



Ravenswood Primary School



December 2023

Parent/Carer Newsletter

Find out all of the December news in our latest Newsletter. It is a busy month with lots of fun to be shared.

Dates for your Diary

P1 – P3 Nativity –

Wednesday 6th December 2023 1.30pm

Wednesday 6th December – P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

Thursday 7th December 2023 7.00pm – children should arrive for 6.30pm please.

Thursday 7th December – SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Friday 8th December 2023 – P1-P3 snuggle and story celebration day

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December – orders already been made by pupils

Christmas Parties – Week beginning Monday 11th December

Tuesday 12th December all children in P5 and P6 party

Wednesday 13th – Christmas lunch day – orders already placed

Wednesday 13th December all children in P3 and P4 party

Thursday 14th December all children in P1 and P2

Christmas Celebration (led by P7) – Monday 18th December 1.30pm – all welcome – no tickets required!

School Finishing Early – Thursday 22nd December 2.30pm

School Reopens – Monday 8th January 9am

Staffing

I would like to officially welcome a new member of staff to our team. We are delighted to have Mr Anderson as a new class teacher working in our school this year. He will continue to support whilst Miss Purdon is on her maternity leave. We are so lucky to have you join us this year, welcome to the Ravenswood family.

Miss Purdon will finish up in school for a year at the Christmas holidays. We cannot wait to meet a tiny Ravenswood family member, but no early arrivals please!

Mrs MacCuaig will soon be working 5 days a week in our school. We are so excited to have her back full time. Mrs MacCuaig will continue to support P1 and P1/2 Monday, Tuesday and on Wednesdays. On a Thursday and Friday, Mrs MacCuaig will be supporting the learning and teaching with Mrs Simpson and Mrs Merrison in P2/3 and P3. This will allow Miss Robertson to support the whole school as Principal Teacher whilst Miss Purdon is enjoying her maternity leave.

P1-P3 Snuggle and Story

Primary 1 - 3 will be getting all snuggly as we celebrate the joy of stories on Tuesday 19th of December. Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas, we recommend layers to be worn so your child doesn't get too hot or too cold. Children are welcome to bring a cosy, cuddly pal to school on this day also. If they do not wish to wear pyjamas, comfy clothes can be worn instead. We will get lost in the magic of story land, while enjoying some sweet treats throughout the day.

Christmas Enterprise/Fayre



The school enterprise projects were fantastic this year. Each class pitched wonderful products with many selling out at the school fayre. Thank you to everyone who made it along, it was amazing having a filled school again. A special thanks goes to our dream team PCA! You smashed a wonderful fayre. We haven't got the full amount calculated yet but it looks like we will have at least £2000 going towards school improvement!

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas is a special time of year and we love a Christmas jumper in school. Please feel free to wear your Christmas jumpers, antlers and hats throughout December. If you have any Christmas jumpers that you could donate to our swap shop, please send them in. We always find a loving home!

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on the 13th December. There will be no other food options served on this day. Children have already placed orders. Families have been sent a text if their child requires a packed lunch on this day as they have not ordered a meal. Can't wait to enjoy the tasty treats!

Christmas Celebration

Primary 7 are leading the Christmas celebration service on Monday 18th December at 1.30pm. All welcome. The Dance after school club will also wow us with a special performance also. We cannot wait!



Attendance

I apologise that attendance letters have not been issued in November as planned. I am working my way through the school and will get them to you as soon as possible. It is so important that we do all that we can to help get your children to school. A change this year, all letters will be emailed. This saves printing costs as well as lets you keep a digital record. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

The criteria for attendance letters is for anyone who is below 95%. Any families who have taken a family holiday during the school term automatically receive an attendance letter no matter the attendance percentage. The purpose of the letter is to engage with families to improve attendance at school.

Mrs Reid and Miss Rose work very hard in our office. They are responsible for checking the attendance daily. If your child is off please contact the school on 01236 632100. We have an answering machine if nobody is available to take your call. Please leave a message explaining who is off and the reason for their absence.

Alternatively you can email enquiries-at-ravenswood@northlan.org.uk to notify the school of any absences

Parent Carer Working Party

Thank you to the parents/carers who managed along to support the focus group reporting to parents and carers. Attached to this newsletter is the draft report form that has been created with staff and parents/carers. This is a draft version so the Microsoft Form included is beneficial to make changes before the report template is used in January 2024. Go on, have your say! Help us to help you!

Reporting to Parents/Carers



Form closes Wednesday 13th December.

Please scan the code and fill in the form to give feedback.

