

Ravenswood Primary



Newsletter - January 2016

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first Ravenswood Primary newsletter of 2016. It's lovely to see all our pupils back looking so healthy, happy and ready to learn. Santa has obviously been very good to them and I hope he was good to you too!

Routine Rules!!!

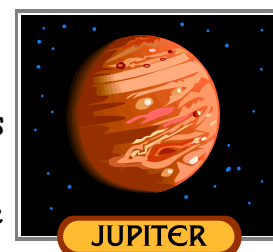
We have a significant number of very sleepy children who have enjoyed late nights and long lies for the past two weeks. Getting back to a healthy bedtime and encouraging your child to go cold turkey on the X-Box/WiiU/Playstation/iPad etc will really help them focus and give of their best when they are with us. Thank you in advance for your support - a rested child is an inquisitive learner.

Severe Weather Reminder

Before the Christmas holiday we issued each learner with a Snow Days activity sheet to ensure that they would be able to continue learning at home should the school be closed. The weather has been kind to us this year (so far) but please keep the activity sheet in a safe place just in case. If you can't find your copy you can print it again from our school website www.ravenswood.n-lanark.sch.uk. Just go to the Newsletter section and select your child's class.

House Winners

Our big points reveal for our new house system happened at the end of the Christmas term. I am delighted to be able to announce that the overall winner for the term was Jupiter. It was a very close thing with only a handful of points separating the three houses. I am sure that Mars and Neptune will be pulling out all the stops to win next term. Jupiter have already enjoyed their inflatable fun day as a reward and will be striving for two in a row this term.



P1 Enrolment

Children who are due to start school in August 2016 are to be registered with their local school week beginning 11.1.16. We will be enrolling new pupils on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th January. There will be AM and PM sessions. The AM sessions will run from 9.30am - 12.00noon and the PM sessions from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. I would be grateful if you could pass on this information to anyone you know in the local area that has a child due to start with us. Information posters have been put up locally and in our feeder nurseries. The documents we need to register a new pupil are the child's Birth Certificate, proof of address and emergency contact details.

P5 Buddies

Miss Hawthorn has met with our P5's to invite them to apply to be buddies for our new P1's in August. Successful candidates will find that the hard work starts much earlier as nursery visits will be planned as soon as registration has taken place. Supporting a new P1 helps our P5's to develop a wide range of skills that they will find useful for learning, life and work. We will be sharing their progress on Twitter and through our school blog so follow us [@RavenswoodPS](#) or log on to the school website to find out more.

Progress Conference Update

Our learners have been working hard to progress with the targets set as part of our Progress Conferences in September. To give your child the chance to share their progress with you we will be holding an open afternoon on Friday 15th January from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. This drop in session is designed to give you and your child the chance to look through all the work they have been doing and discuss how well they are meeting their targets. I hope that you will be able to join us at some stage of the afternoon.

Progress Conference Appointments

We will be holding our second Progress Conference meetings on Thursday 28th January. We will have two sessions - 3.30pm - 5.30pm and 6.00pm - 9.00pm. If these don't suit we will be happy to make an alternative arrangement. These meetings give you and your child the opportunity to discuss their progress so far this year and set new targets for the coming term. An appointment request slip has been sent out with this newsletters and should be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Burns Afternoon



To celebrate the life and works of Robbie Burns we will be holding a Burns afternoon on Friday 22nd January at 1.30pm. The winner of the poetry competition from each class will recite their poem and the children will treat you to a few of Burns' best known tunes. There is no cost for attending this event but tickets will be available closer to the time to allow us to plan for the correct numbers so note the date in your diaries!

Indoor Shoes

Many of the indoor shoes you provided for your children at the start of the year need to be replaced. We will be sending home those pairs that are damaged or may be too small for your child on Friday and we would be grateful if you could send in a new pair for next week.

Parking in School Grounds

Can I take this opportunity to thank those parents who are supporting our School Travel Plan and are parking at a distance from the school and walking up to drop their children off. Could I ask those of

you who continue to use the school car park as a turning point, or park inconsiderately or dangerously at the top of Tiree Road, to reconsider your current parking habits and support us to keep our children safe on their journey to school. A copy of our school Travel Plan can be found in your child's diary.

Kilbowie for P7

Mrs Wilson will be holding a Kilbowie meeting for P7 parents on Tuesday 12th January at 6.30pm. We hope to have a good turnout at the meeting as there are some forms to be completed and important information to be shared.

Kilbowie Planning for P6

We now know that our allocated week for Kilbowie next session is week beginning Monday 7th November 2016. We will be arranging an initial meeting for P6 pupils and parents very soon so watch out for the letter in the school bag.

After School Clubs

We have a range of after school clubs on offer this term. If your child is interested in participating in any of the clubs detailed below please record their choice(s) on the tear off slip below and return to the school office. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If your child is allocated a place they will receive a letter with the dates that the club will run. All clubs are free and will run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Children attending should be collected by an adult.

Monday	Hip Hop Dance P5-7	Start date 20.1.16
Tuesday	Handball P4-7	Start date 12.1.16
Wednesday	Badminton P4-5	Start date 13.1.16
Thursday	Family Fitness P1-7 and any interested family members!!!	Start date 14.1.16

We will be running a wider variety of clubs for our P1-3 pupils later in the term.

Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

My child would like to attend the following club(s):

Signed: _____

Date: _____