

# We are a Nut/Peanut Free School

## Ravenbank CP School Newsletter

### Thursday 14th September 2023



#### Welcome back!

Welcome back to the new school year. The children have settled really well into their new classrooms and routines. Many thanks for your support ensuring Years 1-6 have a change of footwear for outdoor play, they have certainly needed it this week.

I wanted to let you know about a change to our learning reviews for this academic year. We will offer parents 2x 10 minute appointments during the year, one in November and one in late January.

This year parents will have the option to choose either a face to face appointment on a set date or a virtual appointment on a different date. All bookings will be made via the SchoolSpider App and virtual appointments will be facilitated via Google Meet. Please note that we cannot mix & match virtual and face to face appointments on the same day.

This change has been made in response to parental feedback and we will obviously review how this updated offer works in November and adjust the January offer if needed.

Mrs Sweeney

#### Diary Dates

##### Tuesday 19th September

Photographer in school for individual photographs

##### Wednesday 20th September

Photographer in for family photographs including pre-school siblings

##### Thursday 28th September

PTA Social at The Spread Eagle

##### Monday 9th October

1:30pm - meeting for prospective Reception parents

##### Wednesday 11th October

1:30pm - meeting for prospective Reception parents

##### Thursday 12th October

Warrington Guardian in for Reception new starters 2023 edition

##### Thursday 19th October

2:15pm - Year 5 Assembly

##### Friday 20th October

9am - Year 5 Assembly

##### Thursday 26th October

PTA Spooky Disco

##### Friday 27th October

Harvest collection for Warrington Foodbank

**School closes for half term and re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023**

##### Tuesday 7th November

3:30-6pm - Learning Reviews - face to face appointments

##### Wednesday 8th November

3:30-6pm - Learning Reviews - virtual appointments



The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 19th September and Wednesday 20th September. On Tuesday they will take individual photographs of the children then on Wednesday they will take family photographs. On Wednesday you can bring pre-school siblings from 8:00am-08:50am to the school hall so they can be included in the family photographs. Sorry, we are unable to include high school students.

#### School Communication

We are aware that school has a couple of methods of communication i.e. DoJo and SchoolSpider but would like to clarify the correct methods of contacting school. All communication to school staff must go via our email address [ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk](mailto:ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk). This includes absence reporting (*which you can also log via SchoolSpider*), collection arrangements, medical and dietary updates, concerns, meeting requests etc. Teachers are unable to check and respond to any messages you send through DoJo during the day, so please send them to the school email address. Absences can be logged via SchoolSpider or by leaving a telephone message.



The Year 6 children have been voting for the new Senior Prefects. The results are:

**Head Girl:** Penny G

**Head Boy:** Oscar P-J

**Deputy Head Girl:** Holly M

**Deputy Head Boy:** Caspar N



#### School Charity

The school council will soon be considering nominations for this year's school charity. If you have a charity that is close to your heart please email a short written nomination labelled 'School Charity' to the school office by Friday 29th September.

**Donations are greatly Appreciated!**

If you have any scooters with two wheels that are in good condition that your child no longer uses please can you donate them to school. Please drop them off to the school office. Thank you



#### INJURY TEXTS

When children have an injury in school that isn't serious we give your child a note and send a text home. Please do not worry if you receive such a text and be assured that if the injury was significant we would always call you immediately.



#### After School Clubs

After school clubs will be re-starting week beginning 2nd October. Information has already been emailed home.

#### The School Year 2023-2024

This is a useful document which shows all the upcoming events planned for the school year. This will be emailed home soon.



### SCHOOL MENU

Apologies for the delay in uploading our new school meals menu. This will be available soon on our website under parents/school meals.

### KS2 WALKING HOME

Once children start Year 3 they are allowed to leave the classroom without waiting for an adult to collect them. If you still wish your child to wait in to the classroom please speak with your child's class teacher.



