



Year 3 Newsletter

Wednesday 21st November 2020

A note from Mrs Webster....

As we approach the end of our first half term back in school it is always great to think back at how much the children have achieved so far. They arrived at a brand new school only 7 weeks ago, looking fantastic in their purple uniform! They have all been excited and ready to learn and they have continued to demonstrate this readiness to learn throughout this half term, which has been so wonderful to see.

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you to sign up for your parents evening appointment, the information about this was sent home in a newsletter so please do check you have done this. Thank you to the 87% of parents who have already done so – we are very much looking forward to meeting with you all, albeit virtually rather than in person!

Also, please note that there won't be any homework set today over half term.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Webster

Attendance

Dear parents/carer,

This is the perfect time of year to reflect on what makes a positive difference.

Your child's attendance at school is a key component to their academic success. Teachers plan sequences of lessons, where what may only seem like a missed day or hour, may mean that your child missed out on key input which will in turn impact their learning for the series of lessons. Often, the number of days that students are absent from school can accumulate without parents realising how many days are missed.

Key reminders:

- Term time holidays are not authorised;
- Where possible, any appointments should be outside school hours.

Attached to this email is our Attendance Newsletter which outlines our procedures for appointments and leave of absence from school. Please do take the time to read this, as your child's attendance is of immense importance.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Wells
(Headteacher)

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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Parents' Evenings 9th - 13th November 2020

Thank you for booking your parents' evening appointments with your children's class teachers. You are able to book these until Monday 2nd November.

If before or during your appointment time, there are issues connecting to the meeting, the class teacher will contact you to rearrange a time to talk, which could either take place on the School Cloud system or over the phone.

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).

Competition time!

Imagine there are a group of people about to run a race. Before the start of the race, one person's starting place is moved nearer the finishing line. Another person is moved much further away. One of the runners has a blindfold on, another one has a very heavy rucksack put on their back. Is this fair?

History has many accounts of people, who lived under unfair and disadvantaged conditions, yet managed to achieve incredible things.

Katherine Johnson is one of these people. Without her mathematical calculations, humans would not have been able to set foot on the moon, when they did!

To commemorate her death earlier this year, Maths Week England are running the Katherine Johnson Prize. They would like to invite you to submit a documentary video which commemorates either her or another mathematician, who for reasons of gender, race or other challenge did not perhaps get the recognition you feel they deserved.



To find out more information and to enter with the chance to win £100, visit: <https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/maths-week-england-2020-katherine-johnson-prize/>

Music Lessons.

Miss Stalley would like to remind all parents that private music lessons are available in school. Currently available are the following –

In school - guitar, drums, piano, violin, cello.

Over zoom: singing, trumpet, clarinet and flute.

New instrumental lesson available since the last notice are Flute and Cello.

Please email music@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk if you are interested in lessons.



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Children in Need

Once again, we are supporting Children in Need and we will be inviting children to come into school wearing "spots" on Friday 13th November 2020.

Should you wish to donate to this amazing charity, please do so online via the Children in Need website
www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk .

We will not be accepting cash in school.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies in support of the Royal British legion.

Items for purchase range from bracelets, wrist bands, rulers, button tags and are priced at 50p/£1. Also, on sale are the usual poppies which are priced at 20p.



Intra-Sports Events

Please note the dates for the next sports event within school. These are open level competitions, so if your child would like to take part, they will need to come into school dressed in their P.E kits on the day. Thank you.

Weds 4th Nov	2pm- 3.15pm	Yr 3 Girl's Football
Weds 18th Nov	2pm- 3.15pm	Yr 3 Boy's Football
Weds 9th Dec	2pm- 3.15pm	Yr 3 Tag Rugby



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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 Night In: 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



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Work to be proud of!

Work to be celebrated in Year 3 comes from 3A this month! Well done, Jack Halfpenny! This is a fantastic example of a non-chronological report on pirates. In this report, Jack has included many key features such as interesting facts and subheading. Well done Jack for a great piece of work!

Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Present tense- Give a 2/3 sentence summary about pirates.- Include a question about pirates	<p>Have you wondered what pirates do? or what they did for a living? Read on to find out more.</p> <p>Pirates were cruel, greedy people. They had big swords called cutlasses and giant black hats that the captain would wear. They loved stealing treasure and ships.</p>
Paragraph 1- <p>Put _____ as your sub-heading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Use the facts you found to describe and explain <p>Remember to keep using present tense -ing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Can you include a conjunction?	<p><u>Make ships</u></p> <p>Pirate ships are often brown and had cannons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They also had a flag called the Jolly Roger. It was black and white, had a skull and crossbones and was hung above a place called a crow's nest.
Paragraph 2- <p>Put _____ as your sub-heading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What key information can you include?- Can you include a preposition?-Go back and check that capital letters and full stops are used correctly!	<p><u>Famous pirates</u></p> <p>There were lots of famous pirates such as Blackbeard and William Kidd. Blackbeard was famous because he had the biggest, blackest beard anyone had ever seen. He didn't creep and steal treasure but he scared people into giving him treasure. William Kidd was famous because he was caught and hung above the river Thames.</p>
Paragraph 3- <p>Put _____ as your sub-heading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-What information can you use to make this paragraph interesting?-Can you include an adverb to describe a verb?-Go back and check that capital letters and full stops are used correctly!	