

We are a Nut/Peanut Free School

Ravenbank CP School Newsletter

Thursday 14th December 2023



Christmas Message from Mrs Sweeney

We have come to the end of a busy term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark weather of the season. Christmas is always a magical time in school, particularly when we see the intense excitement on the faces of the children on party & Christmas dinner days and the enthusiasm with which all the children performed their nativities and the carol concert (who can forget this year's EYFS afternoon nativity!)

As the term draws to a close, it is with humility and gratitude that I both look back on the term and look forward to everything that 2024 will bring.

I am sure that the children, parents and carers would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Ravenbank for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the children of the school. Likewise, we the staff, governors and children would like to thank all parents and carers for all your support. Last but in no way the least, we thank our children – you are indeed some of the best children I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

I wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season – may we all be safe, healthy and happy.

Merry Christmas to everyone! See you in January 2024.



Diary Dates

Thursday 14th December

Y3-Y6 Christmas Dinner and Party

Wednesday 20th December

- 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' whole school assembly and collection for homeless Warrington Residents.
- PTA Non-uniform day wearing Christmas jumpers and Christmas fancy dress.
- School closes at 2pm

Thursday 4th January 2024

School re-opens

Thursday 25th January

2:15pm - Y3 Assembly

Friday 26th January

9am - Y3 Assembly

Tuesday 30th January

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

Wednesday 31st January

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

Friday 2nd February

- Number Day
- PTA Adults Curry & Quiz night

w/c 5th February

Children's Mental Health week

Thursday 8th February

2:15pm - Y1 Assembly

Friday 9th February

- 9am - Y1 Assembly
- PTA 'Make the Rules Day'
- School closes for half term

Monday 19th February

School re-opens

Thursday 7th March

- World Book Day
- 2:15pm - Reception Assembly

Friday 8th March

9am - Reception Assembly

Christmas Celebrations



Celebrations were kicked off in style this week when Santa came to visit the children in school on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon, the children in lower school enjoyed celebrating their Christmas party with a visit from magician Paul Storey. Many thanks to Ravenbank PTA for funding this event. Today KS2 will be enjoying their Christmas dinner and party. The kitchen and play team have ensured that the children have been having a fun-filled, festive time. Many thanks to all involved for making the last few weeks of school so magical.



Dickensian Day

Many thanks to the families who supported the Dickensian

Festival this year, the turnout was fantastic. We were lucky with the weather which stayed dry for the duration of the parade and the children looked amazing dressed in their North Pole theme.

Just when we thought the Nativity story only had one unexpected surprise - the Reception children encountered many! From fire alarms to last minute part changes. All the children have worked incredibly hard over the half term and brought Christmas joy (& giggles) to all who watched. Well done Reception!



KS1 performed their Christmas nativity 'A Midwife Crisis' to a full audience. There were narrators, TWO midwives, angels, TWO donkeys (called Steve and Nigel), sheep and shepherds, stars, Roman soldiers, 3 kings and camels and of course Mary and Joseph. Both Yr 1 & 2 sang six catchy songs then Yr 2 acted and narrated while Yr 1 danced their hearts out. Written by Alfie, Charlotte and Miss White.



Carol Service for KS2

A huge thanks to all the children in

KS2 who took part in the Carol Service at St. Mary's church in Lymm on Monday 12th December. They trudged through rain and mud twice that day to get to the church but it was all worthwhile as both the afternoon and evening services were amazing. It was a wonderful start to KS2's Christmas festivities and lovely to have so many families join us. Thanks to everyone for their support and a huge round of applause for the children.



Warrington's Winter Wonderland

Chamber Choir were famous in Warrington when they took part in their Winter Wonderland event on 25/11 where they sang some of their favourite carols. The crowds of shoppers cheered loudly and even The Grinch joined in with them! Many thanks to all the parents and carers who supported the event and joined us on the day.



Christmas in Lymm

Chamber Choir will also be famous in Lymm as an audio recording of one of their carols, 'Hooray in a Manger' will be played on Christmas Eve at Carols from The Cross during the warm up hour from 6-7pm. Furthermore, tune in to Lymm Radio's 'Kid Live at 5' programme on 17th and 24th December as the same carol will also be broadcast then. Well done Chamber Choir.



THINK
before
you park!





THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen angels for making over 400 Christmas dinners in 2 days!



Can you complete our 100 Square Maths Challenge?

If you're up for the challenge, you will need to get a photograph of yourself with a number between 1 and 100.

You can either, print it off at home and give it to Miss Fenney/Mrs Whitaker or send your photo to maths@ravenbankschool.co.uk

Be as creative and imaginative as you can! We can't wait to display our completed 100 Square.



Warrington Open Door At Christmas

FOOD

- Tinned meat
- Tinned pies
- Soup
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned stew
- Corned beef
- Packet mash
- Tinned fish (tuna, salmon, mackerel etc)
- Sandwich spreads/meat paste
- Beans
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Tea
- Long life milk
- Crisps
- Small packets of biscuits
- Cereal bars
- Bottles of water
- Individual fresh fruit juices
- Small bars of chocolate
- Fray Bentos pies
- Jam
- Cereal
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap
- Shower gels (mens and womens)
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Sanitary products
- Roll on deodorant

Offering support to the vulnerable and

We are again supporting WODAC please see below for suggested items. Please drop off any donations on the morning of Wednesday 20th December in the boxes provided outside each classroom.