Parking



Thank you to parents and carers who are following the guidance issued by the school via the app about our school car park. For clarity –

1. Parents/carers can use the car park to drop children off to breakfast club between 8.15am and 8.30am.
 2. All parents/carers must park and stride when dropping off children for breakfast club or to school from 8.30am and 9am. The school car park must be kept clear within these times for the school bus, disability taxis and out of school care drop off.
 3. Please park and stride when collecting children at 3pm. The car park can only facilitate the disabled badge holders for children who attend the school. The bus must be permitted to leave the school car park before any other cars on the school grounds. This is a health and safety matter.
 4. Please follow this guidance even if the gate does not have a member of staff. We are working hard to keep everyone safe. Staff absence or scheduled meetings means at times Mrs Hawthorn is unable to attend to the gate. I urge all community members to please work with the school to keep the grounds as safe as possible.
- If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs Hawthorn.

Financial Inclusion Team

The Financial Inclusion Team help North Lanarkshire residents with money advice and welfare benefits. The team includes a combination of debt advisers and welfare rights staff. If you are worried about debt or experiencing financial difficulties, the debt advisers can provide free, impartial and confidential advice. If you would like Mrs. Hawthorn to make a referral please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care are a registered charity, working since March 2016, with the aim of helping families in our community. They provide two services in our local area – a school uniform bank and a Baby bank, both of which support children of all ages. If this is a service that could help your family please contact the school. Mrs Hawthorn would be delighted to make a referral on your behalf.

School Information



Keep up-to-date with the latest School news and events on:

Twitter: Follow us on @Ravenswood PS
Our Twitter feed is updated daily.



School App:



All information relevant to our School can be found on our School App. If you need support in downloading the App, then please contact the School by telephone and a member of staff can talk you through the process.

School Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/ravenswoodps/>



Please visit our School Website for more School, staff and class information.

Contact Us - Telephone - 01236 632100



First point of contact for all enquiries should be directed, in the first instance, to the School Office on the above telephone number. In most cases, these enquiries can be addressed and answered promptly by School staff. These arrangements should also be followed for any other specific issues which might require the personal attention of the Class Teacher and/or Principal Teachers or Head Teacher during School hours.

Enquiries email checked daily - enquiries-at-ravenswood@northlan.org.uk

Changes to information

Please note that some information included in this Newsletter may be subject to change. If any changes are made, Parents/Carers will be notified in advance via the School App, Twitter and/or letter.

Many Thanks



From everyone at Ravenswood Primary, have a wonderful festive break. We hope you have a great holiday with family and friends!

Diary Dates

Below is a list of the diary dates known so far. Any new dates or changes will be added in red. Not all classes have chosen their assembly dates yet but they will be added and shared as soon as possible. It is possible that some changes will be made throughout the school year. Please keep an eye on newsletters and the school app for information.

December

6th December at 1.30pm

6th December 2023

7th December 2023

7th December at 7pm

Children should arrive in school at 6.30pm to get ready for the evening show.

7th December 2023

12th December during school

13th December during school

13th December 2023

14th December during school

18th December at 1.30pm

22nd December at 2.30pm

25th December – 7th January

P1 – P3 Nativity

P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

School Photographer

P1 – P3 Nativity

Broadwood Football

P5 and P6 Party

P3 and P4 Party

Christmas lunch

P1 and P2 Party

P7B & P7Y Assembly

School closes

Holiday

January

19th January at 1.30pm

22nd January – 26th January

25th January at 1.30pm

Open Afternoon

Strathclyde Park P7

Burns Celebration

February

12th – 14th February

15th February from 3.30pm

Holiday

Progress Conferences

March

1st March at 9.30am

15th March at 9.30am

27th March at 9.30am

27th March 6.30pm – 7.30pm

27th March 7.45pm – 8.45pm

28th March at 2.30pm

29th March – 14th April

P2/3 & P3 Assembly

P1 & P1/2 Assembly

Easter Service

P1 – P3 Disco

P4 – P7 Disco

School closes

Holiday

April

26th April at 9.30am

P5/6 Assembly

May

2nd May 2024

6th May 2024

24th May – 27th May

30th May 2024

School closed to pupils

Holiday

Holiday

Progress Conferences

June

5th June at 1.30pm

6th June at 7pm

13th June 6.30pm – 7.30pm

13th June 7.45pm – 8.45pm

14th June at 1.30pm

21st June at 9.30am

26th June at 1pm

Whole School Concert

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P1 – P3 Disco

P4 – P7 Disco

Celebration of Achievement

Summer service

School closes