



# Half term Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup>  
October  
2021

LEARNING

OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY

PERSONAL  
BEST

LEADERSHIP

## Message from Mrs Bowyer and Mr Fry

Dear parents and carers

Thank you for all your support this half term. We are sure you share our disappointment that Covid continues to impact heavily on our school. The rising cases amongst children, staff and parents has meant having to re-introduce restrictions like face coverings and social distancing in school and also stopped some of the events that we had planned. For example, we were looking forward to holding an open day in November to meet new families who aim to start school in Reception next year. This has now had to switch to a virtual event which just isn't the same. However, our Year 6 Head Student team are coming to the rescue! They will be making a film after half term to showcase our school, giving a virtual tour and interviewing children, staff and... parents too! Watch out for a Year 6 approaching you with an iPad after half term! We are really keen to attract more children to our school. If you have friends and neighbours who are looking for a school place for their 4 year old, please do ask them to get in touch. We can arrange a video meeting where we can answer questions and show them how we aim for all children to 'explore succeed and soar'.

Please check out the diary dates in this newsletter and add parent meetings and class Teams Feelgood Friday assemblies to your kitchen calendars! There have been so many memorable moments that we have celebrated over the past 7 weeks and we look forward to sharing more irresistible, high performance learning with you all next term as well. We hope you all enjoy a restful half term holiday (please take care if trick or treating!) and look forward to seeing you all on 1st November.

Best wishes, Mrs Bowyer and Mr Fry



## Virtual Parents Meetings

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
(Yellowbill Kites Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> November)

We will be hosting virtual parents meetings through the school cloud website (which can be accessed on a phone/tablet/laptop on Google Chrome, latest version) link here:

<https://ravensthorpe.schoolcloud.co.uk>

The appointments will be available to book from 7pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. For help visit:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attendappointments-over-video-call>

You MUST log in as soon as possible and check your appointment(s) are showing, otherwise calls won't be active on the day.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Attendance

We aim for 100% attendance every day. It is said that good attendance = best achievement: it's not just about learning in lessons, but all the interaction with other children and teachers which can give confidence and self-understanding as they grow. We are sure we can count on the support of all our parents and carers to ensure children are in school, on time, every day. Please see the letter about attendance for more information and please contact the school office if you have any questions.

### Attendance for the year so far (up to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October):

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Barn Owls	94.86%	Snowy Owls	90.41%
Yellowbill Kites	89.8%	Red Kites	92.72%
Sparrowhawks	96.37%	Goshawks	97.75%
Golden Kestrels	94.3%	Spotted Kestrels	92.12%
Western Ospreys	97.1%	Eastern Ospreys	93.09%
Peregrine Falcons	90.7%	Merlin Falcons	94.47%
Sea Eagles	95.27%	Martial Eagles	95.48%

## Free Courses for parents/carers from The Aim Group

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget. We have several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited Courses available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing. We currently have the following subjects available plus many more on our Website:

- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties).

The courses are completed within in a 10-week window and are completed on a laptop, computer, or tablet at the learner's own pace. No Exams, end point assessments are involved, the courses are purely Q&A based and are available to you 24/7. You can do as many as you like, however you can just do one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event that someone enrolls, but then makes **no attempt to complete the course without a valid reason. That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a genuine reason as to why they feel they won't be able to complete it within the 10 weeks.**

**If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link ASAP. This will then allow you to complete a quick Registration on our website. I will then contact you to explain how Enrolment works and answer any questions you may have.**

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000di6oP>





## Half term activities at the West Raven Community Café & Garden



### Halloween @ WestRaven

**MON 25TH  
OCTOBER**

WestRaven's Wicked Halloween Carve Up!  
Pumpkin Carving and Arts & Crafts  
1pm - 3pm, £2 each, ages 4-11 @ the garden

**TUES 26TH  
OCTOBER**

Family Halloween Arts & Crafts  
1pm - 3pm, free of charge,  
ages 4-11 @ the garden

**WEDS 27TH  
OCTOBER**

Den Building Day  
10am - 2pm,  
free of charge,  
all ages  
@ the garden

**THURS 28TH  
OCTOBER**

Autumn Bulb Planting  
11am - 1pm, free of charge,  
all ages @ the garden

**FRI 29TH  
OCTOBER**

Kids' Halloween Party  
4-6pm, £3 each, including food and Dracula  
entertainer @ the café, (fancy dress optional)



Visit our events page to book and for more info:  
[facebook.com/WestRavenCafeAndGarden/events](https://facebook.com/WestRavenCafeAndGarden/events)  
We are looking forward to your visit.

**Book  
now!**

### Upcoming events at Westraven Community Café & Garden



Westraven Community Garden will be running a variety of events over Autumn. Come along and get creative, learn how to use herbs and flowers to support your wellbeing, garden with friends or just enjoy the beautiful surroundings with a nice cup of tea! We also have fresh veg, plants and more for sale!

