



Year 6 Newsletter



Dear parents/ carers,

Happy New Year!

2019 comes with many exciting opportunities for the children in year 6: class assemblies, discos, family afternoons, our Kingswood residential trip to the Isle of Wight and of course, our end of year 6 celebrations - including our show!

The children in year 6 this year are incredible and continue to amaze us with their array of skills and talents and we hope to foster them in a variety of ways over the next six months. Having had the privilege to be a part of the education of your children for two years at Ravenscote, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

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Warmest regards,
Miss Jukes
Year 6 AHT

Communication.

Should you need to contact any of the Year 6 teachers, their e-mail addresses are below. They will get back to you within 5 working days. There are also other emails that may be of use to you.

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Kingswood

The full balance of **£270** is due by **Friday 1st February**. Please ensure that you have made full payment on Wisepay or have contacted Miss Jukes or the office.

We are very excited to have now ordered our Leavers' hoodies. These will be handed out in April so that they can be worn on the journey to the Isle of Wight. Please be aware that no changes to sizes, names or initials can be made.

We will be holding an information evening for the trip on **Monday 4th February at 6pm** in the school hall. The children are very welcome to come along too. If you are unable to attend, the powerpoint will be uploaded to the website. We hope to see many of you there!



Aladdin

I am pleased to announce that the tickets to see the matinee performance of Aladdin in the Prince Edward Theatre, London on **Thursday 6th June**, will be on sale from tomorrow - **31st January**.

Due to a limited availability of tickets, we shall be taking 119 Year 6 pupils to see this wonderful show, in preparation for our own Aladdin show at the end of the year. The cost of this trip is **£32**, which includes a ticket for the Dress Circle at the theatre and return coach transport to London.

As we have limited seats, the tickets will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis. You will receive confirmation of your purchase via email.

You will be given further details of the trip nearer to the time. Any pupils not going on the trip will be taught by Mr Smith in the afternoon.

Good luck for those who wish to purchase a ticket!

Mrs Saleh

PREFECT

Prefects

Congratulations to the following children who have received the honour of prefect this half-term:

Connie Gimblett	Maisie Gimblett	Catherine Peacock	Evie Sargeant
Sofia Logue	Hamish McGaffney	Andreas Sousa	Benjamin Brooks
Isaac Rogers	Evie Murray	Karan Bassi	Lucy Fuller
Brosnan Bennett	Grace Gubbins	Lily Davison	Isobel Kolshi
Eliza Clifford	Thomas Masters	Freya Johnson	Sparsh Madan
			Sophie Rolls

We are very proud of our prefects as they work very hard to support the running of our school. It is an award that can be taken away, however, if the child's behaviour does not achieve the high standards that we expect from them.

There will be more opportunities for children to become prefects throughout the year.

Mock SATs

We have our 'Mock SATs' next week so that we can assess the progress the children have made this year, and the progress still to be made before SATS, and to give them a feel for how SATs week will run so that they feel prepared. We will review the data from these with you at Parents' Evening in March.

We do not want any children to worry about their assessments this year so please support them to see SATs as just a tiny part of a huge picture of who they are: **kind, helpful and wonderful young people with huge potential and a huge variety of talents.** We believe in them and know they will do their best – that is all we ask! If your child does display any anxiety about SATs, please contact your child's teacher so that we can address this before it builds up.

The revision guides are still available to be purchased. If you wish to support your children with their preparation and consolidation at home, the letter for purchasing can be found on our school website.

Class assemblies

This half term we are performing our class assemblies on Thursdays at 8.55. These are uploaded onto the year 6 Frog site so they can be watched again or seen by anyone who cannot make it.

Internet Safety Evening

Important Parent Talk with Brett Laniosh on Internet Safety

**Monday 11th February, 2019
6:30pm-7:30pm
School Hall**

We are looking forward to welcoming Brett Laniosh to school on Monday 11th February during our internet safety week. He will be giving a talk to parents on E-Safety. He is a specialist in online safety and child protection. He is keen to promote creative learning in schools and offers friendly, independent advice and training on a range of E-Safety themes.

We are very fortunate that he has agreed to come and speak at Ravenscote. This will give both children and yourselves a unique and up to date insight into the challenges posed by online grooming, cyberbullying, exposure to harmful material and other issues affecting young people and we would strongly encourage you to attend his talk.

