



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

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Friday 4th October, 2024

It was great to see so many of you for parent/carers' evening this week. We tried a different format this time to replace the usual session in the hall. We felt that by enabling you to meet your child's teacher in the classroom as opposed to the hall, it would give you an opportunity to see your child's learning and their classroom environment. As usual in the Spring term, there will be another parent/carers' evening in your child's classroom. This meeting will last for 10 mins and the focus will be on your child's learning and what we can do to support them further.

As ever, we appreciate any feedback, so if you have any thoughts on the format we used this week, please do get in touch! Thank you!



We have a number of children and staff in school who have a severe nut allergy. Please can I remind you all that we are a 'nut free' school so the children should not be bringing anything into school which contain nuts. Thank you for your support.

PTFA Update



Scarecrow Festival – Tomorrow!

Today is the last day to pre-order your scarecrow trail map for the early bird price of just £3. Go to www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa to get yours now and come along on the day to follow the trail of scarecrows around the village.



Trail maps and cakes will also be on sale in front of the school on the day between 10am – 4pm so make sure you pop along and say hello.

One of our scarecrows will be outside St Peters Church on Sheepwalk Lane, where you are invited to leave a harvest festival donation.

The weather is looking like it will be kind to us this year so come out and enjoy the sunshine – we're not sure when it'll next make an appearance!

Can you help? We need cakes!

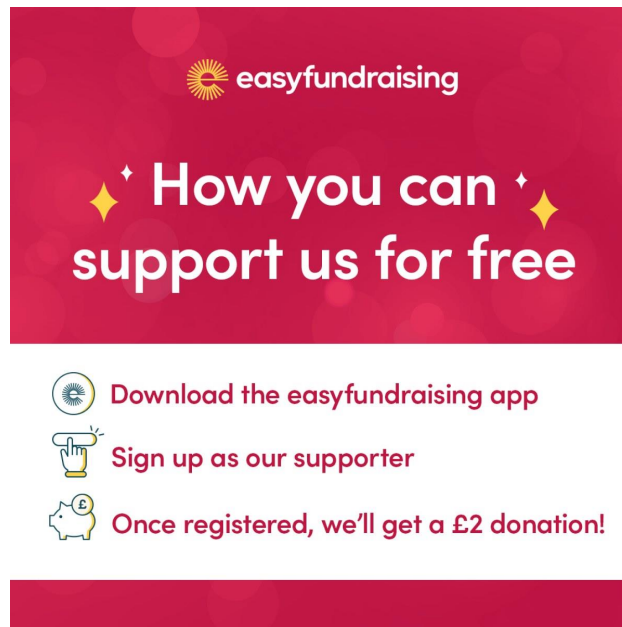


We'll be selling cakes on the day of our scarecrow festival to help raise further funds for the school. If you're able to help by donating cakes (homemade or shop bought) then we'd be really grateful. We just need to ensure that they're nut free and have an ingredients list with them.

Donations can be dropped in at school on Friday 4th October or at the front of school from 9:30am on Saturday 5th October.

Easy money with Easyfundraising

For this month only, Easyfundraising will donate £2 to our PTA every time someone signs up to their app and selects to support Ravenshead C of E. Not only that, but if we get more than 10 people sign up, we'll also be entered into a prize draw to win £150 (which would be a great help towards this year's fundraising target!).



This is such a quick and easy way for us to raise funds for the school, so please also encourage family and friends to download the app and choose to support Ravenshead C of E.

The app is available in for both iPhone and Android.

Keep In Touch

Email - **ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com**

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/RavensheadCofEPTA/>

Instagram – https://instagram.com/ravensheadcofe_pta?igshid=N3FuOXZveHFnZDJv

Opal



Getting Ready for OPAL Play in Autumn/Winter





The children have absolutely loved the wet weather this week and were desperate to play in the mud kitchen and the big playground puddle that had appeared! At the moment, we are working towards all children being out, no matter the weather, as long as it is safe for them to do so. OPAL shares the same motto as the forest school in that 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing'. We would really appreciate your help in ensuring that your child has the right kit in school every day, particularly as the weather is becoming more unpredictable! If you have a younger child, allowing your child to practise changing into their wellies and waterproofs will really help them to do this independently at break times (though help will be given if needed).

