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Dates for the Diary

INSET DAYS 2018-19

15.2.19, 3.6.19, 1.7.19

17.9.18

Year 5 parent meeting 5pm

18.9.18

Year 3 parent meeting 5pm

18.9.18

PTA AGM 7 pm in KS2

20.9.18

Year 4 parent meeting 5pm

27.9.18

Year 6 parent meeting 5 pm

8.10.18

Parent Consultations 3.35-7pm

12.10.18

Year 3 trip to Perlethorpe

16.10.18

Year 4 trip to Cadbury World

18.10.18

Harvest Festival Service at church
(children only)

23.10.18

WRATES individual photos (F1
children not in on a Tuesday please
come at 9.20 am if you would like
a photo)

25.10.18

Year 5 trip to Perlethorpe

26.10.18

Finish for half term

5.11.18

Start back



Our Christian value for this term is: *Wisdom*

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely summer. At least we had some sunshine this year! The children have started back with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, settling well into their new classes. This newsletter will contain several reminders and dates which are important for the running of a safe and happy school.

This half term's Christian Value is 'Wisdom'. Wisdom is insight into the way life works; a proper understanding of our thoughts, words and actions; and an awareness of the true value of things. It is rooted in proper reverence for God who is the source of all life and all values. Wisdom may be described as discernment gained through life experience and distilled into guiding principles.

New staff and children

I would like to welcome Mrs Conteh to the school team, Mrs Conteh is the new Foundation leader and she comes highly recommended.

Welcome also to Miss Wilkinson who is working in Foundation 1 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings and all day Friday.

We would also like to welcome all our new starters in Foundation 1 and 2 who are settling in really well.

Lastly welcome to our other new children and families who have joined us.

Year Group Meetings, overviews and visits

These will take place over the next few weeks. (Year 1 and 3 have already taken place). These meetings are to share important information for the year and I would urge parents to attend these meetings. (Dates are in the Dates for Diary section pg. 1). Things do change from year to year so please go along and meet the teachers and find out what is happening and how you can support your child. Curriculum overviews will be sent home today.

School dress code

The required school wear is simple and available at major stores. It consists of the following:

1. Navy blue jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
2. White shirt/blouse/t-shirt
3. Grey trousers/skirt
4. Summer dresses in the appropriate school colours.
5. Sensible footwear (no trainers) preferably black or grey.

Children may wear sandals in the summer.

Alternatively sweatshirts, polo-shirts and cardigans with an embroidered school logo are available through the PTA (order form available from the school office or school website).



Weekly Newsletter

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- 12.11.18
Year 2 trip to the Fire Station
- 13.11.18
Odd Sock Day (as part of Anti-Bullying Week)
- 4.12.18
Foundation Nativity 9.40 pm KS1 Hall
- 5.12.18
Foundation Nativity 2.15 pm KS1 Hall
- 14.12.18
Year 1/2 Nativities at St Peter's Church 10am and 2.30 pm
- 20.12.18
Pantomime
- 21.12.18
Finish for Christmas holiday
- 7.1.19
Start back
- 8.1.19
Young Voices concert for choir Members
- 15.2.19
INSET
- 15.2.19
Finish for half term holiday
- 25.2.19
Start back
- 11.3.19
Parent Consultations 4-7pm
- 14.3.19
Parent Consultations 4-7pm

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Children should bring a waterproof coat with a hood during the colder months as they may still go out for break times if it is raining lightly. During the summer months, we would advise that your child bring a hat to school to protect them from the sun. You may also wish to send your child with sun cream which they will need to apply themselves.

Children should have separate outdoor and indoor PE shoes - trainers for outdoors (with a bag in case they get muddy) and clean soled shoes, preferable plimsolls for the hall. Children will need blue or black shorts and a white top for P.E. lessons (plain tops).

Long hair will need to be tied up for PE sessions and therefore children with long hair should ensure that they have a bobble in their PE kit (otherwise they will be asked to use an elastic band).

We do ask that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name. If children come to school in boots/wellingtons, they will need a change of shoes to wear during the day. For Health and Safety reasons we do discourage the wearing of jewellery in school. A watch may be worn and girls may wear stud earrings. Children are requested to not wear earrings on P.E. days or they will need to be covered (parents are responsible for providing medical tape for the children to cover the earrings themselves).

Hairstyles, nail varnish etc

Shaved hairstyles and colours are not considered suitable for school. It would also be appreciated if gelling was kept to a minimum. Nail varnish should not be worn to school as it is considered unsuitable. Transfers are also considered to be unsuitable. Wristbands of any type are not allowed to be worn in school for health and safety reasons.

Mornings and after school

If you need to share information or ask a question we would rather this be done after school as the class teacher needs to start teaching at 9am. If you urgently need to speak to a member of staff in the morning then please could this be a Teaching Assistant or a member of the office staff. If you need to see the teacher and cannot come after school then we would ask you to make an appointment at a convenient time. Also due to the school being open plan, we would appreciate it if parents do not come into school before the end of the day as this can be disruptive for the teachers and children. We do understand if a younger child needs the toilet but we would then ask for you to return outside to wait.

Could I also please remind parents that children should not be on the play equipment including the trim trails, tyres or pirate ship before and after school. This is due to insurance purposes and the school will not be liable for any injuries.

