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Term Newsletter

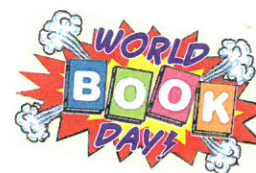


Dates for your diary!

Friday 8th March 2019

World Book Day

All children will receive a complimentary £1.00 gift token. They can swap it for one of the TWELVE World Book Day books or they can use the book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



Friday 15th March 2019



Red Nose Day. Buy your red nose in school only £1.25. There will be different fundraising events throughout the day. All proceeds will be given to Comic Relief.

Parents' Evening

Monday 18th March 3.30-6.30pm 5HC

Tuesday 19th March 3.30-6.30pm EYFS and KS1

Wednesday 20th March 3.30-6.00pm Family Parents Evening and Year 6

Thursday 21st March 3.30-6.00pm KS2

Tuesday 2nd April

Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade 9.10am

Children in FS and KS1 are asked to make an Easter bonnet. Come and watch the children in the Easter bonnet parade. All children who enter will receive a small prize and a certificate. Parents welcome.



Key Stage 2 Easter Craft Competition 10.30am

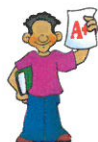
Children in KS2 are asked to decorate an egg, write an Easter poem or make an Easter bonnet. Prizes will be awarded for the most original, most creative use of everyday materials and most independent creation. Parents welcome.



Wednesday 28th April 9.00am

Coffee and cake with the Headteacher

An opportunity to come along and have an informal chat about any ideas you might have about how we can improve as a school. We will hold these coffee and cake events every half term. The focus of this session will be on assessment for learning.



SAT's

Children in Year 6 will sit their National Tests from 13th-16th May 2018.

Year 6 Easter School

Children in Year 6 are invited into school on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April 9.00-12.00pm to help them prepare for their SATs.

Year 1 Phonics screening check - June 2019

KS1 SATs - May 2019

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - June 2019

From the 2019/20 academic year onwards, schools in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to year 4 pupils. We are taking part in a voluntary pilot which will take place in June this year. We will use this to familiarise ourselves with the check before it becomes statutory in June 2020.

Class Assemblies

Friday morning at 9.10am

22/03/19	Y5 Mrs Hodges' and Miss Wendt's Class
03/05/19	Y3 Miss Ratcliffe's Class
10/05/19	Y5 Miss Brookes' Class
17/05/19	Y1 Miss Riley's Class
24/05/19	Y1 Miss Clavert's Class
14/06/19	Y2 Miss Hammerton's Class
21/06/19	Y2 Mrs Rowson's Class

Come along and find out what the children have been learning about!

We would love to see you!

Easter Holiday

School closes for Easter on Friday 5th April and will reopens on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

May Bank Holiday

School is closed to pupils on Monday 6th May 2019



Chair of Governors Josie Elson and Karen Jarmany, LA Governor, will be at the Family Parent's Evening on Wednesday 20th March. Why not stop and have a chat with them and share your views about school. Look out for the Governor Newsletter which is being sent out this half term.

Welcome!

Miss Iqbal who joined the Ravensbury team at Christmas will teach in the Nursery until Ms Heritage returns and Ms Rowson takes up her post in year 2.

It's a girl!

Congratulations to Mrs Turner who gave birth to baby girl 7lb 15oz on the 16th February. Penelope Eleanor Jane and mum are both doing well.



We raised an amazing £993 at the recent book fair. As a result of your fantastic support we now have £993 worth of new books to enjoy in School.

Thank You!

A couple of reminders...



Show you care... Please park elsewhere!

I would like to remind all parents that when dropping off and picking up your child/children:

- Vehicles **MUST** always be parked legally so as not to cause an obstruction.
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zag markings at the front of the school.
- Do **NOT** park too close to a road junction.
- Please do not pull alongside parked cars to allow your children to 'jump in' or 'jump out'.

There have been a number of complaints about vehicles reversing in to the school playground. Please **DO NOT** park on Stockholm Street (where the big gates are). The street is narrow and there is little room to turn a car round. Remember it is illegal to park on the yellow zig zag road markings outside school and it is putting our children's lives at risk. Please also respect the residents who live on Stockholm Street.

Remember: The children's safety is a greater priority than convenient parking which puts children's lives at risk. Unsafe parking is unacceptable.

School website

This term we will be working hard to update the school website. We have changed to a new provider to make it easier for everyone to use but we are still having a few technical issues. The Pupil Awards section is now up and running and the house captains have been added to the Houses section in the School Life tab. Keep checking for updates and let us know what you think.

www.ravenbsury.manchester.sch.uk

Attendance and Punctuality

Our expectations for good and outstanding attendance are:

98%-100%	Purple-Excellent attendance- This will significantly help with a pupils achievement and attainment and life in school. This gives pupils a good start in life and supports a positive work ethic
96%-97%	Green—Good attendance-This is a solid platform to build upon and pupils should aspire to improve. This is in line with National average.
91%-95%	Yellow-Poor attendance-Pupils with this level of attendance are below the national average for attendance which may begin to affect their attainment and progress at school. It may also begin to impact on relationships with their peers.
Below 90%	Red – High Risk- Absence at 90% is classified as Persistent Absence. Absence is a serious concern. This level of absence significant affects attainment and progress as well as relationships with their peers. It is unacceptable within the schools expectations and targeted support strategies will immediately put in place for improvement.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Parents are advised where possible to make appointments outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, pupils should attend school for part of the day and parents will be asked to show the appointment card.

Holidays in Term Time

We are not allowed to authorise holidays or trips during term time. Parents need to be aware that if their child is out of school for holidays or trips, legal action for unauthorised absences is taken.

- Each parent/carer will receive a Penalty Notice of £120.00 for each child. This will be reduced to £60.00 if paid within 21 days of the fine being issued.
- Any such Penalty Notice or prosecution may relate to your child's attendance record both prior to and subsequence to this letter.
- Each parent/carer may receive a court summons, which may lead to a criminal record and a fine.
- Your child is also at risk of losing their school place.

The Government have made it very clear that children have 13 weeks holidays from school to use to go away

Our expectations for punctuality are:

That all pupils arrive on time and are ready to learn. Good time keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their life.

The school doors are open to pupils from 8.50am and will close at 9.00am.

If your child arrives after 9.00am they must enter through the main entrance

and sign in as late. The school registers close at 9.30am and any pupil who arrives after this time without good reason will incur an unauthorised absence.



Best Wishes

Mrs Hughes

Headteacher