



Year 3 Newsletter

Wednesday 23rd September 2020

A note from Mrs Webster....

Welcome to your first Year 3 newsletter! The children have made a fantastic start at Ravenscote so far and we already are so proud of them. Throughout the course of the year, you will be receiving monthly newsletters from the Year 3 team which will keep you updated on all the things we are learning about as well as keeping you informed of any important events or dates.

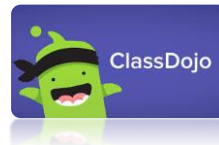
Hopefully you have all had the chance to watch the virtual 'Meet the Team' which is available on the school website (found under the 'School Info' tab). Please do take a look as it is a great opportunity for us to inform you all about what your children will be up to this year, as well as a chance for you to actually put a face to the name of your child's new class teacher!

We are looking forward to a really successful year, full of amazing opportunities and lots of great learning.

Class Dojo

Thank you to all of you who have connected to your account on Class Dojo. You will be able to see the rewards your child has earned such as points for honesty, hard work and excellence. You will also see if they have lost points for behaviour! The software can run on a computer or tablet/phone. Over the year we will use the system to send out any reminders or requests.

Please note we are **unable** to respond to messages within Dojo. It would be fantastic to have 100% of children connected to their parents through the app. We're nearly there!



Weekend contact to the school

We ask that families only contact the school via email during weekdays. However, **if you need to tell us of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your family, over the weekend, please email all of the following accounts: head@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk , dharris@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk** (this way we can ensure your email is picked up and actioned).

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail: info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and we will ensure that all messages are passed onto them.

Should you wish to contact Mrs Webster, please e-mail: awebster@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk

Please be aware that staff have **5 working days** to respond to all messages.



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Our Learning.

Since the start of term, Year 3 have been producing lots of fantastic work based upon the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have spent lots of time reflecting on recent events and thinking about the impact that it has had on ourselves, our families, our communities and the environment. This week, we have started our new writing unit: Pirates! They have enjoyed the topic so far and can't wait to get dressed up as pirates.

In maths, we have concentrated on place value, focusing heavily on embedding key skills, which will undoubtedly support the children with all other areas of maths. In science, we have been learning about how to carry out investigations fairly and accurately, focusing on predictions, fair testing and scientific questions. We will work with the children to develop these key skills throughout the term.

During DT, we have been learning about printing and creating our own prints using different styles and techniques. The children's final piece will be based on a British landmark which links into our Geography unit this term. In Geography, we have been learning about the different continents and oceans around the world. From there, we are going to focus on the UK. During RAW, the children have been learning about and reflecting upon being grateful and thankful. In PSHE we have been looking at the school value of respect.

Homework.

Homework will be set every Wednesday and should be completed by the following Monday; homework for this year begins today.

Each week, there will be: **Spelling Shed, TT Rockstars and either a maths or English task along with reading 3x each week.**

Your child will be using Google Classroom to access their maths and English homework and are able to complete this online.

A couple of useful pieces of information to support your child:

- 1) Log into www.classroom.google.com
- 2) Sign in using the RDP username and add @ravenscote.school at the end (e.g. *JBloggs@ravenscote.school*)
- 3) Enter the RDP password but ensure that it is followed by a # (e.g. *Password#*)
- 4) Your child will then be able to view their homework and then submit it for their teacher to look at.

Last week, your child practised logging into Google Classroom so hopefully it is familiar to them. All logins for Google Classroom, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars can be found in your child's reading record.

An information sheet with clear instructions will also be sent home on Wednesday



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Harvest Festival 2020

Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream.

What can you do to help? This year, to give thanks for what we have this Harvest, the Ravenscote community would like to donate money to the WaterAid charity. On Monday 5th October, we would like to mark the occasion by letting pupils and staff come to school wearing their best blue clothes (no football kits please). In return, we kindly ask that you make a small donation to WaterAid online <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate>.

Please do not send any money in to school with your child/children.

WaterAid has teams in 28 countries across the world, working to transform millions of lives every year by improving access to clean water, toilets and hygiene.

WaterAid just doesn't install taps and toilets, they do so much more. WaterAid convinces governments to change laws, link policy makers with people on the ground, pool knowledge and resources and rally support from people and organisations around the world, making lasting change happen on a massive scale.

On behalf of WaterAid, we would like to thank you for your kind donations. Let's help to make the world a better place in these hard times.

Thank you,

Saima Saleh

Religion and Worldviews Coordinator



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Diary Dates

October	Half term: Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October
November	Back to school: Monday 2 nd November Virtual parents evening: Week beginning 9 th November (Move information to follow)
December	End of term: Friday 18 th December (12.45pm finish)
January	Back to school: Monday 4 th January Egyptian day: Wednesday 13 th January
February	Half term: Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February Back to school: Monday 22 nd February
March	The Big Sleepover: Friday 19 th March
April	End of term: Thursday 1 st April INSET day: Monday 19 th April Back to school: Tuesday 20 th April
May	Buster Farm trip: Wednesday 5 th May INSET day: Friday 28 th May Half term: Monday 31 st – Friday 4 th June
June	Back to school: Monday 7 th June
July	End of term: Friday 16 th July (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th July INSET day: Tuesday 20 th July INSET day: Wednesday 21 st July