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Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our families that will be celebrating over the next 2 weeks.

As always we have had a busy term, especially the last few weeks. It has been lovely to see so many of you joining us for the Christmas performances, the craft afternoons, end of project presentations and the Rock Steady concert. The children were amazing – it is always wonderful to hear children singing and Mrs Wood-Wright, our music specialist always gets the best out of them. A big thank you to all the staff who have sorted readings, costumes, practised songs, managed the children moving around the stage and all the other bits that go into a performance. We all hope you enjoyed the events as much as we did.

Miss Hill has taken on the role of Curricular Lead for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) which will enhance the lunchtime provision for the children. Please look out for letters and bingo boards from her explaining what we are doing and how you can support us. She will be asking for particular items to be donated for the children to play with at lunchtime. Miss Hill is also developing the Go Wild provision on the field the other side of our driveway, which will allow a larger area for the children to explore and learn.

As the children will be moving across this road at different times of the day, it is crucial that parents and carers do not attempt to drive onto the site. We still have people driving in whenever the gates are open. Only staff **must** use the car parks or drive onto site, unless you have written permission from either school, other vehicles entering the site pose a safeguarding concern for us.

There are a few staffing changes to notify you of for January 2025:

Mrs Nicola Pearson will begin as the TA in Butterflies class. Mrs Pearson has been employed by the school and we look forward to her being part of the FS2 team.

Mrs Eleanor Fearn will begin as a part time office Administrator to work alongside Mrs Lane in the front office. Mrs Fearn will be working all day Thursday and 2 mornings each week.

Miss Thomas is currently training to become a teacher and has successfully completed her first placement with us this term. Next half term she will be completing her second placement at Firs



Estate Primary School. In her place we will have Miss Delaney who will be teaching alongside Miss Gould in Tigers. We wish Miss Thomas well and will miss her while she is away.

Miss Armes is leaving us today after many years at Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School. Miss Armes has known and taught many families over the years and will be missed. We wish her well on her new venture. Mrs Smith and Miss Mullen will continue teaching in Bumblebees class.

Our site manager Mr Colin is currently off school due to illness. We all miss him in school and look forward to when he is well enough to return. Janice Evans will be our temporary site manager during his absence and we look forward to her starting on January 6th.

Our safeguarding team are always available should you need any support. Mrs Morris and I are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, while Mrs Gayton and Mrs Hoyle are the Deputies. You can ring to speak to one of us or call into school if you have any safeguarding concerns. If you have safeguarding concerns about a child during holiday time or school closure please phone the Derby Children's Social Care First Contact Team on 01332 641172/Derbyshire 01629533190 , or out of hours via the Careline on 01332786968. If you feel a child is at immediate risk or in need of protection please call the Police on 999. For non-emergencies call 101. For any more information please visit our website at <https://www.ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

We have received information in school about food banks that are available should anyone need any support. Please follow the link attached for further information: [Food Banks Derby | List of Foodbanks in Derby City From Derby Life Links](#)

For the next term's project you will find the knowledge organisers for each year group on our website at: <https://www.ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk/curriculum/> Please spend time with your child or children having a look at what the learning will be next term.

The end of term achievements have been shared with you today via email – the teachers spend a lot of time putting together the photos and annotations so we really hope you enjoy them and can get a feel for what the children are learning in school.

The Christmas fayre was a great success and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did. It was very child centred this year and it was lovely to see the children having so much fun. Thank you to all those who supported us, we raised £500.69 for school

We all return to school on Monday January 6th well rested and raring to go again. We hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs L. Blanchenot

Head Teacher

Dates for next term:

06.01.2025 – return to school

03.02.2025 – Year 2 Artist visit – details to follow

14.02.2025 – Break up for half term

24.02.2025 – INSET day – school closed to children

05.03.2025 – class photos

31.03.2025 – INSET day – school closed to children

04.04.2025 – Break up for Easter holiday