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# Ravenbank

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 23rd May

### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates with you. On the next page, you'll find the first details about our staffing structure for next year.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our Governing Board for their ongoing support and commitment during a time of change for the school. Many of our governors have been connected to Ravenbank for several years and generously give their time to help guide and support us. This term, they've played a key role in several areas—from supporting staff interviews and overseeing the security of the Year 6 SATs, to joining curriculum planning meetings and attending our weekly celebration assemblies. Their involvement ensures that important decisions are carefully considered and that the high standards we're proud of at Ravenbank continue to be maintained. We're incredibly grateful for their dedication and the valuable role they play in our school community.

I'd like to share with you that Mrs Hill, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), has been appointed as Headteacher of Bradshaw Primary School from September. While we will be very sad to see her go, we are also incredibly proud of her and wish her every success in her new role. We want to reassure all parents and carers particularly those of children with additional needs—that clear handover arrangements are in place to ensure continuity of care and support for our pupils (see next page).

### UPCOMING DATES

Monday 9th June

- Children return to school
- Y1 Phonic Screening Check begins
- Y4 Multiplication Check begins
- Thursday 19th June
- Year 2 Assembly 2.30pm
- Friday 20th June
- Year 2 Assembly 9am

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 6 visit to Manchester Science Museum
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- KS1 Goofus Theatre Performance (as part of Lymm Festival)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June • Summer Festival - PTA
- Friday 4th July
- KS2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 1 visit to
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July
  Year 3 Sleepover
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Reports emailed home
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 4 visit to Baptist Church
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Production 2pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Production 9am
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Children visit new classes & meet teachers Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

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- Year 6 Leavers Presentation
- School closes 2pm
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July
- Ibiza closing party (PTA)

Finally, I'd like to pay a special tribute to a much-loved member of staff—Mrs. Foster—who is leaving after 20 years of service at Ravenbank. Over the past two decades, Mrs. Foster has made a lasting impact on the lives of so many children. She has built many happy memories here at Ravenbank, and it's clear from the words of our pupils just how much she is appreciated. Here's what a few of them had to say:



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# STAFFING INFORMATION

As many of you will be aware, our school is reducing in size due to a decrease in the pupil numbers in the local area. This has meant that from 2024 onwards, there will only be one Reception class and gradually the school will transition to a one form entry school. This will mean a number of changes the school will face, however a smaller school can mean closer relationships, stronger communication, and an even more supportive community atmosphere. We are confident that Ravenbank will continue to be a place where children are happy, supported, and inspired to achieve their best

### Leadership Roles

Following a period of a temporary leadership structure, we have now put in place a strong leadership structure to meet the needs of a smaller school, with staff taking on key areas of responsibility. This will help us to provide the highest standards of education, care, and opportunity for all our children.



• **Mrs. Baxter** has been appointed as our Deputy Headteacher and will play a key role in supporting the strategic direction of the school and maintaining our strong culture and ethos.

• Mrs. Spencer is our new Curriculum Lead and will oversee the planning, delivery, and

months, helping you understand what and how your children are learning.

development of a broad and ambitious curriculum across the school. She is excited to be able to share more about our Expeditionary Learning with parents and carers in the coming

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 Miss Green will be leading on Personal Development, focusing on well-being, character education, pupil voice, and enrichment. She is looking forward to introducing No Outsiders, a programme designed to ensure that every child feels they truly belong at Ravenbank and also expand the extra-curricular offer for all children.

### Special Educational Needs Support

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs. Stanley as our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO). She is excited to take on the role of SENDco from September. Her goal is to ensure that every child feels valued, included and able to thrive in the school setting. She is deeply committed to supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and has already started work with Mrs. Hill to ensure a smooth transition.

She will be supported by Mrs. Shaw, our new SENCO Assistant, who will work closely with our Teaching Assistants to deliver effective, targeted interventions—including speech and language support—ensuring pupils with additional needs receive timely and tailored support. This will help us in strengthening our support for children with additional needs. This is a key part of our vision for an inclusive, responsive school where every child can thrive.