What Your Child Will Need:

To ensure your child stays comfortable and dry during outdoor activities, please ensure they come to school each day equipped with:

- **Wellies:** Essential for keeping feet dry and protected.
- **Waterproof Trousers/puddle suit:** These will keep them warm and dry, even in the mud.
- **Waterproof Coat:** A good coat will protect against rain and wind.

Spare Clothes:

We also recommend sending a set of spare clothes that can be stored at school, including:

- **Joggers or trousers**
- **A spare t-shirt/polo shirt**
- **A spare jumper or school hoodie**
- **Spare underwear**
- **Spare socks** – we would ask that all children have a spare pair of socks in school as the feet are most likely to get wet (even if they have wellies).

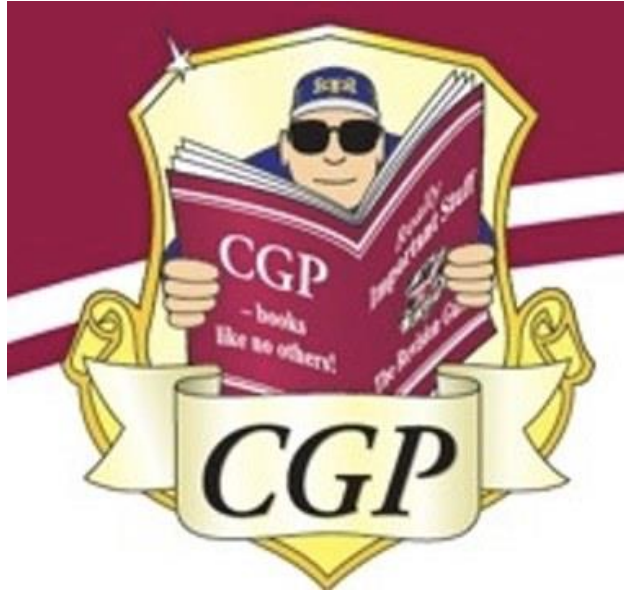
These spare clothes can stay in your child's cloakroom on their peg. Having these items on hand will make it easier for your child to stay clean and comfortable throughout the day. If your child is a mud monster and you want to send them with an old large t-shirt or a shirt to put over their clothes, then please feel free to send them in. ***We would also welcome any donations of large, old unwanted t-shirts or shirts that the children can wear over their clothes so that we can have spares on hand for any children that need them!***

Thank you for your support in helping our children make the most of their outdoor experiences and giving them the chance to have a hands-on approach which fosters exploration, creativity, and an appreciation for nature!

Coming up:

- ***We are now moving into phase 2 of OPAL play – risk and challenge.*** This is a focus on not removing risk (as then all of the benefits are removed) but helping children to risk assess (with support) during their play. This has huge benefits for the children such as helping to develop physical competence; building emotional resilience through trial and error; calibration and sensory experience (balance and proprioception); developing appropriate stress response systems; a more enhanced and realistic risk awareness; personal risk management; successful emotion regulation; fun, excitement and enjoyment, thrill, pride, a sense of achievement; self-esteem and confidence and, as described by children themselves, a certain level of 'coolness'
- ***OPAL play assembly next week*** – we will talk about being prepared for the wet weather and our aim to be outside for all break times. We will also think about the important idea of 'What's right for you?' Talking about the fact that we are all different and all capable of achieving things at different levels – the key is to know their limits.
- ***Introduction of large loose parts, starting with tyres.*** The children will help to create a Benefit risk assessment and learn how to dynamically risk assess in the moment to ensure that they are using the equipment safely.
- Over the next coming weeks, we will begin to introduce crates, wheeled play, slack lines, pallet play.

