[pastoralsupport@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:pastoralsupport@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - emotional and behavioural support, support for parents

[chairofgovernors@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - communicate directly with the Chair of Governors, Jill Wilkinson.

[safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - safeguarding concerns.

[Year3@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk](mailto:Year3@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk) - to contact Year 3 teachers (just change the digit for other year groups)

## INSET days for next year 2023-24

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Please note that the above INSET days are not on the calendar below and should be considered separately.

## RAVENSDALE JUNIOR SCHOOL DERBY CITY HOLIDAY DATES 2023- 2025

As confirmed by Derby City Council

	School Closes	Re-opens on
Summer		Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Mid- term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Christmas	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Mid-term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

Easter	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Mid-term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Summer	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Mid-term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Mid-term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Easter	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
Mid-term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Summer	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	