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This week at Ravenstone

13.11.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

Please also check the school calendar on our website

16.11.26 Anti-bullying week begins

16.11.26 Year 5 visit to Balham Library

16.11.26 Reception fairytale workshop

16.11.26 Year 3 farm trip

19.11.26 Year 5 museum trip

20.11.26 World Children's Day

20.11.26 Nursery & Reception showing assembly at 9am in the hall

20.11.26, 2pm Gardening working party

ATTENDANCE

Ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time (from 8:30 and by 8:45) is one of the most important commitments we ask of all families. As a school, we are aiming for at least 95% attendance and as of this week our total for this current year is 96.2%.

If you need to take your child out of school for any reason please speak to a member of the senior leadership team in the first instance.

This week's year group attendance:

Yr R	92.3%
Yr 1	94.4%
Yr 2	96.5%
Yr 3	96.7%
Yr 4	96.5%
Yr 5	97%
Yr 6	96.1%

100%	Outstanding
99.9 - 95%	Good attendance
94.9 - 90%	Cause for concern
89.9 - 85%	Persistent absence
84.9 - 80%	Persistent absence
<79.9%	Persistent absence

Dear families,

It's been a busy week here at Ravenstone, with photographs, flu immunisations, parents' evening and many other activities taking place. We are grateful to all members of our school community for working with us to ensure that school life runs smoothly. We always welcome your feedback, so please do let us know if you have any constructive comments or suggestions to share.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend parent/teacher meetings this week. We hope you found it helpful to hear more about how your child is getting on at school. Families are always welcome to arrange meetings with teachers at other times too, so please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any comments or questions about their learning. We will be very happy to discuss these with you.

As the term continues, there will be many more dates and events for you to be aware of. Please click on the link on the left-hand side of this newsletter to access our website calendar. Every Monday, the school office also sends an email sharing dates for the following week, and you will receive a reminder email the day before any additional events.

Next week marks Anti-Bullying Week. Children will take part in a range of activities to explore how we can prevent bullying and create a kind, inclusive community. Friday 20th November is Odd Socks Day! We invite all children (and adults!) to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique and remind everyone that we are all valued, respected and included.

This week saw the second of four Local Academy Committee meetings scheduled for this academic year. We were pleased to welcome two new members to the team. Laura Gasperini (Year 1 parent) was appointed following a recent parent representative nomination process, and Georgie Rauff was selected to represent the local community. During the meeting, Mrs Mitchell shared details of the planned developments to our writing curriculum over the coming year. We will invite families to an information session later in the year to share more about these changes.

For more information about governance at Ravenstone, please visit our website.

We would also like to hold another gardening working party on **Friday 20th November at 2pm**. If you are able to come along and help us with some weeding and tidying, we would be very grateful for your support.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school.

Mike Riches
Headteacher

Thought of the week!

"Sharing isn't always easy. Sharing parts of yourself; your ideas, feelings, even your time, is a big part of growing up. It is considering other's needs and wants. Today, try sharing part of yourself with someone."

SCHOOL MEALS

Following our first showing assembly for nursery and reception families, we welcomed Carl Evans from our catering provider, Pabulum. This provided an opportunity for families to hear more about the approach to ensuring children receive a high-quality meal each lunchtime.

During the meeting, the following questions were asked:

1. How does Pabulum ensure children receive a broad and balanced diet? For example, does tomato pasta contain the protein children need for their meal? Can recipes be shared with families so they know what children are eating?
2. Will Pabulum and the school introduce halal meals?
3. How does Pabulum and the school ensure children with dietary requirements and allergies receive the correct meal?