CGP Study Books and Revision Guides - available to order



From Tuesday of next week, there will be a sample selection of study books for years 1-6 for parents/carers to view in the KS2 Main Reception/Entrance Hall area.

These are available to order at a discounted price (up to a saving of £2 per book).

If you would like to order any of the books, please complete the form that was sent out via Dojo on the main school story (copies will also be available alongside the sample books) by Monday, 14th October and return to the Main Reception (this can be done electronically via dojo or email or a paper copy can be handed in).

Payment for the books can be made via the Arbor Parent App in the shop section – you just need to pay the total amount of the books ordered as one amount.

Online eSafety Newsletter - October



Here is the monthly online esafety newsletter for October:

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ravenshead-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/85ccc8cd-4731-4e8b-a3f5-09c099b6a09d/online-safety-newsletter-primary-october-2024_pdf_ravenshead.pdf

Flu Vaccination



If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/3694d703>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 12th November 2024. The link will close on the 28th October 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2024, please disregard this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Kind Regards

Nottinghamshire School Immunisation Service

From Revd Kate and the Team at St. Peter's Church

As our various harvest festival services approach, I'm reminded that a mature apple tree will yield about 1500 apples. Within each individual apple there is the potential to replace that tree roughly ten times over. If you cut into an apple, your children might be interested to count just how many seeds there are inside! The extravagant abundance built into nature never ceases to amaze me.

In church we will celebrate the bounty of the Earth by giving thanks to God in our harvest thanksgiving service. You would be most welcome to join us! We will be collecting tinned items and packets at that service, to donate to people in need, via The Beacon Project in Mansfield (a charity supporting homeless people). Toiletries, including sanitary items, are also very useful for people who are living rough. Cash donations that weekend will go to help people overseas, via the charity Tearfund – we have a contactless card reader in church in case that's helpful. Many of the partners Tearfund work with experience difficult harvests due to the effects of climate change. If you'd like to join us on 13th October, do come along at 10am for a drink before the service. We start at 10.30am. Whether or not you are able to come why not take a moment this harvest time to say thank you for the beauty of the Earth, for all that it yields and all that we enjoy.



Roll of Honour



Please feel free to share with us any significant achievements your children have made at home e.g. 10m swimming badge, so we can share them in next week's newsletter and during our 'Celebration Assembly' on a Friday.

Please click on the link to fill in the details of their achievement. We love sharing them!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fLFiE1ndRUC4x3tDwhN-M8hOgSY59GIMuxxXhfzXmkdUQkNSSktETzhKVU1DSkJKEICWjM3TDZINS4u>

Tommy	Y2	5m swimming award!
Finley	F2	Won boxer of the week and got a medal at his boxing class this week!! Well done little man keep it up!!
Isabella	Y5	Ran the Robin Hood mini marathon on Sunday raising over £500 for Cancer research!! We are very proud of you Isabella!!
Liam	Y3	Liam bowled two overs and took three wickets in only his second indoor cricket game, helping his team to get the win. He was also star player for the team. Well done Liam :-)
Sebastian	Y4	Sebastian got his first hat trick at football and then he went to play cricket and managed 5 wickets!! Well done Sebastian!
Harry	Y4	Harry took part in the Robin Hood Mini Marathon on Sunday. He absolutely smashed it, coking 83rd out of 1011 runners. Well done Harry 🏆
Amelie	Y4	Amelie competed at the Nottinghamshire County Gymnastic Championships on Sunday. She was placed 5th on vault, 5th on bars and 4th on beam. Finishing in 3rd place overall for her age group! Massive well done 🏆🏆
Isabelle	Y3	Isabelle took part in time trials at her swim club this week and did brilliantly! Well done Isabelle! You are a star! 🏆
Eleen	Y4	Achieved 600 meter in swimming
Amber	Y5	Well done for taking part in your swimming gala over the weekend. You swam brilliantly. Keep up the hard work.
Theo	Y3	Theo has been an incredible help this week around the house. He's also been learning new skills in food preparation and cooking where he helped make tea for the whole family. Well done Theo x
Poppy	Y3	Poppy took part in her first gymnastics competition last weekend and did amazing. She placed 6th out of 32 for her beam routine and also did great in floor, bar & vault. Well done Poppy we are so proud of you!
Isabelle	Y3	Well done Isabelle for moving up to the next level in gymnastics, we are very proud of you xxx
Lillian	Y6	Only two weeks in and Lillian scored 9 of the 11 goals at netball this weekend. She also got star of the week at Razzmatazz. Great effort Lillian. You're a superstar.
Georgie	Y5	Georgia in role of honour this week for learning a new skill in gymnastics, her back tuck! 🏆

