



Ravensthorpe Welcome Back Newsletter

8th September 2023



Headteacher's message

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year! It's been a super start to the term. Our children have settled quickly into their new classrooms and are getting used to the routines and school rules again after the long summer break. To make our rules easy to remember, we only have three – the RPS Way:

Be **RESPECTFUL**

Be **PREPARED**

Be **SAFE**

I have been so impressed with how the children have been following these rules this week: walking (and not talking) in the corridors, using toilets safely, being prepared for each lesson, showing respect by saying please and thank you and holding doors open –FANTASTIC!

We also have a new school chant which you can try at home! If you ask your child 'WHO ARE WE..?' they will respond with:

'WE ARE TEAM RAVENSTHORPE! WE EXPLORE, WE SUCCEED AND WE SOAR...TOGETHER!'

I want every single child, staff member and parent to feel proud to be part of the Ravensthorpe Primary School community. We achieve this by following the RPS Way and always trying to be the best that we can be.

Thank you for making me feel so welcomed back to Ravensthorpe this week – I am so looking forward to working with you all again.

Best wishes

Mr Fry



CONCRETE ISSUES IN BRITISH SCHOOLS

You may be aware from media coverage that the government has asked some schools to close or partially close due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in their school buildings. We understand that this is an unsettling news story and that it may naturally have led you to wonder about the safety of our school building.

Our school building does not contain RAAC and is fully safe to open.

We confirmed this in 2022 after the government asked all schools to check their buildings for RAAC in the last few years.

I hope that this provides reassurance and we continue to welcome your child to our safe and secure learning environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Barnes via the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Last year, our overall school attendance was 89%. The average attendance in England was 94%. It is so important that we improve our attendance so that children are in school on time and learning new things every day. We will be working with parents and sharing lots of ideas and information to help. To start with, parents can help us by:

- telephoning school before 8.30am to let us know the reason for your child's absence;
- only taking your child out of school for the minimum amount of time for a medical appointment - please bring them back to school after the appointment together with proof of the medical appointment if possible;
- only allowing your child to be absent from school due to exceptional circumstances.
- not booking term time holidays

Lets aim for Ravensthorpe to have 95% attendance this year!



Dates for your diary

- 'Cakes in the Courtyard for Macmillan' – Friday September 29th after school
- 'Harry Potter' special dinner menu – Thursday 5th October
- Reception (starting September 2024) Prospective Parents visit - Monday 2nd October - morning
- Parents Evening – Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October
- Movie Night – Thursday 19th October
- Half term holiday - **Friday 20th October – Monday 30th October** (includes 2 staff training days)
- Reception (starting September 2024) Prospective Parents visit Wednesday 1st November – evening
- School photos for all children – Tuesday 7th November



PETERBOROUGH KEYS
ACADEMIES TRUST



White polo shirt

Year 1 – 5 uniform



Shoes (NOT trainers)

Year 6 uniform



Tie in house colour



White buttoned shirt (NOT polo)

Uniform

We are aiming to be the smartest school in Peterborough this year, but we need your help! Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct items every day. It's been very hot this week, so it's been difficult to see who has the correct sweatshirts and ties, but we will be contacting parents over the coming weeks if uniform is not up to our high standards. We have also set up a Uniform Bank in the school lobby. Uniform will be given to children who are not wearing the correct kit from the bank and parents can choose items too. More details to follow.

PE t-shirts, Y6 ties and items with the school logo are now back in stock at Chroma Sports (just down the road!)

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



Black Sweatshirt



PE T-shirt in house colour (red, green, blue or yellow)



Black PE shorts



Plain black joggers



Trainers (NOT plimsolls)

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