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Herbs for Health-The Slow Sunday Sessions:

10:30am-12:30pm Free

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Compost Workshop: How to make the perfect compost

11am-12:30pm Free

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

WestRaven's Wicked Halloween Carve Up!

Pumpkin Carving + Arts & Crafts

1pm - 3pm £2

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Family Halloween Arts & Crafts

1pm - 3pm Free

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Den Building Day

10am - 2pm Free

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Autumn Bulb Planting

11am - 1pm Free

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Kids Halloween Party

4-6pm £3 inc food

**at Westraven Community Cafe**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

A Taste of Tuesdays - Community Cooking Club

Portuguese Cuisine

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Free

Full details and booking on: [westraven.co.uk](https://westraven.co.uk)

Please visit [facebook.com/WestRavenCafeAndGarden](https://facebook.com/WestRavenCafeAndGarden) or  
[westraven.co.uk](https://westraven.co.uk) for more information. Thank you.

# Dates for your diary

## Term Dates 2021 - 2022

### Autumn Term

Monday 6th September 2021

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Friday 17th December

### Spring Term

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

Friday 1st April

### Summer Term

Tuesday 19th April

Monday 2nd May

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Thursday 21st July

### Teacher Training Days – School Closed

Wednesday 1st September – Disaggregated Day, Thursday 2nd September, Friday 3rd September, Friday 22nd October, Tuesday 4th January.

Term Starts

Half term – School Closed

Term Ends – Early Finish

Term Starts

Half Term – school closed

Term Ends – Early Finish

Term Starts

May day – school closed

Half Term – school closed

Term Ends

## Useful dates



- ❖ Monday 1st November - School re-opens
- ❖ Monday 1st November - School Photographer will be taking Individual photos
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd November – Virtual parents' meetings (NOT Yellowbill Kites)
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd November – Virtual parents' meetings
- ❖ Thursday 4th November – Virtual parents' meetings (Yellowbill Kites ONLY)
- ❖ Friday 5th November – Year 4 assembly (a link will be sent to join Eastern & Western Ospreys virtually)
- ❖ Friday 12th November – Golden Kestrels virtual assembly (a link will be sent to join virtually)
- ❖ Friday 19th November – Children in Need. Come to school in spotty/stripey/yellow or fancy dress! £1 suggested donation via ParentPay.com
- ❖ Friday 19th November – Classroom exhibitions (virtual)
- ❖ Friday 26th November – Spotted Kestrels virtual assembly (a link will be sent to join virtually)



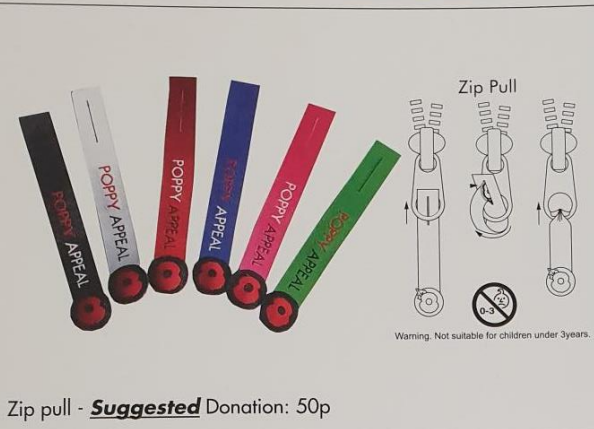


## The Poppy Appeal

From Monday 1st November each class will have a small box of snap bands, reflectors, wristbands, zip pulls and poppies. The correct money must be given. We cannot take money at the office as we do not hold any stock.

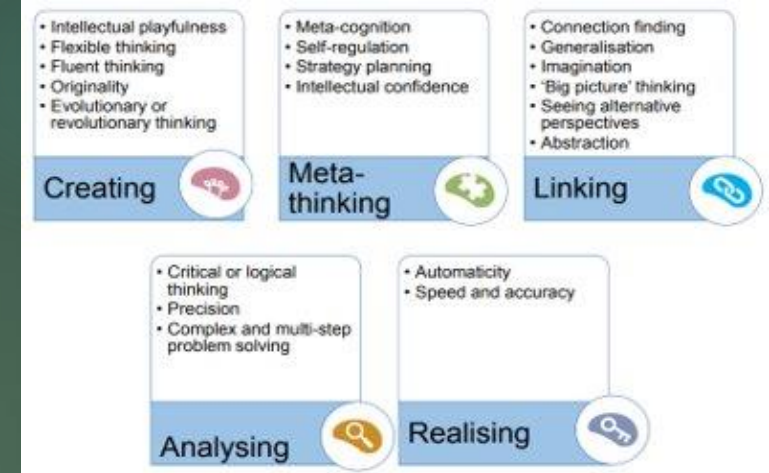
Paper poppies - 50p  
Zip pulls - 50p  
Reflector - 50p  
Wristband - £1  
Snap band - £1.50

Items are available on a first-come-first-served basis as stock is very limited. Once items are sold they cannot be replenished.





