



Flagship School



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you are well and that you enjoyed our recent sports days. The weather was kind and the children were brilliant.

Universal Free School Meals For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Following a recent School Census we discovered that approximately 25% of our pupils in these age groups are not taking up their entitlement to a "Universal Free School Meal". All pupils in these year groups are entitled to a meal, this can be a hot meal but also the kitchen can arrange a range of sandwiches. I have met with the caterers recently and they will be contacting you again shortly to encourage full take-up but in the meantime we would welcome any feedback from yourselves.

It is very important for school that all pupils, including the year groups above apply for the more traditional **Free School Meals** whereby family circumstance entitles them to school meals paid for by the Government. All schools receive additional grants for this take-up and at Ravensmead to encourage you to apply we also offer a £100 uniform voucher through Smart Uniform. Please enquire at the Office.

Reading at Home

Once again can I ask you to read regularly with your child at home. The pupils seem to enjoy the weekly raffle for having four signatures in their diary but, more than that, the process of sharing a book with your child should be both pleasurable and educational. We have held a number of Reading workshops and the supportive materials from these workshops are still on the school website.

Collection of Children

If your child has a dental or similar appointment at the end of the day please ensure that his/her appointment is known by their class teacher. The school assembly is an important part of the day and if children have appointments and need collecting we will keep them out of assembly if we are informed in advance but we would not interrupt it for collection. Where possible it would be helpful to see appointment cards.

Litter

At Ravensmead we are very fortunate that we have very little litter and indeed just yesterday some of our classes working alongside the local Council, were out and about picking litter up in Audley and Bignall End. Could I remind parents that children should not be bringing any sweets into school for their snacks and we would always encourage Key Stage 2 children to bring in or purchase fruit for their morning snacks. (Foundation/ Key Stage 1 children, as you know, are provided with fruit). A tradition has built up whereby some children feel on their birthday that they need to bring in bags of sweets to be shared at the end of the day. I would urge you to reconsider this, I do know that this can put financial pressure on some families, alternately there have also been occasions when children have brought in and shared a rubber or a pencil, for example, as part of their birthday celebration. If children remain adamant that they wish to share sweets I have told them that they must not open any packaging or start to consume them before they are outside school and then take great care with the wrappers.

Dogs & Smoking

Could I remind parents not to bring their dogs onto the school premises and could I also thank those parents who, following an earlier request, are no longer smoking immediately outside school.

Parking at a Ravens Close

Some of the local residents have asked me to ask you not to block the pavements as they are needed at all times for wheelchair access. I would also once again ask you to take great care not to block anyone's drive on Chapel Street or Old Road.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7 th June	pm Girls' Cricket at Audley Cricket Club 3.30 Friends of Ravensmead Meeting 6.30 Reception Intake Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 8 th June	am Year 5 Football Festival at Sir Thomas Boughey High School
Thursday 9 th June	9.00 – 10.30 Parent Support Drop In
Friday 10 th June	Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebration – more details to follow
Monday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week Evening Friends of Ravensmead Meal at Alessi Restaurant
Tuesday 14 th June	9.30 – 10.15 and 1.30 – 2.15 Nursery Stay and Play
Wednesday 15 th June	Pupils and Staff from St Peter's Cobridge to Visit School
Thursday 16 th June	9.30 – 10.15 and 1.30 – 2.15 Nursery Stay and Play
Friday 17 th June	School Council Charity Day for CRY
Monday 20 th June	Reception Transition Sessions
Wednesday 22 nd June	Reception Transition Sessions School Council Representatives to visit St Peter's Cobridge
Friday 24 th June	Academy Photos – Class Groups, Leavers, Sports, Music
Monday 27 th June	Reception Transition Sessions 9.00 – 10.30 Nurse Drop In
Wednesday 29 th June	Reception Transition Sessions Year 6 Sir Thomas Boughey Move Up Day
Thursday 30 th June	Year 6 Sir Thomas Boughey Move Up Day Artscool Day for some Year 3/4 Pupils
Friday 1 st July	Most Clubs finish on this day
Monday 4 th July	Reception Transition Sessions
Tuesday 5 th July	Extra Staff Meeting 2 of our Year 6 pupils performing scene from Midsummer Night's Dream in Stratford
Wednesday 6 th July	Extra Staff Meeting Nursery Parent Lunches Reception Transition Sessions
Friday 8 th July	School Reports Out Nursery Parent Lunches
Monday 11 th July	Reception Transition Sessions
Tuesday 12 th July	9.30am Key Stage 2 Production for Grandparents 6.30pm Key Stage 2 Production for Parents
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 2 – Year 3 Transition Meeting (details to follow) Reception Transition Sessions 6.30 Key Stage 2 Production for Parents
Friday 15 th July	pm School Garden Party Team points reward morning for pupils

Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Residential to Standon Bowers 9.00 – 10.30am Nurse Drop In
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 3/4H and Year 3/4C Violin Assembly Parents Open Evening – more details to follow
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 return from Standon Bowers Annual Volunteer Afternoon Tea
Thursday 21 st July	School Discos and Leavers' Party (details to follow)
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly and end of Academic Year

And..... Breathe!!!

Yours sincerely

D Bell (Headteacher)