



## READY RESPECTFUL ENGAGED

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy half term at School, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the hard work and dedication shown by both our children and staff. The children are really settling into their learning which is rewarding for everyone to see.

### Lunchtime Provision: OPAL Initiative

We have continued to make strides in our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative for improving lunchtime provision. The children have been enjoying a range of outdoor activities, which contribute to their social and physical development. We encourage you to ask your child about their favourite activities and support them in fostering a love for outdoor play. Please look out for further ways in which you can support the school to continue improving our lunchtime provision.

### Cold Weather Reminder

As the cold weather continues, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately. Warm clothing, including warm coats, hats, and gloves, is essential for their comfort and wellbeing during outdoor activities. Please ensure all items are named.

### Parking and Traffic Safety

We have noticed continuing parking issues outside the school site, which pose a risk to the safety of our children. Please remember:

- Do not drive onto the school site without prior permission.
- Park considerately and ensure not to block driveways or pedestrian pathways or pavements.
- Encourage walking, cycling, or using public transport where possible.

Your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our school community is greatly appreciated.

### Inset Days

Please take note of the upcoming inset days next half term, where the school will be closed for staff training:

- Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

We hope this advance notice helps you make the necessary arrangements for your child. The final two INSET days of this academic year will be July the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### Curriculum

The teachers will have shared their end of half term PowerPoints with you via Parent Hub yesterday (Thursday). I hope you enjoy looking at all that the children do and are able to talk to them about what they have learnt this half term.



Please remember to keep looking at the knowledge organisers which can be found on our website at <https://www.ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk/curriculum/>. On this page you will also find an overview of our curriculum.

Next half term we will be offering parent/carers a 10 minute consultation appointment on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Tigers will be the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>). We hope that you will all attend and find out how your child is progressing in school and the ways in which you can support them at home. The link to the booking system will be sent to you via email on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please look out for this link from Primary Site. During these evenings we will also have the Scholastic book fair in school. Payments will be taken through scanning the QR codes on your mobile phones.

### **Staffing**

This term Mrs Nicola Pearson has joined our team as TA in FS2. Mrs Pearson works in Butterflies and also supports in Go Wild.

Mrs Eleanor Fearn has joined the office team and works on a Monday and Thursday each week.

Mrs Jan Evans continues to work as our site manager while Mr Colin continues his treatment.

Miss Ella Delaney has been completing her placement in the Tigers classroom and we have enjoyed having her as part of our team this half term and wish her well in the future. Miss Thomas will be returning after half term and will return to teaching in Tigers with Miss Gould.

Mrs Clare Penter is returning for her second teaching placement from 25<sup>th</sup> February until the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Fundraising**

In school we are hoping to raise money for developing different areas outside for the children to access during lunchtime. We are hoping to develop a large sandpit and stone area. We are looking at different ways to raise funds so please keep an eye out for more information. If anyone would like to support the school through organising different events then please see Lisa Lane or Eleanor Fearn in the front office.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to an exciting and productive next half term. We break up for Easter on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>

Best wishes,  
Mrs Blanchenot  
Headteacher

Please see below for dates for your diary.

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 1 Let's move it after school club begins. (3.20pm - 4.20pm)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – come as your favourite book/story character or wear pyjamas. Bring your favourite book with you.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – class photos

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Dolphins and Tigers to The Museum of Making. ( Please check Parent Pay to ensure payment has been made)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Giraffes to The Museum of Making.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – British Science week – more details to follow

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – FS2 health screening

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic book fair in school

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March/Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parent/carer consultations (Plus Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> for Tigers)

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – INSET day**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9.15am – Rock Steady Concert