



Dear parents and carers

As the term draws to a close, we thought we would send a shared letter saying both 'Goodbye' and 'Hello!', so here are a few words from each of us - first a 'Goodbye' from Mr Fry:

I'm so privileged to have worked as Headteacher at Ravensthorpe over the past 12 years. When I first started working at the school, we developed an aim that all children would have the opportunity to explore in their learning, succeed in all areas of school life and soar into their future lives and I like to think that we have built a school community that children, families and staff feel proud to be a part of. I have so many treasured memories from my time at Ravensthorpe and I will really miss the children, families and my colleagues here (and of course, my best friend Rocky the Raven!) when I move on at the end of term.

Thank you to everyone I have worked with over the years and to all of the children and families I have had the pleasure to meet along the way. I wish you all the very best for the future.

I have worked with Mrs Ward for a number of years and know that the school is in very safe and capable hands. Her ideas and energy, along with the great staff at Ravensthorpe, will ensure the school soars! Best wishes, as always, and 'may the Force be with you' all!

Mr Fry

And a 'Hello!' from Mrs Ward:

I am absolutely thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to explore new horizons with all of you. I'm proud to pick up the baton from Mr. Fry and know the team will continue the school's ambition for the children to succeed. Returning to Westwood and Ravensthorpe feels like coming home and I know the fantastic Ravensthorpe team will support and encourage the children to soar to new heights. As we celebrate the festive season, I want to take a moment to wish all your families a happy holiday filled with joy and memorable moments. I can't wait to meet everyone in the new year and work together to achieve great things at Ravensthorpe Primary School. Warmest wishes

Mrs Ward



Happy
New
Year!



Hello, Goodbye and Good Luck

We are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Bush today who has worked at Ravensthorpe for 8 years. The staff and children will miss her greatly as she starts in a new teaching job in Lincolnshire after Christmas. We wish Mrs Bush all the very best for future.

Ms Pragliola will be joining Mrs Norton in teaching the Yellowbill Kites next term.

We are also saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Fisher who is expecting a baby in the new year, we send her our best wishes and look forward to her returning after her maternity leave.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Bates who will be joining Year 2 to cover for Miss Fisher while she is on maternity leave.

Attendance - 15 Day Challenge

Thanks for all your support in helping to improve attendance at RPS this term. The Eastern Ospreys had the highest overall class attendance for the 15 day challenge and enjoyed a lovely treat. The 2 lucky prize draw winners for 100% attendance for the 15 days were Miley and Emily - well done! More 15 Day Challenges will be taking place in the spring - watch this space!



Dates for your diary.

Thursday 4th January - School opens for Spring Term 8:30am

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February - Half term

Parent's Evenings w/b 25th March

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term

ECO NEWS

Our friends at Peterborough Ortons Rotary Club donated 14 recycling bins and a large compost bin to our school. The bins will be filled with fruit and veg waste from breaktime snacks and then the Year 6 Eco Ambassadors will be collecting the bins each week to fill the large compost bin. Over time this will create fertilizer to use to help plants grow in the Community Garden.



Christmas Dinner

On Friday 8th December, the children enjoyed a brilliant Christmas dinner. Music was playing, crackers were pulled, hats worn and lots of bad jokes shared! The food was wonderful - a massive thank you to all the catering staff in Rocky's Diner for making the meal so special.



Carols in the Courtyard

Children in Year 2 to Year 6 and the school choir entertained lots of parents and carers in the Community Garden last week. The children sang beautifully (which is hard to do outside!).

We hope all who attended left the garden feeling festive!



Unfortunately, despite asking parents NOT to take photos and video due to many children not having permission, we have received complaints that some parents were using their phones to take photos during the concert. If you do have photos/video from the event, please delete from your devices. Sadly, events like this may not be able to take place in the future if parents and carers don't follow the photo rules.



You're not alone this CHRISTMAS

The Silver Line

helpline for older people

0800 470 8090
24h a day
7 days a week

SAMARITANS

116 123
24h a day
365 days a year

ChildLine

0800 1111 

0800 1111
24h a day
7 days a week

Cruse

Bereavement
Support

0808 808 1677
Christmas & Boxing Day
10am - 2pm

Switchboard

LGBT+ helpline

0800 0119 100
10am - 10pm every day

Christmas Helplines for 2023

Refuge



0808 2000 247
24h a day
7 days a week all year

shout

85258

here for you 24/7

TEXT SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text support

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY CALM

0800 58 58 58
5pm - midnight
365 day a year



England - 0808 801 0677
Welsh - 0808 801 0433
3pm - 8pm
365 days a year



0800 9177 650
alcoholics-
anonymous.org.uk

Other support organisations are available
Please don't suffer in silence