Answers to the questions were as follows:

1. Pabulum follows the food standards set out in Government guidance. Often food groups are hidden, for example the tomato pasta contains blended chick peas. Pabulum will explore ways to share recipes with families. You will see some recipe ideas shared from Pabulum along with today's newsletter.
2. The school is reviewing the options with Pabulum and will communicate a decision before the end of this term.
3. The school uses a lanyard system for allergies whereby those with allergies wear a lanyard which sets out what foods children must not have. New children with allergies are notified to the kitchen staff in writing and verbally by the school office. The school extends this lanyard system to those with dietary requirements. Lunch time staff know the children well and support with ensuring children only eat what they should. School also encourages families to discuss dietary requirements and allergies at home in an age appropriate way to help children to think about what they should and shouldn't eat. Pabulum will continue to reinforce their systems to ensure catering staff are fully informed about allergies and dietary requirements.

ASSEMBLIES

This week during assembly:

- Miss Clarke spoke to the school about the Hindu festival of Diwali on Tuesday. Several children in the school shared their own experiences of celebrating and some children commented on the importance of celebrating the wonderful diversity of our school community.
- We came together as a school on Wednesday for an act of Remembrance. We were joined by our nursery and reception children as well as families. During the assembly, we held a two-minute silence to give everyone a moment to reflect on the impact of war, the sacrifices made and the lives lost. We listened to the Last Post and we heard from children all about why the poppy is used as a symbol each Remembrance Day.
- Last week, we held our first showing assembly for children in nursery and reception. Families are invited to join us every other Friday morning from 9am in the ground floor hall.
- Showing assemblies for middle and upper phases continue every Friday at 2pm with 3 classes sharing each week. The schedule for this term is attached along with this email.

CLASS NEWS

6B

Today, Harry and Bella from 6B are sharing the news from their class.

"This week, we have been learning how to make column addition easier using a range of mathematical strategies."

"In English, we have been reading 'The Boy in the Tower' where we learnt to use semi-colons and colons to add information to our writing."

"This week was a really good one because everyone was enjoying their learning although it's been a bit cold!"

"In PE, we played cricket with a visiting coach called Lucas from Surrey Cricket Club. We learnt how to bat and field."

1C

This term, 1C have been learning all about the seasons. We began by exploring some new vocabulary, including *seasons, autumn, observe, weather, temperature, signs* and *spring*. We then put our learning into practice by going on an Autumn walk around the school grounds. The children enjoyed being little investigators, looking carefully at their surroundings and collecting evidence of Autumn. We spotted seasonal changes and discussed the signs that tell us when the seasons are changing. It was a lovely opportunity to get outdoors, observe nature and develop our understanding of the world around us!







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Ravenstone Christmas Trees. Order yours today!

For every tree purchased a donation goes to the school.

Use the QR Code to choose your Nordmann Fir tree sizes available 4ft to 8ft, from £30 - £72.

Your tree will be available to collect from school on the morning of Sun 6 Dec; specific timing will be confirmed via email and Whatsapp on Sat 5 Dec.

Every sale raises between £7 and £16, which helps Friends of Ravenstone fund extra resources, clubs, and events that bring our children's learning to life.

Thank you for being part of the Ravenstone community.

Order before Friday 27th Nov at 1pm

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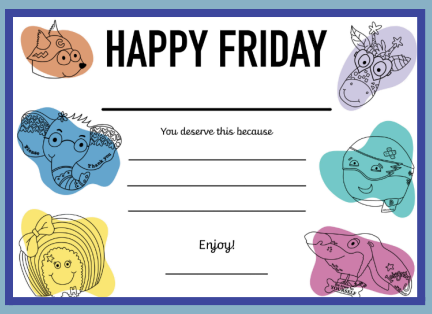
DON'T FORGET... JOIN US AT THE

RAVENSTONE SCHOOL FESTIVE FAIR

SUN 29 NOV 12-3PM

STARS OF THE WEEK!





Nursery Ellora
Year 1 Darrell
Year 2 Rani and Rose
Year 3 Skye
Year 4 Dylan
Year 5 Arabella
Year 6 Xertes and Harrison
HC Israel
HR Isla

Reception Arwa
Year 1 Margarita
Year 2 Cruz and Chloe-May
Year 3 Adam Z
Year 4 Aaira
Year 5 Sheng
Year 6 Malaika and Lucas



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