







16th December 2022













From the Headteacher's Office...

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to the week! Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Owl's Nativity Performance and to those families who were able to join us for Carols in the Courtyard. Due to the cold weather, these took place in the school hall rather than the courtyard, but Carols in the School Hall just doesn't sound the same!

On Thursday, we had our Christmas Dinner and it was lovely to see the children and staff looking so festive in their Christmas Jumpers. I'd like to say a huge thank you to our catering team for the delicious lunch and to also thank the staff who helped out with serving/handing out crackers/encouraging children to eat their sprouts!

It has been an incredibly cold week and the icy conditions do look set to continue. Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves each day

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Bowyer (Headteacher)



Thank you again to all the parents and carers who have supported the school over the past term. We have had some wonderful feedback following our Celebration Cafes are looking forward to continuing these next term.

It is with great sadness therefore that I have to end the term with a reminder to some parents regarding their behaviour towards staff either on the school site or on the telephone. Sadly, we have had 3 instances this week where staff have been sworn at or threatened by parents and this is just not acceptable.

I'd therefore like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our Parent Code of Conduct and to thank the vast majority of parents and carers who abide by this every day. Your support is really appreciated.

We also wish to remind everyone that Dogs should not be brought onto the school site, this includes the playgrounds and the Courtyard at the front of school.



Ravensthorpe Primary School Parent/ Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct

At Ravensthorpe Primary School we have supportive and friendly parents and carers who recognise the importance of the close partnership between home and school. Our school welcomes and encourages parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school to benefit all children. We also welcome visitors and other family members who, with permission, often drop off and/or pick up children at the start and end of the school day.

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Treat all school staff with courtesy and respect
- Set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Approach the school to help you resolve any issues of concern.
- Appreciate that teachers cannot deal with serious concerns at the classroom door at drop off and pick up time— a separate appointment must be made via the school office.
- Recognise the time constraints under which members of staff in schools work and allow the school
 a reasonable time to respond to any issues raised.
- In the case of a complaint, follow the School's Complaints Procedure (found on the school website).

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive and/or abusive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office area or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using abusive and/or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper.
- Threatening to hurt a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or child.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails/ text messages /voicemail or other written communication.
- Defamation of the school's or staff character on Facebook or other social network sites.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child (including your own child).
- Smoking, vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs on/ around the school premises.
- Dogs/ animals being brought on to school premises (except in exceptional circumstances e.g. guide dogs for the blind).
- Riding bikes or scooters on the playground or courtyard.
- · Drive or park dangerously near the school site



Dates for your diary

Lunches

The menu for the rest of term has been changed slightly and there will only be two hot options available each day.

The updated menu will be on the noticeboard from Monday.

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.

Primary school admissions - September 2023 - Peterborough City Council

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

Look out for information in the New Year about the Spring Term Celebration Cafes.

December

Last day of term –
Wednesday 21st December
SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1:30PM

January

Wednesday 4th January - School re-opens

There are lots of respiratory illnesses around at the moment, including Covid and Flu. It is important that we continue to look out for each other by using tissues and washing our hands regularly.

You will also have seen on the news and in social media that there has been a rise in Strep A infections – and about some tragic deaths from a very rare form of the infection.

What is Strep A?

Group A streptococcus (GAS) is a very common bacteria. Some people won't know they have it, but it can cause mild and some serious infections. The most serious is invasive group A Strep or iGAS.

How is it spread?

By close contact with someone who is infected and by **coughs**, **sneezes** or through cuts or wounds.



What should I look out for?

It's always worrying if a child is unwell. GAS infections cause symptoms such as sore throat, chills and muscle aches. Ift can also cause Scarlet Fever.

Early symptoms of scarlet fever can include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomited. After 12-48 hours a red, pinhead rash develops often on the chest and stomach and then spreading. The skill will feel like sandpaper. It can also cause flushed cheeks and a 'strawberry tongue' with white spots on the red tongue. If you think your child has scarlet fever, you should contact your doctor. If your child had scarlet fever, they should stay at home for at least 24 hours after they have started to take antibiotics, to avoid spreading the infection to other children

Most infections will be mild and while unpleasant, they are very rarely serious. If you feel you child is seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS111 or your GP if:

- Your child is getting worse
- Your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- Your child is dehydrated (a dry nappy for 12 hours or more, dark, strong smelling pee, feeling thirsty but not going to the toilet as often or feeling busy
- Has a temperature of 39C or more
- Your child is tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- Your child is having difficulty breathing you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs.
- There are pauses when you child breathes
- Your child's skill, tongue or lips are blue
- Your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

For more information go to: https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset-library/221206-JL-Group-A-Strep.pdf







Our HPL Stars of Week

Snowy Owls:

Barn Owls:

Red Kites:

Yellowbill Kites:

Goshawks: Jasmina

Sparrowhawks: Daniella

Spotted Kestrels:

Golden Kestrels: Megija

Western Ospreys: Connor

Eastern Ospreys: Bilal

Congratulations to this week's Practice Champions. Our Practice Parrot makes sure that he really knows his times tables by practising them at home again and again. He is always on Times Table Rockstars trying to beat his best score. He knows that by practising over and over, his brain will make new and stronger links that will help him remember things in the future.