In order to make child care easier, Ravenscote staff will be showing a film for the children whilst you are at the parent meeting. Please drop your child off in 4A for 6:30pm and then make your way to the hall for the meeting.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Miss V Miller and Mrs H Burrows (Computing Subject Leads)

Diary Dates

Please note the changes from the last year 6 newsletter; these have been highlighted.

January	6C – Thursday 31 st January (8.55am)
February	Kingswood information evening: Monday 4 th February (6pm) Mock SATs week: Tuesday 5 th February – Friday 8 th February Class assemblies: 6D – Thursday 7 th February (8.55am) 6E – Thursday 14 th February (8.55am) Internet safety week: Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th February Half term: Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February Houses of Parliament trip 2: Thursday 28 th February (6C and 6D)
March	Parents' evening: Monday 4 th March (3.40pm to 8pm by appointment) Wednesday 6 th March (3.40pm to 6pm by appointment) PTA Spring disco: Friday 15 th March Spring music concert: Thursday 28 th March
April	English week: Monday 1 st – Thursday 4 th April Book character day: Thursday 4 th April INSET day: Friday 5 th April Easter holidays: Monday 8 th – Monday 22 nd April Back to school: Tuesday 23 rd April Class photos: Wednesday 24 th and Thursday 25 th April Kingswood: Monday 29 th April – Friday 3 rd May
May	Bank holiday: Monday 6 th May SATs week: Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May PTA Summer disco: Friday 17 th May Community open evening: Wednesday 22 nd May (4pm – 6pm) Maths week: Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May Half term: Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May
June	INSET days: Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th May Aladdin theatre trip: Thursday 6 th June Parents' afternoons (1 adult per afternoon): Thursday 13 th and Thursday 20 th June (1.30pm) Sports' day: Wednesday 26 th June Reserve sports' day: Thursday 27 th June Party in the park: Saturday 29 th June
July	Reports home: Friday 12 th July Informal parents' evening: Monday 15 th July End of year show performances (at Farnborough Sixth Form's Prospect Theatre): Wednesday 17 th July (2pm matinee and 7pm evening) Thursday 18 th July (7pm) Leavers' party: Friday 19 th July Leavers' assembly: Tuesday 23 rd July Last day at Ravenscote! Tuesday 23 rd July INSET day: Wednesday 24 th July

In school we are tremendously proud of the standard of work the children produce and would like the opportunity to celebrate and share this with you. In every Assistant Headteacher newsletter, we will select one child from the year group to have their work proudly entered – a chance for you to celebrate their phenomenal achievements at home.

We would like to congratulate Ava Brasier in 6A for her writing achievements in English. In our formal letters unit, Ava chose to write a letter of protest about a topic close to her heart. Her arguments are well-constructed and impassioned and her use of language evokes empathy from the reader. Well done, Ava!



To whom it may concern,

I am ashamed to write this letter on behalf of my country, Sorry No words can describe the cruel, ruthless emotions that

swim round my mind every time I step foot in a circus. It is not even human to think the punishment of elephants is a type of entertainment. In this letter I will prove how appalling your behaviour is by explaining what you are doing to these marvellous animals.

Elephants are being harshly treated: their freedom is being taken away, they are forced to work using whipping or beating and their 'homes' are ridiculously small pens or poles of which they are chained to. Consequently you are leading elephants right to extinction. You are killing them. Their blood is on your hands.

When people watch your show, they do not enjoy it.

When people look at the poorly-cared for elephants, they do not enjoy it.

When people hear about your cold-hearted minds, they do not enjoy it.

When people see happy, free, healthy animals, they enjoy it.

Animals take up more than half of our world's percentage. They do not purposely attack us; why should we hurt them? The world is already filled with war and hatred, so is it that hard just to love something for once? Elephants are peaceful creatures yet why should they be when they live

in a place of pure evil?

I am outraged, wrathful at your disgusting work with elephants. You should be thoroughly ashamed of yourself. If this how you would like to be treated?

I have already persuaded many circus companies to set all animals in captivity back safe into the wild - so I hope I have persuaded you too. I also hope you acknowledge the way you are treating animals for the future.

May your sins be forgiven.
May their souls rest in peace.

Yours faithfully,


Miss A. Brasier