### SMARTPHONES AND WATCHES

Polite reminder children must keep their smartphones and watches in their bags at all times. If they are taken out during lesson time the teacher will keep them safe until the end of the school day. This can be very distracting for everyone during valuable lesson time. If you need to get an urgent message to your child during the school day, please do so via the school office. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

Here are a few reminders for the new term

- Registration starts at 8:40am and ends at 8:55am, children arriving after this time will be marked as late.
- KS1 home time is 3:10pm, KS2 home time is 3:15pm.
- ParentPay needs to be kept in credit at all times. If your account is in arrears you will receive a text from school to top it up.
- We are a healthy, **nut free school** and we do not allow crisps, cakes, biscuits or sweets for snacks. Please send in a nut free healthy alternative.
- Please also ensure that packed lunches are nut free as we have a number of children who have severe nut allergies.
- When it is your child's birthday they can come to school in non-uniform. Please do not send in any sweet treats to share. If you wish to buy something for the class we suggest a toy or game that they can all use during wet play.
- Parents dropping off by car; please help school to be a good neighbour by not blocking driveways and parking safely.
- Attendance is closely monitored (please see below). If your child's attendance has dropped below 95% you will receive correspondence from school alerting you. It is mandatory that school follows strict Government guidelines and although we are mindful that illness and some circumstances can't be avoided, we still have to report attendance figures to all parent/carers. Please click on the following link which will take you to the NHS website to help you when deciding whether or not to keep your child off school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Please note if children are off school due to vomiting or diarrhoea they are unable to return to school for 48 hours following the last bout.
- All medication must come through the school office so that the correct medication forms can be completed. If the medication has not been prescribed we may be able to accept it if deemed an exceptional circumstance.
- Please label everything so it can be returned to your child. Any unnamed clothing will go to our pre-loved sale rail.



### Attendance Matters



### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance in Warrington schools is monitored very closely and any pupils with less than 95% may be challenged as regular school attendance is crucial if pupils are to achieve positive outcomes. The Government outlines that any pupil with an attendance level of under 90% will be classed as a 'persistent absentee'. This means that any pupil whose attendance drops below 90%, their attendance will be discussed and scrutinised on a regular basis. School attendance is essential as research has found poor school attendance does have a detrimental effect on a child's academic progress.

The second most common reason for absence from school is a family holiday. Whilst the pandemic has meant that many families have been unable to go on holiday over the last 2 years we must stress that any holiday planned in term time will not be authorised. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Schools rightly have to prioritise attendance during term time.

Please note under section 7 of the Education Act 1996 parents are responsible for making sure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. If a child of compulsory school age fails to attend regularly at school, the parents may be guilty of an offence and can be prosecuted by the local authority.

#### **A TTENDANCE INTERVENTION CHART**

<b>Stage 1 90%-95%</b>	Attendance is a cause for concern. If appropriate, a letter will be issued or the class teacher will discuss this with you. You will have the opportunity to meet with the Attendance Co-ordinator to discuss if the school can assist in any way.
<b>Stage 2 90% and below</b>	Attendance now falls into the category of <b>persistent absentee</b> . The Local Authority monitor attendance and if there is no improvement, we will have no alternative but to produce a case file.

# LOST PROPERTY

## SCHOOL CLOTHING AND LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all clothing and items belonging to your child are clearly labelled so that they can be returned easily. Any items that are not named will be placed in our lost property box for a short period of time and if they remain unclaimed they will go to our pre-loved uniform sale.

## Ravenbank PTA's... *Used Uniform Sale*



**PERMANENT USED UNIFORM SHOP  
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Optional donations via parentpay



**Invitation to all Parents  
of Children Starting School in September 2024  
9th & 11th October 1:30pm start  
with a short presentation from the Headteacher  
then a tour of school**



No booking is necessary for these events. Please contact school if you are unable to attend these dates. Tel: 01925 753926 email: [ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk](mailto:ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk)

## First Admission to Primary School

### Reception class 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you need to apply for a primary school place for September 2024. You should have received a letter from your child's nursery setting. If you haven't please visit Warrington Borough Council's school admissions website.

