

Ravenscroft Newsletter

December 1st 2023



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The stage is up and Christmas songs are starting to be heard around school; there's a buzz and excitement for the children and we can't wait for the upcoming Christmas events and performances. The Christmas season can also be a difficult time for many though, financially and emotionally. If we can help ease this in any way, please approach someone in school. Myself and Miss Clarke are always available on the gate and happy to chat and look at ways that we can support our families.

Mrs Coleman

After School Clubs

All Afterschool clubs are now finished until we return from our Christmas break.

Happy Retirement Mrs Scully

Mrs Scully has been the face of our school for 17 years now, welcoming visitors with a smile and ensuring the smooth running of our office. Having brought her own children to Ravenscroft, she has been a friend of the whole school community for many years, and at the end of this term will be retiring to enjoy a slower pace of life and time with her family. We wish her a long and happy retirement – she will be missed.

Get Well Soon

This week, Miss Lally has undergone a knee operation. She will be recovering for a number of months and we know you will join with us to send her best wishes and a speedy recovery. Next week we will welcome Miss Jones to our EYFS Team. She has now met the children and is looking forward to working at Ravenscroft and getting to know the families.

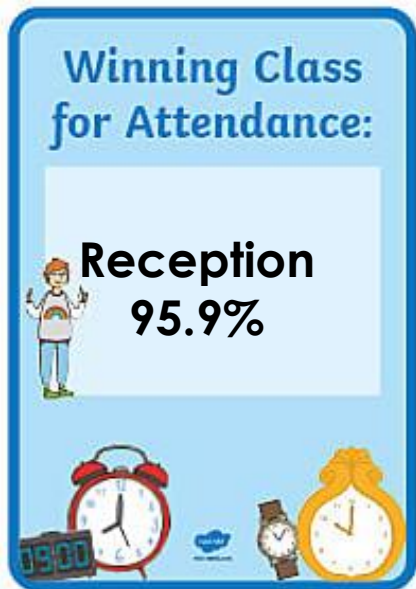
Uniform Reminder



This is a polite reminder that all children should wear black shoes to school each day and trainers are not acceptable. Can you please ensure your child/ren have appropriate shoes for January?
Thank you.

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.9%	90.0%	93.2%	93.5%	88.9%	92.3%	94.3%



Attendance

Reminder – our attendance target is 97%

We have seen a dip in our attendance over the last few weeks. Please ensure that your child/children are in school unless they are too ill to attend. Good attendance is crucial to ensure that our children have the best opportunities possible. Thank you



A huge thank you to all our children and families for raising £117 for Children In Need.

Parents of pre school children
It's time to apply for a school reception class place
September 2024 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2024

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2024.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery - everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application - this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team
Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk
Tel: (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372

Reception School Applications

Applications are open to apply for a school reception for September 2024. Reception place deadline is 15th January 2024. You can complete the application online at knowsley.gov.uk If you need any help or further information around this, please speak contact the school office.



Festive Fridays

Friday 8th Dec- The children will be taking part in a Santa Dash . Children can wear a festive jumper with tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers. We kindly ask for £1 donation for Save the Children. Christmas dinner will also take place on this day.

Friday 15th Dec- Christmas jumper day – we kindly ask for £1 donation towards our Christmas parties.

If you have any unwanted festive Jumpers, you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could pass them to school

Thank You

Thank you to all parents and carers who have engaged in activities and meetings over the past couple of weeks, from arts and craft sessions to maths workshops and phonics meetings. Your involvement and support has been great!

Kirkby Stars

In the coming weeks, your children will be decorating stars that they will be taking home to proudly display in their windows. Some children will also decorate stars for Kirkby Town Centre. All Kirkby schools and children are involved in this event. We cannot wait to see all of the creations brighten up Kirkby this winter.



Headbolt Lane Station Grand Opening

Following on from a study of the pros and cons of a new station being built in Kirkby, some Year 5 children were privileged to be invited to the official opening of Headbolt Lane Station, with Mayor Rotherham and Transport Minister Mark Harper.



Christmas Events December 2023

Tue 5th to Thur 7th Dec: Christmas Grotto

Friday 8th Dec: Festive Friday, Santa Dash & School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12th Dec: Movie Night, 3.30 – 5.30pm (see letter for further details)

Thursday 14th Dec: EYFS Nativity, 10am (doors open 9.45am)

Friday 15th Dec: KS2 Christmas Assembly and songs, 10am (doors open 9.45am)

Friday 15th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for Christmas parties/activities).

Tuesday 19th Dec: KS1 Christmas Performance 10am (doors open 9:45am)

Wednesday 20th Dec: Christmas Party Day (own clothes)

Thursday 21st December: Break up for Christmas 1:30pm – Toy Day

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed the survey. If you haven't had a chance to complete this, you can do this by scanning the QR code, or ask at the office for a paper copy. We really appreciate your responses and feedback. We will report and next steps in the year. Thank you

Parent and Carer Survey
November 2023