Please can I remind parents that children should not be on either playground unsupervised before 8.40 am. There are no staff on duty until this time and therefore this would be putting your child at risk.

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- 2.4.19**
WRATES class and group photos
- 3.4.19**
Year 3/4 Easter Service at St Peter's Church 2 pm
- 4.4.19**
Year 3/4 Easter Service at St Peter's Church 9.45 am
- 5.4.19** Finish for Easter holiday
- 23.4.19**
Start back
- 6.5.19**
Bank holiday
- 24.5.19**
Finish for half-term holiday
- 3.6.19**
INSET
- 4.6.19**
Start back
- 7/10.6.19**
Year 6 residential to Caythorpe
- 11.6.19**
KS2 Sports Day
- 13.6.19**
KS1 Sports Day
- 18.6.19**
KS2 reserve Sports Day
- 19.6.19**
Foundation Sports Day
- 20.6.19**
KS1 reserve Sports Day
- 1.7.19**
INSET

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Water bottles:

In accordance with the school's policies and prospectus, please may I remind parents that the children's drink bottles should contain **water** only unless we have medical reasons for an alternative drink.

This Year's School Improvement Plan

Our results in 2018 for Year 6 children were above the National Average in all areas. The combined result for reading, writing and maths was 12% above the national figure. Whilst we are very pleased with these outcomes, we want to further improve the progress children make from their starting points. The main focus of this year's Improvement Plan will be closing the vocabulary gap which will help improve outcomes in reading and writing and to aim for more children to achieve the Greater Depth standard in all areas. A parent version of the plan will be available on the school website shortly.

The school field

Over the summer holidays, Weedfree, the school's gardening company, have made repairs to the KS2 field. Hope fully you agree it is looking much better. It is work in progress and further sections will hopefully be completed during the year.



Nottinghamshire Schools Athletics Association - Cross Country.

Individuals in Year 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Cross Country League meetings to be held in the Autumn Term. Medals are awarded to the winning individuals. Individuals must compete in all three meetings in order to qualify for the awards. Dates are as follows: Saturday 6th October, Saturday 24th November, Saturday 8th December. All meetings will be held at Berry Hill Park, NG18 4JR, with the first race starting at 10am. There will be a cost of £2 per individual, per race which can be paid on the day.

Parent Governor Election

The closing date for nominations is Monday 17th September at 10am. Nominations may be sent in electronically to office@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk or by hand to the KS2 office.

Online Safety

The safety of children online is a growing issue for parents and schools alike. This year we will be sending out a weekly online safety Newsletter to support this at home.

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2/3.7.19

Transition Days. Parents to visit on 3.7.19 from 2.30pm

11/12.7.19

Year 4 residential to Castleton

12.7.19

Reports go home

24.7.19

Year 6 leaver's service at St Peter's Church 1.30 pm

24.7.19

Finish for Summer holidays



Sunflowers in the school garden

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A message from Charlotte, the school cook

Welcome back to our new school term and this is our new cook's corner. With the summer nights drawing in, why don't you look at our winter warmers. A two course meal for only £2.29, great value for money for a hot meal. Freshly cooked daily, all diets and allergies catered for. Any questions or queries please feel free to ask.

Parking

May I please ask parents to park safely and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children on the roads around the school. Driving along pavements, parking on corners and zig zag lines is extremely dangerous practice and could seriously endanger the lives of our children. Also please be courteous and avoid parking across resident's drives and on the grass verges. Thank you.

Mobile phones

We appreciate some children need to have a phone with them. However please consider whether it is vital as last year managing the collection and distribution of phones resulted in a delay to the start and end of the day. If your child does need a phone they **MUST** be labelled and handed in to the office. We ask that children do not use them at all once on the school premises.

Concerns/issues

If you have any issues or concerns during the year, it would be appreciated if you contact the school to make an appointment to discuss these matters so they may be resolved.

This week's Fab is for 'A Good Start to the New Term'

Class	FAB Certificate	Reader of the Week	Dojo Winner	Rainbow Award
6SM	Harrison C-S	Will M	Harry B	Maria B, Morgan W
6LB	Lewis D	George L	Alex D	Tom P, George L, Alex D
5CL	Finlay W	Joel R	Alex S	Mohamed M
5RW	Joel H	Zara B	Ashlee L	Megan D
4BB	Erin C-S	Alfie F	Lara S	Abdullah N
4SB5	William L	Summer B-H	Charlotte C	Amith M
3RS	Anton D	Zachary Al-S L	Christopher B	Laila K
3KT	Lilli M	Harriette V	Jai Singh	Jessie E
2NE	James W	Reem M	Jack H	Jack S
2AW	Aaron B	Isabella S	Niamh C	Joshua H
1LWR	Elizabeth T	Hamza A	Grace T	Demi H
1HB	Jack W-B	Emily R	Oscar C	Jack H
F2AC	Erin S	Yash V	-----	-----
F2BH	Ben H	Kitty B-O	-----	-----

Roll of Honour

Izzy V, Will P, Harriet M, Eddison B, Connor B-O, Lacey H, Ruby W, Harvey E, Joel H, James W, Henry W and Mason T

H Thomas