### Year Group Teaching & Support Staff

After half term, I will be able to confirm the staffing in each year group and we will begin our transition arrangements. This will include class teachers visiting their new classes for story time and opportunities for each class to visit their new classroom in preparation for September. I can confirm that Mrs. Williams has been appointed to cover classes when teachers have their planning time, reducing our need for supply teachers. Having familiar staff who know all children well is one of our highest priorities.









# USEFUL REMINDERS/ INFORMATION



### **RED ENVELOPE PRIZE!**

A huge thank you to Mr. Williams for making the Red Envelope Prize afternoon a fun, notto be forgotten event. He was such a great sport letting the children throw their water balloons at him. We were lucky it was such a hot afternoon!



### SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES

The school packed lunches have changed as we are no longer providing a bottle of water (single use plastic and some children not drinking them).

Children should bring a water bottle to school every day. Please remember to put your child's name on their water bottle and any lunch boxes.

Packed lunches now contain the following items

- Sandwich
- A packet of plain crisps
- Carrot or cucumber sticks
- A choice of dessert A piece of fruit



We encourage children to eat all of their packed lunches, but if they come home hungry, please check they've eaten everything available to them. Thank you.



### WELL DONE TO YEAR 6!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs this week! We are incredibly proud of how they approached the tests—with maturity, focus, and a wonderfully calm attitude. Many staff have commented on how composed and positive the children were throughout the week. They truly gave it their all, and we couldn't be prouder of the effort they've shown—not just during SATs, but throughout their time in Year 6.

### PTA CIRCUS

A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful PTA, who recently organised our bi-annual circus event. It was a fantastic evening—full of fun, laughter and community spirit. We're so grateful for the time and effort the PTA team put into planning events, creating memorable experiences for our families, but also to raise valuable funds which make a difference to the children. Please put **Saturday 28th June** for the Summer Festival in your diaries to join us in what promises to be another fantastic event. The first wave of tickets are now available through your Parent Pay account.



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# PE AND SPORTS NEWS





On Wednesday afternoon, children from Years 3-6 took part in the Culcheth Cross Country Tournament, with the Year 3/4s running 0.5 miles and the Year 5/6s running 0.7 miles. All of our children were exceptional! There were lots of children who participated from many schools across Warrington and the race conditions were tough. We are so proud of you and what you have achieved. A special mention to the Year 6 boys who came in the top 3 in their race! Well done to Seb H 1st place, Alex F 2nd place and Hugo S 3rd place. And to Lauren E Year 4 who came 5th place in her race. What an amazing finish for team Ravenbank! Huge congratulations to: Thomas F, Ace J-S from Y3, Isaac D-C, Lauren E, Poppy C, Luke M, Lucy A, Annie O from Y4, Ava H, Polly H, Alex R Y5 and Jessica Q, Amber D, Alex F, Seb H, Hugo S from Y6.



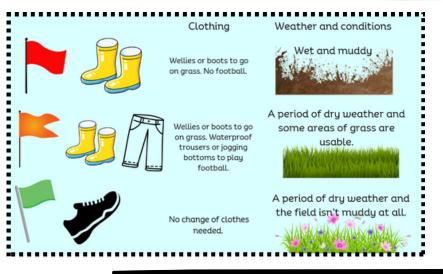


Don't forget to share your sporting news with us by sending to ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk





# OPAL PLAY-FLAG SYSTEM (REMINDER)



Children need to wear trainers when using the trim trail. We have reminded the children that digging needs to be in the allocated digging area or the sand pit. They are encouraged not to dig near paths or on the fields due to trip hazards.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder of our uniform expectations. These will remain the same next year. Please note that branded uniform is available from <u>Touchline</u>, but unbranded uniform in the correct colours are also acceptable.

- Grey trousers, skirts or shorts.
- White or red polo shirt.
- Red sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan.
- Red and white check summer dress (optional)
- Black school shoes.
- White or grey socks.
- Red or grey tights.

On PE days children should be wearing either:

- Red shorts, red or white polo shirt or branded PE top available from Touchline
- Black jogging bottoms/ leggings (no logos) and a red hoodie/ red jumper (for outdoor PE).
- Black pumps or trainers for indoor PE.
- Children also need a pair of wellies (infants) or a pair of trainers that are suitable for outdoor use only.

We also ask that children with longer than shoulder length hair have this tied back for health and safety reasons.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING! If your child loses an item of clothing, please check our lost property store at the front of the school.