Term Dates



The term dates for the academic year (including INSET days), can be found on the school website - <https://www.ravensheadcofeprimary.co.uk/term-dates/>

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term can be found on the document below. Please check regularly for any amendments which will be made in red.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Diary Dates

Saturday 5th October	PTFA Scarecrow Festival
Wednesday 9 th October	2.45pm – FND PSED parent workshop in KS1 hall
Thursday 10 th October	Worship in the Woods: Year 3
Tuesday 15 th October	Y3 Vikings Day
Wednesday 16 th October	2pm – KS1 Harvest Festival at the church – children only
Thursday 17 th October	2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival at the church – children only FND PSED Learning together day
Half Term	
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance Day service
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day Flu Vaccination
Thursday 14 th November	Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 Woodpeckers
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Learning together: Parent Opal play, 2 – 3pm (more details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th November	Dawn House choir coming to school
Thursday 21 st November	Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 - Rabbits
Thursday 28 th November	Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 - Otters
Monday 2 nd December	AM – KS1 Rehearsal at the church 5pm- New F1 Starter Meeting
Tuesday 3 rd December	PM – KS1 Rehearsal at the church
Wednesday 4 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents at the church – 10am/ 2pm FND - 2.45pm Phonics parents' workshop KS1 Hall
Thursday 5 th December	FND - Phonics Learning Together Day 3.45 - F1 New Starter Stay and Play
Friday 6 th December	AM - Foundation Church Trip
Monday 9 th December	FND Nativity dress rehearsal - 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FND Nativity at school – 2:30pm
Thursday 12 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FND Nativity at school – 2:30pm
Friday 13 th December	FND - 9.30am- Makaton group coming Y4 Nativity to parents at the church – 10am/ 2pm Christmas Jumper Day (Officially 12/12/24) Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 16 th December	Christingle Service – 2pm – children only
Tuesday 17 th December	Nativity Service – 2pm – children only FND- Nativity/ Christmas Craft Learning Together Day
Wednesday 18 th December	'Carols around the tree' – Carol concert 10:00 – FSU/ KS1 1:30 – KS2 6:00pm – Parents/ Carers
Friday 20 th December	Last day! (The children can bring a non-expensive toy in to play with)

Christian Values in school



Well done to the children below who have shown our **Christian Values** this week:

Taking care children

	Hawks	Jude
	Wolves	Leo
	Robins	Oscar
	Golden Eagles	Poppy
	Squirrels	Chloe
	Foxes	Jake
	Deer	Rayan
	Hedgehogs	Isabelle R
	Otters	Bethany
	Rabbits	Imogen
	Woodpeckers	Danny

Coming up next week.....