We will be sharing more information  
about High Performance Learning  
with parents every week in this  
newsletter and on Twitter  
@RavensthorpeP



Barn Owls:  
**Marko**

3 Spotted Kestrels:  
**Laura**

5 Merlin Falcons:  
**Ayaat**

Snowy Owls:  
**Suvan**

3 Golden Kestrels:  
**Grace**

5 Peregrine Falcons:  
**Cade**

1 Yellowbill Kites:  
**Millie**

2 Sparrowhawks:  
**Josiah**

4 Eastern Ospreys:  
**Connor**

6 Sea Eagles:  
**Lola**

1 Red Kites:  
**Aila**

4 Western Ospreys:  
**Reinis**

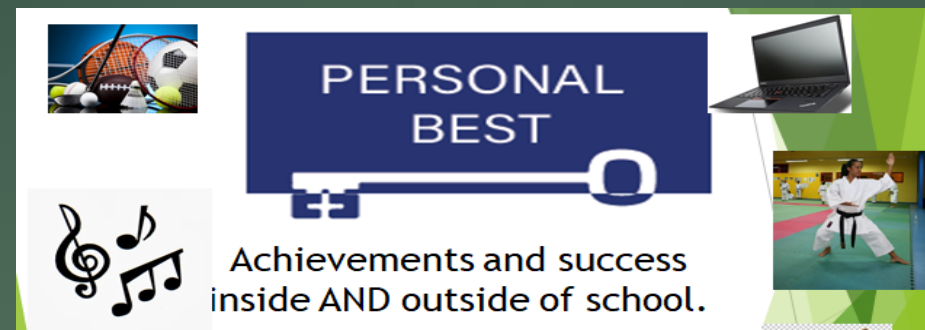
6 Martial Eagles:  
**William**

2 Goshawks:  
**Jake**





Well done – we are  
very proud of you!



Summer, in Year  
3, has been using  
her creativity and  
resilience to  
produce this  
amazing  
costume.

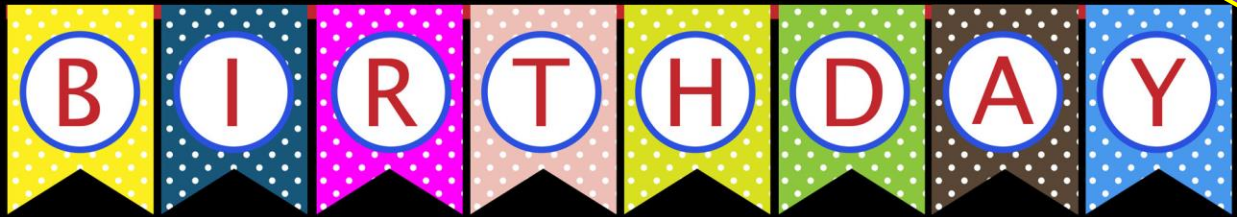


If your child achieves a  
personal best during half term  
please email it to  
[office@rps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@rps.pkat.co.uk)



If your child achieves a 'Personal Best' out of school,  
please email in to [office@rps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@rps.pkat.co.uk) so we can  
share their wonderful achievements.

# Birthdays this week



COMMUNITY



Mrs  
McKie

Helen  
11

Hallie-Mae  
9

Aisha  
7

Arons  
8

Mrs Mack

Lyam  
5

Finlee  
7

Natalia T  
8

Wojciech  
9

## Happy Birthday from everyone at Ravensthorpe!

### Healthy snacks & water bottles

Children can bring in a healthy snack to have at break time. This **MUST NOT** be chocolate or nuts – **we are a nut free school.**

Children **must** bring in a named water bottle.



### Half term birthdays

Dexter 7	Pola B 8
Skylah 5	Ethan F 11
Emelia-Rose 6	Mrs Ding

Goodbye and Good luck to:

Mrs Mee



We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Mee today. Mrs Mee has worked as a Teaching Assistant for a number of years supporting children in different year groups. She is an amazing phonics teacher and has helped so many children learn to read at Ravensthorpe. Mrs Mee recently became a grandparent and is looking forward to spending more time with her family. She will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her every success and happiness in the future.





There is a vacancy  
on our Local  
Governing Body for  
a Parent Governor.  
Would you like to  
vounteer your time  
and energy to  
make a positive  
difference for all  
children at  
Ravensthorpe?



Why should I  
become a  
Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Headteacher and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all children. As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience for all children at Ravensthorpe and help them 'explore, succeed and soar'.

What does a Parent  
Governor do?

You will join a team of Governors and school leaders at Governor meetings (currently on Microsoft Teams – no more than 5 meetings per year) and you will be invited to visit school to talk to staff and children about school priorities. As a Governor, you can also bring your own skills to the team and support with finance, HR, premises and community work. If you become a Governor, there is induction training with more training available throughout the year.

For more information/  
to express your interest,  
please email  
[office@rps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@rps.pkat.co.uk)