





Feelgood Friday Newsletter

4th November 2022













From the Headteacher's Office...

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely half term and it was lovely to see the children return on Monday looking so smart for their school photos!

It has been a typically busy first week back, which has included two very exciting Egyptian days for Year 5 and 6. They were transported back to Ancient Egypt and our school hall had been transformed into a temple, complete with feast.

The weather however has not been so welcoming this week and it is certainly feeling more autumnal. Please do make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day.

We have lots of very exciting events planned for this half term, starting with Children in Need on the 18th November. We are also seeking parent volunteers to help us restart social events for the children, such as the Christmas Disco. If you are able to help, please let us know by completing the form on the next page.

Best wishes,
Mrs Bowyer (Headteacher)



Volunteers Wanted!

Would you like to support our school community by becoming a governor or supporting with social events?

COMMUNITY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our Academy Committee. The Committee meets 6 times a year in the evening and works strategically to help ensure that all the children and staff at Ravensthorpe can explore, succeed and soar. Further information, including the application process are attached.

Why become a parent governor?

Parents who have a child at the school and who take an active interest in the education of **all children at the school** should consider becoming a parent governor. They should not take on this role to follow up a particular concern about the education of an individual child.

We are also seeking volunteers who could help us bring back social events such as school discos. If you would be able to support after school events please complete this form: https://forms.office.com/r/EC5ya2hQXR

What will parent governors have to do?

- Take an active interest in education
- Give time to find out about the school
- Give time to learn about the role by attending induction training
- Abide by the Code of Conduct and confidentiality
- Undergo pre-appointment checks (DBS) and sign a Declaration of Eligibility form
- Complete a declaration of pecuniary interests
- Undertake safeguarding training
- Attend meetings throughout the year. We hold six Academy
 Committee meetings per year, and may establish sub-committees to
 take responsibility for particular delegated functions including
 complaints and exclusions.
- Visit the school (by prior arrangement and with an agreed focus) to monitor aspects of its work and report back to the Academy Committee.



Dates for your diary

November

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

To donate to Children in Need please use this link for

ParentPay.com https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7821

December

Christmas dinner & jumper day – Thursday 15th December

Reception 2023

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 & 31st August 2019 you need to apply for their primary school place before 15th January 2023. Please use this link to make your application with Peterborough City Council.

<u>Primary school admissions - September 2023 - Peterborough City</u>
<u>Council</u>

If you would like to look around the EYFS area, please email the office to arrange an appointment.

Autumn Term Year Group Celebration Cafes

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us, in the School Hall for our new Celebration Cafes. Come and join us to share in your children's learning and for coffee and a cake!

All Celebration Cafes will take place from 9-10am

Year 6: Friday 11th November Year 5: Friday 25th November Year 3: Friday 2nd December Year 4: Friday 9th December

Week 7 31 October – 4 November

Week 8 7-11 November

Week 9 14 – 18 November

Week 10 21 – 25 November

Week 12 28 November – 2 December

Week 12 5 – 9 December

Week 13 12 – 16 December

Week 14 19 – 21 December







Christmas Focus

Our Values



This half term, we are focusing on our three 'hard working' values: resilience, perseverance and practice. We are starting with our resilience racoon, she keeps going even when she finds things difficult. Her motto is 'I can't do it yet' not 'I can't do it' and she loves learning new things.





Our HPL Stars of Week

Snowy Owls: Theo

Barn Owls: Ella



Yellowbill Kites: Eliza-Rae

Goshawks: Alex-David

Sparrowhawks: Raissa

Merlin Falcons: Connor

Peregrine Falcons: Kallum

Spotted Kestrels: Aliza

Golden Kestrels: Martyna

Western Ospreys: Emilija C

Eastern Ospreys:

Sea Eagles: Alvin

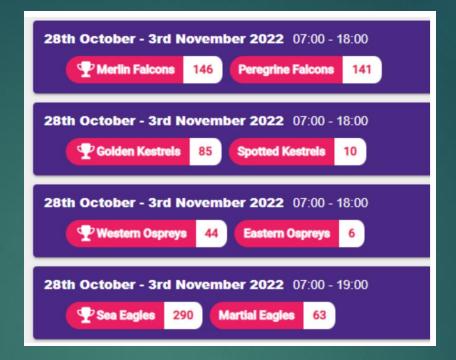
Martial Eagles: Favor





Congratulations to our first Resilience Champions of this year. These children have kept going, even when things are difficult and have not given up – well done!







Across Key Stage 2, we hold weekly 'battles' on Times Tables Rockstars.
Here are this week's winners – congratulations!

Everyone should know all their times tables by the end of Year 4. It is important to continue to practise them however and to ensure that you know both times tables and their division facts. So, for example, if I know that $6 \times 7 = 42$, then I know that $42 \div 7 = 6$ and $42 \div 6 = 7$





Melani K, Y2, has completed stage 2 in her swimming, well done from everyone at Ravensthorpe Primary!



Valters A, Y2, had an excellent grading in his karate class and has now earned his next belt. Well done!

A big well done to John, Y3, who has achieved his yellow belt in GKR Karate Northampton Division and was awarded "Star of the month" for hard work and punctuation.







The Poppy Appeal



From Tuesday 1st November each class will have a small box of paper poppies, zip pulls, reflectors, wristbands and snap bands. 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-comefirst-served basis as stock is very limited. Once items are sold they cannot be replenished.



Get Caught being a Mathematician!

A few years ago now, we ran a competition called 'Get Caught Reading'. Children and staff took photos of themselves reading in unusual places – we had photos of children reading in the park, on planes and even upside down!

This half term, we would like to challenge everyone to 'Get Caught being a Mathematician'. You could work on your times tables while taking a walk; calculate percentages at the park, subtract while swimming.

We look forward to seeing your entries! There will be a prize for the top 3 ideas. Send your photos to office@rps.pkat.co.uk using the subject: Maths Competition

Forgotten items

If you bring a water bottle, lunch box, coat etc to the school office for your child after 8:45am we will no longer be able to take these items to classrooms.

Children will come to the office to collect their belongings at breaktime. Due to this change, please ensure forgotten items are brought to the office before 10:30am or your child will not get them.

Thank you



Happy Birthday from everyone at Ravensthorpe!

Medicine in school



Due to health and safety, cough sweets are no longer allowed in school, as they are a choking hazard.

In line with our policy, we are able to administer prescribed medicines, Piriton, Paracetamol (Calpol) and Ibuprofen in school. Parents/Carers **MUST** complete a consent form which can be found under the 'Useful Links' tab on the website. It is the responsibility of the child to come to the office at agreed times for medication.





It has been fantastic to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms at the start of term. Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support School Uniform



Reception (Owls) Uniform and PE Kit for Years 1-6



Please note: earrings **cannot** be worn on PE days. If children are wearing earrings they will be asked to remove them. (We will not be responsible for any loss.) Small stud earrings may be worn on non PE days.

In Years 1-6, the PE uniform should be worn on:

Year 1: Monday and Tuesday

Year 2: Tuesday and Friday

Year 3: Thursday and Friday

Year 4: Wednesday (swimming) and Friday

Year 5: Monday and Wednesday

Year 6: Tuesday and Thursday