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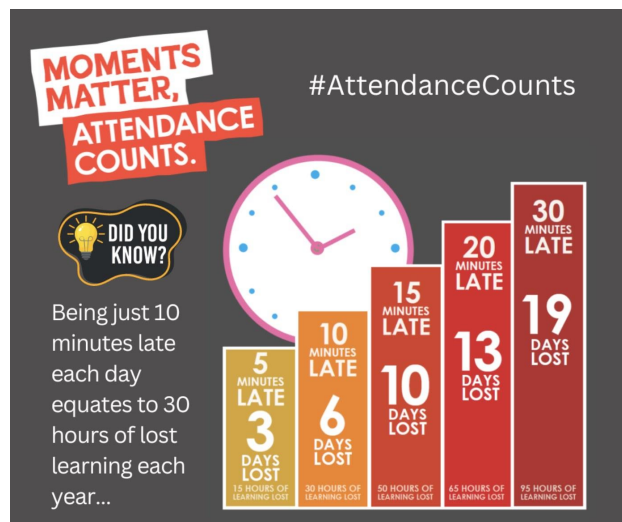
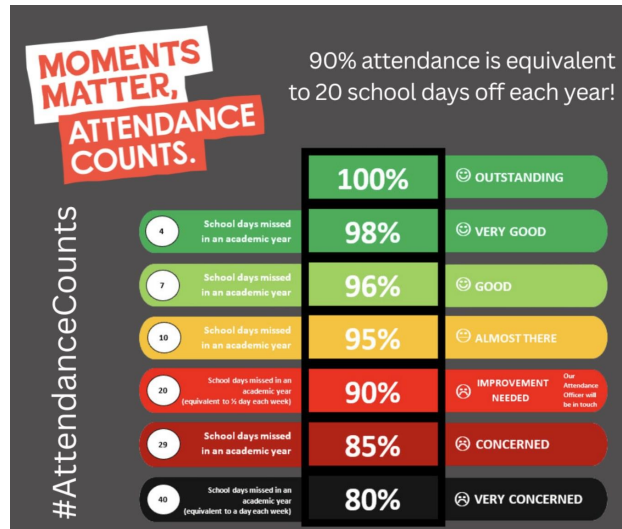
Next week's school dinners



Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£2.95**. Please contact the school office, via Class Dojo, to sign your child up!

WEEK 2 WEEK COMMENCING 22 April, 13 May, 3 June, 24 June, 15 July, 5 Aug, 26 Aug, 16 Sept, 7 Oct All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask. AVAILABLE DAILY*: Best of both bread (Gluten, Soy), Fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request					
MY SCHOOL MENU SPRING/SUMMER 2024					
MONDAYTUESDAYWEDNESDAYTHURSDAYFRIDAY					
MAIN					
Margherita pizza (Gluten, Soy, Milk) herby diced potatoes sweetcorn coleslaw tag		Hunters Chicken (Milk, Eggs, Gluten, Soy) potato balls broccoli & baton carrots		Nottinghamshire sausage (Gluten, Soy, Milk, Eggs) & gravy mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding (Milk, Eggs, Gluten) fresh cabbage & carrots	
Build your own lunch! Sandwich (Gluten, Soy) Fillings: cheese (Milk) ham or tuna mayonnaise (Milk, Eggs) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or fruit yogurt (Milk) or pudding of the day		Build your own lunch! Sandwich (Gluten, Soy) Fillings: cheese (Milk) ham or tuna mayonnaise (Milk, Eggs) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or fruit yogurt (Milk) or pudding of the day		Build your own lunch! Sandwich (Gluten, Soy) Fillings: cheese (Milk) ham or tuna mayonnaise (Milk, Eggs) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or fruit yogurt (Milk) or pudding of the day	
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Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese (Milk) ham or baked beans tuna mayonnaise (Milk, Eggs) & crunchy vegetables		Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese (Milk) ham or baked beans tuna mayonnaise (Milk, Eggs) & crunchy vegetables		Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese (Milk) ham or baked beans tuna mayonnaise (Milk, Eggs) & garden salad	
PUDDING					
Chocolate & orange muffin (Gluten, Eggs)		Honey cake (Milk, Eggs, Gluten) & custard (Milk)		Jelly & shortbread finger (Gluten)	
Butterscotch tart (Gluten, Milk)		Flapjack (Gluten)			

Attendance Matters



Safeguarding



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If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the Safeguarding leads using the email addresses listed below:

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Mrs Keightley (sophiekeightley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)

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Mrs Sanders (suzyburtonsanders@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk).