



Headteachers Newsletter No 5 January 2018

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29 January 2018

7.15pm

Friends Meeting

Friday 16 February 2018

Half term

Monday 26 February 2018

Return to School.

Welcome Back. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. To keep the festivities alive for a little longer a theatre group is coming into school to perform Peter Pan in February. Some Sixth Formers are going to Bendrigg on residential before half term in February and we will be taking our music and dance crews to the Mrs Sunderland musical event in Huddersfield. So, another busy half term. I have also attached the school menu for this half term. If students who are currently on sandwiches would like to try school meals please ring the school office 01422 358621



ROA ASSEMBLIES

FRIDAY

2.15PM

19 January

2 February

**2 March
NO ASSEMBLY**

10 March

Ravenscliffe@SpringHall continues to develop well., windows are going in, stud walls are going up and external paths and groundworks have started and internal works have started in earnest.

The balustrade across the front terrace of the new building has now come in at an eye watering cost, which has caused us some major consternation as it has not been budgeted for. However, we feel as a school that we cannot compromise on student or spectator safety or accessibility. The planned glass and steel balustrade structure will allow 70+ people at the same time to view the action on the track below for years to come. The design will be strong enough to support the collective pressure of these 70+ people and we believe it is vital that our students who use wheelchairs should also be able to see the track from their lower seated positions too. So a steel structure with glass viewing panels will help us to meet the needs of everyone. Due to these unforeseen costs we still need to raise a further £80,000. So if you know of anyone who can help us please contact school. Also if you have contacts who owns a drone, please let school know as we would love to get an aerial shot of our new build!



Thank you to those who could make it to the Carol Concert at All Saints Church. It was up there with the very best, our staff and student choirs were brilliant, Copley signing choir were fabulous. Everyone really enjoyed the evening and it was a good start to the Christmas festivities.

Our show this year was Mary Poppins. Everyone performed well on the two days and there was enthusiastic audience participation. It was a really good show thanks to the students who shone in all their roles and to all the staff who helped make it such a big success.



Our whole school Christmas Lunch was held in the school hall. Jokes were told, jumpers were worn and everyone enjoyed eating a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.



We have been raising money for the Forget me not this Christmas including non-uniform days and the All Saints Carol Service. Staff also donated to the charity instead of sending Christmas cards. We have raised an impressive £1066 for the charity which we presented to them at the Christmas Assembly.



Covea staff came into assembly just before Christmas to present a cheque for an amazing £6150. Covea have been fundraising for us all last year and have also come into school on volunteer days. We have a really good relationship with them and hopefully they get a lot out of coming into school to help out and spend time with our students.

Sarah Amos, one of our support assistants got married in December. It was a lovely intimate ceremony for just family and close friends. Everyone really enjoyed the day.



We have several visits to the Velodrome in Manchester every year, to either use the BMX track or the cycle track.



(Darwin in action in photo)

In December we used the cycle track. The students always have a great time cycling indoors away from the cold

Our shoeboxes were collected by Bryan Harkness from Halifax Rotary Club on 8 December. Ravenscliffe donated the most shoeboxes in Calderdale with 137 boxes filled. Many of you have supported us with this initiative and we are so grateful. Our student shopping service involving them in a 'Shop, Buy and Wrap' service, spending your £10 per shoebox proved very popular with over 50 boxes being funded and filled through this initiative. .



Ravenscliffe High School has a twitter account, and Facebook page please add these to your accounts for the latest information and tweets from Ravenscliffe. We also have lots of information and photos of events on our school website.

Website : www.ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk

Twitter: @Ravenscliffehs

Facebook: [Facebook.com/Ravenscliffe](https://www.facebook.com/Ravenscliffe)

Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for Ravenscliffe which we will be putting towards the Spring Hall project. You don't pay anything extra. All you need to do is register at the address below, click on the online shop you wish to make a purchase which will transfer to their site. The online stores will then make a donation to Ravenscliffe. www.easyfundraising.org.uk



THANK YOU

Before the end of last term we received an extremely generous cheque of £273,284.09 from the Leo Group. Danny Sawrij came into school to present the cheque to us. They have been very supportive of the Springhall project from the start and we were happy that we could show our appreciation and thank Danny and his team personally for all the support he has given us.

Termly Awards

The following students won the coveted Termly Award plaques. Congratulations to all our students who have worked hard this term but the following students deserve a special mention.

PE Award Winner is Matthew Cox

ICT Award Winner is Mathew Powell

Music Award Winner is Ellie Reynolds

Springboard Winner is Molly Butterworth

Catering Award Winner is George Newburn

Dance Award Winner is Felicity Lord

Literacy Award Winner is Felicity Lord.

Maths Award Winner is James Jackson

Outstanding Achievement Winner is Matthew Barkham

Citizenship Award Winner is Mathew Goodison



FRIENDS OF RAVENSLIFFE MEETING IS BEING HELD AT 7.15PM AT RAVENSLIFFE HIGH SCHOOL ON 29 JANUARY. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALL WELCOME TO SEE WHAT THE FRIENDS OF RAVENSLIFFE IS ALL ABOUT ALL ABOUT.

**HAVE A GREAT 2018
MARTIN MOORMAN HEADTEACHER**