At the National Callege, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, corrers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about an line satety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by hational Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For turbler and line and line, increase with revises with revises with revises with revises corr.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about VIOLENT CONTENT ONLINE

Around 70% of teenagers say they've seen real-life violence on social media in the past year – often from as young as primary school age. Just 6% actively seek it out; most encounter it through group chats or social media algorithms. From fights and pranks to hate speech and graphic media, exposure to violent content online is more widespread – and more harmful – than many adults realise.

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA

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THE RISKS?

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Children and young people report feelings of anxiety, guilt, shame or fear after seeing violent content. For some, these effects may be shart torm, but for those with existing vulnerabilities or past trauma, the impact can be more severe. Many also feel pressured to 'lough off' violent content to fil in with friends, even when they find it distressing.

### BEHAVIOUR CHANGES

Exposure to online violence can lead to fear and avaidance behaviours – such as skipping school or staying indoors. When children see weapons used in videos, it can heighten their perception that the world is unable and, in rare cases, increase the ikelihood they'it consider carrying a weapon themselves, such as a knife for protection.

#### ESCALATION AND PARTICIPATION

Violent videos often go viral quickly. What begins as an aniline argument can spill into real-world fights - which are sometimes filmed and shared to gain views or status. Some children even admit to sharing or creating violent content themselves to gain attention or boot their reputation.

## DESENSITISATION

Older teens may become numb to visient content after years of exposure, admitting they're unlikely to report it. Younger children also bred not to report it. Younger children dan't believe anything will be done or because they're alread of being tobelied a 'snitch' by their nears.

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### HARMFUL IDEOLOGIES

Violent content online may overlap with racist, misogynistic or otherwise extremist ideas. These messages can dehumanise others or gierity violence as a way to gain paeet, popularity or notoriety. Over time, this can normalise dangerous behaviours and attitudes among impressionable viewers.

# DISPROPORTIONATE

Not all children are affected equally. Those who are excluded from school, marginalised, disabled or neurodivergent are often more vulnerable to the effects of anilne violence. It's essential to consider wider context – including home Be and access to sale spaces – when thinking about potential harm.

# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### CREATE SUPPORTIVE SPACES

Many children leel adults are too busy or won't understand their experiences online. Take time to build trust through non-judgemental conversations about what they're seeing. If they don't want to speak to you directly, gently signpoot towards trusted services they can turn to ler support.

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#### KNOW WHAT'S ILLEGAL

Some violent content is simply upsetting, while other examples may be criminal or a saleguarding matter that needs reporting. Help children understand the difference by stoying informed about online laws and social media reporting procedures. A useful resource is reportingent location com

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Low UK and a leading UK expert in digital safety, media law, and young people. Her PhD investigates abidran's understandings of risk entine. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-whining education on the criminal, leagu, and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit onlinemedialowuk.com ler more.

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AVOID HARSH RESTRICTIONS

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Flourishing Families is designed to improve wellbeing for both parents and children. We will cover a range of topics through play, with mindfulness and fun at the core of each area. Click the link in our bio to book your spot







Fun coach led Junior Games 5 - 6pm Have a go Family Tennis 6 - 7pm Adult Cardio Tennis 7 - 8pm

Food and Bar will be available

Fun for the whole family! All equpiment needed will be supplied Come down to meet club members and see what Lymm Manor Road Tennis Club can offer you!

For more details contact - Imrtc.comms@gmail.com











# **MAY + WHIT CAMP IS AVAILABLE TO BOOK!**

# CAMP DATES

Wk 1 Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

### Wk 2 Monday 2nd - Friday 6th June

Our tennis & multisport camps are:

- Run by LTA Accredited + coaches
- Covered by public liability
- Age group specific
- Suitable for beginner players
- 5% sibling discount

Please bring food and drink for the day, in the event of rain please pack a raincoat.

All equipment can be provided.



# **BOOK TODAY**

Please visit our Holiday Camps page via our website www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ LymmLtCrocquetClub.

Alternatively you can contact Allan at lymmtenniscoaching@gmail.com or by phone on 07932 057672.

£25.50 per day (members) £30 per day (non members)

£15.30 per half day (members) £18 per half day (non members)

Time 9:00 - 4:00pm



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