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Reflect



Aim High



Value Others



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Now It's Me

Dear parents and carers

I'd like to say a big thank you to the parents who have supported the PTFA this year. Last academic year, we raised £4,100, much of which went on replacing reading books and books in classroom book corners. This year, the initial funds are going towards paying for the end of term pantomime.

Please support the PTFA further by providing a chocolate donation for the non-uniform day on Friday, which will be used for Chocolate bingo and as prizes for the table decoration competition. We would also appreciate cash donations for the hot drinks, mince pies (baked by our own kitchen and delicious!) and biscuits available at the performances.

Kind regards

Zoe Cannon

Key Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th December 1.45pm

Thursday 14th December 9.15am

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Friday 15th December 9.15am

Friday 15th December 6.30pm

Monday 18th December 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th December - am

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Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm

Wednesday 20th December am

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Thursday 21st December 1.30pm

Friday 22nd December

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 table decoration competition

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

We are currently advertising for a position in our After School Club, 3.00- 6.00pm daily. We understand that this can be a difficult time of day if you need child-care and therefore any children of the successful candidate who attend Ravensdale, would be given a free place at the club. Please contact school for details.

Christmas Table Decorations

The PTFA are organising a competition for the best Christmas Table decoration. The decoration should be no longer than 20 cm and brought into school on Tuesday 19 December. There will be a prize for the best one in each year group, as chosen by the catering staff. The decorations must be named on the base (not visible). They will be on the tables for our Christmas dinner and will be returned for you to enjoy at home.

Staff Update

Miss A Frost has been appointed to replace Miss Hammond in Magpies and the children will be meeting her before Christmas.

Miss Emery (Year 6 TA) is retiring as TA at Christmas, but remaining with us in Breakfast Club. Mrs Wise (school office) is leaving at Christmas. This is a 0.5 position and the advert will shortly be live on Indeed and the Transform website.

We would like to thank all staff sincerely for their wonderful contributions to Ravensdale.

School Performances

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas performances this week. There will be hot drinks and home-baked mince pies and biscuits available before the performance starts. We are asking for a donation for PTFA funds which are going towards paying for the pantomime for the children on the last day of term. We are suggesting a **£1 donation** for a hot drink and cake. Do bring your own cups if you have them.

We ask parents to stay until the end of the performance, which should only last for about an hour.

Younger children are welcome to come, but please take them out of the hall to settle them if they are noisy - most children will only have one line to say and will be upset if it can't be heard.

Online Safety

As a school, we know how difficult it is for parents to keep up with the rapid changes around keeping children safe online. The online world now poses more danger to children than ever before. As a school, we buy into the resource National Online Safety which has a wealth of up to day information and advice. Parents can sign up for free - please see the email that was sent from school 2 weeks ago.

Cars!

Parents with blue badges and only one adult in the car are permitted to come into the car park. However, please do not 'tailgate' another car in, as checks cannot then be made of your identity and right to be in the car park.

Please do not park at all on the cul-de-sac outside the school gates - this is not permitted during normal school hours.

Carol Service at St Johns

The school will be attending a Carol Service at St John's Church on Wednesday 20th December. The service is very much the same as an assembly we would do in school and involves some readings about the Christmas story and singing some carols that we have learnt in school. It is a lovely opportunity for the pupils to understand more about our local community. However, if you strongly disagree with this on religious grounds and wish your child to stay in a supervised class in school, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher or contact them via email or class Dojo.

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 Breakfast and After School Club bookings, all payments, residential visits, attendance and general enquiries.

head@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - serious concerns or positive feedback

senco@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - Special Educational Needs

pastoralsupport@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - emotional and behavioural support, support for parents

chairofgovernors@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - communicate directly with the Chair of Governors, Jill Wilkinson.

safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk - safeguarding concerns.

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

22nd and 23rd 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 th September 2023
Mid- term	Friday 27 th October 2023	Monday 6 th November 2023
Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024
Mid-term	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Easter	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
Mid -term	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Summer	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Mid- term	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025
Mid-term	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025
Easter	Friday 4 th April 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Mid-term	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer	Thursday 24 th July 2025	