

# RAVENSDALE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2024



**WELCOME  
BACK**

We hope you had a really wonderful break filled with new memories and laughter.

Thank you to Mr Scarratt who ran a very successful holiday club meaning that school had a real buzz for the final few days of the holiday.

We are aware there have been a lot of changes over the holidays with staff leaving and new staff joining. Please take the time to read through our introduce yourself page below to find out a little more about who we are.

On the following pages you will find:  
Key dates, PTFA information, key contact information, digital communication, reminder of term dates and inset days.



  
We joyfully announce the birth of  
*Henry James Hunt*  
Born Friday 12th January 2024 at 5.14am,  
weighing 7lbs 2oz.  
With love, Dom & Becky xxx

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS WRIGHT & MRS AKHTAR & MRS HUNT

Mrs. Wright  
Welcome to the world little Luca. We are very excited to see how you grow and explore the world.  
Enjoy your time off with your little boy.

Mrs. Akhtar  
Welcome to the world lovely Umayya. We are delighted to see you are doing so well.  
We can't wait to see how you blaze new trails in the world.

**SENDING YOU LOTS OF LOTS OF LOVE AND HUGS**

# INTRODUCE YOURSELF

## NEW STAFF AT RAVENSDALE



### **KIM BAYLISS- HEADTEACHER**

*I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new headteacher of Ravensdale School. My name is Kim Bayliss, with a deep passion for the development of children as learners and future citizens. I believe that a school should be a sanctuary for its pupils, staff, and community, where everyone feels safe, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. As a forward-thinking leader, I am driven to see the success of the pupils who attend Ravensdale, not only during their time here but also as they continue their journey beyond our school. I am excited to work alongside the dedicated staff, parents, and students to create an environment that fosters growth, achievement, and a love for learning. Together, we will continue to build a bright future for our Ravensdale community.*

### **JOHN MILLS**

*Hello, my name is Jon Mills and I'm excited to have joined Ravensdale Junior School. I have moved from a school in Spondon, where I spent many happy years teaching all Year groups from Year 3 to Year 6. I love watching football and rugby and enjoy listening to all types of music. I believe the most important part of being a teacher is making sure children are happy at school and they feel safe. Once these two key aspects are in place, children can then reach their full potential. I'm looking forward to being part of the Ravensdale community. If you see me at drop off or pick up time, please come and say hello.*



### **NATASHA LOFTHOUSE**

*Hello! I just wanted to introduce myself, I am the new class teacher for Kingfishers, and I am incredibly excited that I have joined the Ravensdale family! My teaching style centres around a child centred approach because I believe that here at Ravensdale we are teaching the leaders of the future. I love creating an immersive classroom experience that allows our children to travel back in time, become an art critic or even climb Mount Everest! The greatest part of my job is seeing a child's face light up when they have realised they can do it and I believe that here at Ravensdale our children can do anything, so lets reach for the stars!*



### **AIMEE FROST**

*Teaching has always called to me. Being extremely passionate and enthusiastic about providing the best possible education and opportunities to the children in our schools. I strive to create a classroom culture that is built on respect and security – allowing children to develop a thirst for learning, take risks, and know they have no limits. I feel that learning comes from making mistakes, that we can grow from them, and learning from each other. I have really enjoyed starting to get to know the Magpie class this week and look forward to working with you and them this year.*



### **SALLY GREENBANK**

*'It is a privilege to introduce myself as a new teacher in the year 3 Swifts class. My name is Sally Greenbank and teaching has been my passion for over 30 years. My interest lies in the education of the 'whole child', ensuring they are equipped academically and emotionally for the challenges of 21st century life. I look forward to getting to know the children and parents and becoming part of the wonderful Ravensdale family.*





# CONTACT INFORMATION

## RECEPTION

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## CONCERNS & FEEDBACK

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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HELLO  
*January*

8th January - Back to School

15th January- PTFA 6:15pm

15th-20th January- Energy Saving Week

5th - 11th February- Mental Health Week

16th February- Break up for half term.

UPCOMING INSET DAYS

22nd and 23rd July 2024

# RAVENSDALE PTFA

Join  
US!

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT PTFA.

There is no need to commit to anything long term but please come and see what we are planning next, maybe you would like to support the upcoming events.

Monday, 15th January 2024  
6:15pm - 7:15pm



# KEY INFORMATION



What is Big Energy Saving Week 2024?

Big Energy Saving Week 2024 is a week-long initiative that focuses on empowering people to take control of their energy consumption and make informed decisions about energy usage.

CLICK ON THE MAGNIFYING GLASS TO  
BECOME AN ENERGY DETECTIVE.



# STAY SAFE Online

We are aware that many of the children have received electronic devices for Christmas so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of Online Safety requirements and the need to ensure children's activity online is being monitored. Please make sure that you are aware of age-restrictions on anything your child is accessing and that filters are applied. Please visit <https://nationalcollege.com/primary> for the most up to date advice and guidance.



Help give a voice to children and young people across the UK in Children's Mental Health Week, from 5-11 February 2024.

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK.



Want to become part of the Ravensdale Team- keep a look out for vacancies at [www.transformtrust.co.uk/vacancy](http://www.transformtrust.co.uk/vacancy)