Merlin Falcons: Arya

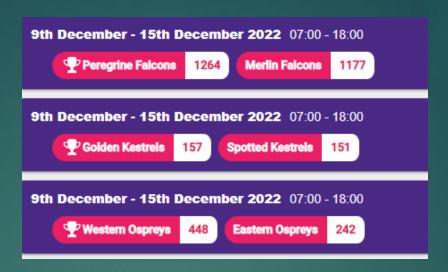
Sea Eagles:

Peregrine Falcons: Wojciech

Martial Eagles:









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

In other, very exciting news,
Ravensthorpe Primary are moving up the
leader board against all the other
school's in Peterborough. Our
challenge, for next week, is to break into
the top 20!



Whole

school

data



<u>Reminder</u>

Don't forget to email your child's personal bests into the office so we can celebrate them with you office@rps.pkat.co.uk



David, year 4, has achieved his yellow belt in karate, well done!

Various Cleaning Positions Required

Easy Clean currently have an exciting opportunity for a cleaning position at Ravensthorpe, to join our already established cleaning team.

- Hours of work Monday to Friday, 3:00 5:00 overtime available
- £9.85-£10.25 hourly pay rate

The successful candidate will work with Easy Clean to provide a great environment for children, staff and visitors by being friendly and approachable, taking pride in their work and maintaining the cleanliness of the site.

We will provide full training if you have not worked within the industry before, ideally, we are looking for someone who:

- Has high standards in all areas of their work
- Be flexible in your approach to working
- Be self-motivated, trustworthy and proactive
- Work effectively and supportively as a member of the team and have confidence and ability to act -on your own initiative, dealing with unexpected problems that may arise
- Have a positive outlook and good work ethic, taking pride in your work
- Have good communication skills

For more information, please contact Head office - 01733 244935 or email your CV to kelly@easyclean-contractors.co.uk

A member of the team will be happy to assist you with the application and questions.

We are committed to employment practices and behaviours which encourage diversity, promote equality of treatment and eliminate unlawful and or unfair discrimination.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy once we have received sufficient applications. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of the posting date, please assume that your application has not been successful and will not be progressed to the next stage.





Barnardo's Winter Holiday Club





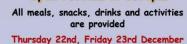




Come and Join for an amazing

Winter of Fun at Play House £22 full day

or £3 per hour (up to 6 hours) Open 7.30am to 5.30pm



Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th January Book hours to suit we accept bookings for 1 hour right up to the full day.

For more information or to book a place





contact us on 01733 471187 or jaime.handley@barnardos.org.uk









Telephone: 01733 571187 rachel.blakemore@barnard os.org.uk



PRE-SCHOOL & OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

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Barnardo's Winter HAF scheme











Winter of Fun at Play House Free Places Available





All meals, snacks, drinks and activities are provided

Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd December Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th January 11am to 3pm





For more information and to check if your child is eligible for a free place please contact us on the details below.







Telephone: 01733 571187 rachel.blakemore@barnard os.org.uk











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Skate into Christmas at Ferry Meadows 25 November - 2 January

Enjoy the magic of Christmas at Nene Park!

- * Outdoor Ice Rink * Mini Christmas Market
- ※ Vintage Fun Fair
 ※ Festive Crafts & Activities
- * Christmas Shopping at the Gift & Farm Shop

Free car Parking for skaters!

This winter, the heart of Ferry Meadows will be transformed with an eco-friendly open-air ice rink, mini Christmas market, vintage fun fair and Christmas craft activities. Visit the Ferry Meadows Gift & Farm Shop for Christmas treats and gift ideas from our premium local suppliers.

Open from 4pm-8pm weekdays, and from 10am-8pm weekends and school holidays, our skating sessions start from just £6 each.

Festive fun for all the family, with all proceeds going straight back to maintaining our beautiful Park for all the community to enjoy!





Find out more and book your tickets at www.nenepark.org.uk/christmas Ferry Meadows, Peterborough PE2 5UU









Christmas School Holiday Club

held at Ravensthorpe Primary school

open to all school aged children from 7.45am to 6pm

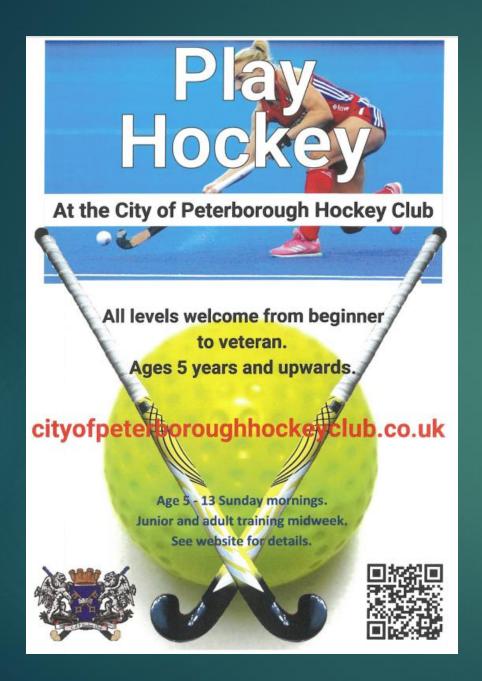
Thursday 22nd December – Santa's Workshop Friday 23rd December – Christmas Wonderland Wednesday 28th December – Bake & Decorate Thursday 29th December – Stripes vs Spots Friday 30th December – Winter Festival Tuesday 3rd December – New Year, New Goals

Each day is themed with lots of activities



£23 per child per day

Price includes all activities, Breakfast, Lunch, Tea and snacks
For more information or to book
email tanya@littletigersnursery.co.uk or
telephone 01733 330630







Parking

If you drive to school to drop off or collect your child, please make sure you park legally and safely. Do not block paths, roads or our neighbour's driveways.

Thank you

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

Birthdays













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Yusuf

Alexander



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