A representative from WODAC will be at the Carols around the Christmas Tree Assembly to receive the donations. Please visit their website to learn about the great work they do for Warrington residents <https://www.wodac.org.uk/>

CLOTHING

We normally accept clean, warm clothing i.e hats, gloves, thermals.

At the moment please be aware that we cannot accept anything containing alcohol, razors or children's toys.



NHS
Bridgewater
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust
WARRINGTON

SCHOOL-AGED FLU IMMUNISATION WARRINGTON COMMUNITY CLINIC SESSIONS

ABOUT THE TEAM

The School-Aged Immunisation Team deliver the routine national immunisation programme to school-aged children (reception - year 11) within Warrington.

The team is made up of professionals who are highly skilled and experienced in giving vaccinations.

WHO CAN ATTEND COMMUNITY CLINICS?

- Children who have missed their vaccination in school
- Children who are home educated
- Children who want their parent to be present when they have their vaccination
- Children who need to have the flu injection rather than the flu nasal spray

BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

If you need further support, advice or would like to book your child in for an appointment to one of the community clinic sessions, please contact us.



Letters were emailed home yesterday.



Ravenbank
SCHOOL



Copies of the Reception and Year 1-2 nativities are now available to order

DVD £8 USB £10

Order online:

www.myschoolshow.co.uk

Order deadline for delivery before Christmas: Friday 15th December



If you have any questions, please contact us: 0161 531 4849 | office@setthescenemedia.co.uk

CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER



The Children's Commissioner for England has asked us to share the below information about the national campaign The Big Ambition;

It is really important that the parents and pupils at Ravenbank Primary School participate in The Big Ambition survey and have their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Warrington are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on our [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England



Kids Christmas Activity pack is now available to download

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the Christmas holiday season is now available to download.

We have plenty of fun activities to keep them busy over the Christmas holidays, including making a natural Christmas wreath with leaves, berries and pine cones; going on a Winter I-spy mission and making Christmas pudding Krispie cakes. We even provide a letter to Santa for them to use. The activity pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or guardians, and some older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

It would be great if you could share the information below with parents and you might even want to use any of the activities in the classroom as you prepare for Christmas.

The activity pack can be used on the go by downloading it to a mobile or alternatively it can be printed at home. If you don't have a printer and are unable to access the PDF, please contact us with your address details and we can send you out a printed copy.

You will find it, along with our other activity packs, on our Children's page at: [Welcome to our Children's Page | Trans Pennine Trail](#)

Dear parents/guardians,

School of Play's multi-activity camp is now going ahead at Statham Primary during the February half-term. If you haven't yet registered your interest and you would like to be one of the first to receive the booking link when their bookings go live at the start of January, you can do so here - <https://www.schoolofplay.org.uk/register-interest-statham-primary/>

There will only be 30 spaces available at the camp during the February half-term. For more information about the camp, please see the flyer below or visit the following page of their website - <https://www.schoolofplay.org.uk/holiday-camps/camp-venues/statham-primary-school/>

Ofsted
KIDS HOLIDAY CAMP
NEW VENUE | STATHAM PRIMARY
School of Play
Times: 9AM - 5PM
Early Drop & Late Collection Available
Dates: 12th - 16th Feb
Only 30 Spaces Available
Price: 24.99 per day
schoolofplay.org.uk

Attached to the newsletter email you will also find the following documents:-

- Warrington Parents and Carers Autumn Newsletter
- MMR and Measles Flyer



Nature Garden
Out of School club




Christmas Biscuits

*Nature Garden Out of school club
Holiday club sessions*

Festive Soup

Thursday 21st December
Friday 22nd December
Tuesday 2nd January
Wednesday 3rd January

Nature Crafts

Join us for some festive fun, Forest School crafts, Christmas themed cooking and baking, Games, and Outdoor play

Christmas Games

We are also offering some Government funded sessions for eligible children.
Please contact us to ask about eligibility



For more information or to book any sessions please contact us on

07494 744 992 | 01925758959
Naturegarden@rnrgroup.co.uk
Pepper Street, Lymm, WA13 0JT
Based next door to Ravenbank Primary School



Computer Explorers

Leading the way in providing tech-based activities that are both inspirational and educational!

2024 NEW YEAR TECH CLUBS

WARRINGTON

Culcheth High School
Warrington Road, WA3 5HH
2nd-3rd January 2024
9am-1pm & 12pm-4pm
Full days available

Providing fun, educational activities including coding, robotics, game design and Minecraft Education as part of the HAF Scheme. Both paid and funded places are available to book for kids aged 5-15.

WARRINGTON Borough Council | Department for Education

FREE PLACES*

*FREE places available to eligible Warrington borough resident children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals

BOOK! Visit the link or scan the code-
computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan/book



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Our Services

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Wednesday & Thursday

1hr of Literacy or Numeracy: **£25**
1hr of each subject: **£35**

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