You can apply online at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions> from 1 September 2023 up until midnight on 15 January 2024.

### Applying for Year 7 place for September 2024

All Year 6 children can now apply for a Year 7 place for September 2024 online at

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

A letter with further information was emailed home on 12th September.





Welcome back to a new sporting year! We are excited about the sport and PE opportunities ahead of us this year.

### **Gifted and Talented Summer Sports Camp**

Over the summer holidays, pupils from Year 4 and 5 were invited to attend a gifted and talented holiday camp at Beaumont Collegiate Academy. A selection of children attended and had an opportunity to take part in a variety of sports.

Here is what Alice B (Year 6) had to say about it *"I thought it was really fun, there was lots of activities to do and help out with. I enjoyed meeting children from other schools. My favourite sport was lacrosse because we got to throw the ball with the lacrosse sticks which is a special technique. I would definitely recommend this to other children as it's a great way to meet new friends and try new sports"*.

### **Warrington Athletics Club - Neville Jones Schools Cross Country League at Walton Hall and Gardens, Warrington**

Ravenbank School has registered to enter the above Cross Country competitions. The dates for your diary are:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Open to years 4, 5 and 6.

Timings are as follows:

10.30 Years 4 & 5 Girls 1.4k (1 Lap)

10.50 Years 4 & 5 Boys 1.4k (1 Lap)

11.10 Year 6 Girls 2k (1 Loop + 1 Lap)

11.30 Year 6 Boys 2k (1 Loop + 1 Lap)

Please confirm with Mr Williams if you are attending this event. Please note that children will need to be supervised by parents/carers at this event.

### **Celebrating Sporting Success**



### **Cheshire league golf competition**

4 young golfers from Ravenbank represented Lymm Golf Club to win the Cheshire Golf Sixes League. The league is run by the Golf Foundation and consisted of 6 matches which started in April and finished in September. George C and Luke W (year 6) and Tom C and Dominic N (Year 5) played some amazing golf. Congratulations!

If you'd like to know more get in touch with Dave at [juniors@lymmgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:juniors@lymmgolfclub.co.uk)



### **Cross Country Running**

Congratulations to Bethany R and Lois J-S (Year 6) who took part in the Cheshire Cross Country relay race on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Bethany's team won gold and Lois's won bronze. Here Bethany is with her gold medal! Lois is collecting her medal later this week. Well done both of you!



### **Mountain Climbing**

Congratulations to Amber R (Year 6) who completed her mountain climbing fundraising mission over the summer. Amber has climbed a combined height of over 18,000 feet - to raise money for the Warrington Cats Protection Charity. She has walked Snowdon, Scafell Pike, The Old Man of Coniston, Helvellyn, Bowfell and Red Pike.

Amber loves cats and wants to help the cats home that provided us with her much-loved cat Smudge. If you would like to support Amber in her quest – please click on the below link: [Anna Rowe is fundraising for Cats Protection \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/anna-rowe).



Remember to let Mrs Spencer know of any exciting sporting success to go on the newsletter!

### **Women's Football World Cup 2023**

Huge congratulations to the England Lionesses on a fabulous performance at the Women's World Cup! What a fabulous example of sporting excellence, resilience and determination!!

### **Sporting dates for your diary:**

Rugby World cup - We hope you will enjoy watching the rugby - next England match:



England



Japan

Sun, 17 Sept  
20:00



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The service is commissioned by Cheshire & Merseyside NHS as part of 'Warrington Place' Starting Well plans to support 'Children and Young Peoples Emotional and Mental Health & Wellbeing'. The project delivery is a partnership between Warrington Youth Zone and Merseycare 'Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services' (CAMHS). WYZ Charity Number: 1101086



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Wednesday 8.00-9.00pm (Youth & adult)

**Whittle Hall Community Centre**  
Wednesday 4.30-5.30pm

**Lymm**  
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Thursday 4.30-5.30pm

**Orford**  
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**Padgate**  
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