

The Rauceby Reporter



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Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of The Rauceby Reporter! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and were able to spend some quality family time together. I have really enjoyed talking to the children about where they have visited and who they have seen, not to mention the incredible gifts they received.

Although it has been a short week so many wonderful things have already happened and have been planned for this term.

Mr D Manby

Parking Alert

It wouldn't be the same if I didn't have to write about the parking and driving outside of school but with it being a new year I thought I'd put in a reminder to park and drive considerately around school.

I have been in contact with Lincolnshire County Council who have informed me that parking enforcement officers (traffic wardens) are targeting schools around the Sleaford area. My contacts have told me that as part of a campaign to reduce the amount of incidences outside schools, they are visiting in unmarked patrol cars and ticketing drivers on the spot for dangerous parking and manoeuvres. I have also been advised that **no vehicles should be parked on the zig-zag yellow lines** even if they hold a Blue Badge. I do understand that we have several parents that do hold a Blue Badge and although we cannot have a disabled space officially painted onto the highway, I would request that the **first space after the zig-zag lines be reserved** for those drivers. Your support with this request is greatly appreciated.

Walking Bus

I have now had two volunteers to help run a walking bus from the Bustard Inn. Realistically I think this would be better to start after half term when hopefully the weather has warmed up a little. If you think you could assist, please speak to the office staff or Mr Manby.

Communication

We try very hard to communicate in as many ways as possible to parents. We share the majority of information on our school website www.raucebyschool.co.uk We also send out emails, letters, texts and Tweets @RaucebySch. The whiteboard attached to the front of school also has information on it. I understand that we don't always get this right but we are constantly looking at ways that this could be even better.

As part of this process I have decided to involve a selection of parents. A random sample of parents from each class has been asked to attend a meeting with Mr Wallace and Myself to look at reporting your child's attainment and progress. It is hoped that from this, we will be able to give parents more relevant and regular information about their child's performance at school.

If you haven't been asked this time, then please don't worry, as I hope to do more of this type of activity in the future. Please remember if any of your contact details have changed, you will need to let the school office staff know.

Safeguarding Children in the virtual world

In July last year we held an information session for parents led by an expert in internet safety for children. The session was extremely informative and highlighted the many dangers our children face in this modern world of internet and gaming. It has come to my attention that several children are playing computer games at home that are rated 15 or 18. I understand that children ask for these games and enjoy playing them but please be aware that the content of games such as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty are extremely violent and have highly sexual content, which of course is not appropriate for children of primary school age. It is important that we protect our children in this digital age and appreciate your support with this. If you would like to talk to anyone about your child's online or digital safety, or any other safeguarding matter, please contact Mr Manby as the schools safeguarding officer or Mr Wallace in his absence. Thank you.

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Clubs

A quick reminder that lunchtime and afterschool clubs will start next week. Your child should have received a club letter this week and returned the reply slip to the appropriate teacher.

The London Marathon



As I have mentioned previously, I am running the London Marathon this year in aid of our school's chosen charity Children with Cancer UK. The training is going well although it is very cold at the moment but running for such a great cause keeps me motivated. Thank you so much to those people who have already sponsored me via our Virgin Money Giving Page. If you haven't sponsored me and would like to, please follow the link below:

[http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser/)

[web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=Rauceby&fald=755353&isTeam=true](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=Rauceby&fald=755353&isTeam=true)

Alternatively, next week I will have a sponsor form in school as well as an opportunity to guess the time it will take me to run the 26.2 mile course and win a prize. Thank you for your support.



Year 5 and 6 Victorian Day

Today Years 5 and 6 had a Victorian Day that included having new names, the teachers being more strict and wearing different clothes. Also we made peg dolls, drew apples, said prayers

and recited our times tables. Poor Eddie had to write with his right hand, even though he is left handed. In Victorian times children were not allowed to write with their left hands.

Year 6

Victorian Day



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In the next couple of weeks we will be selling prize squares at £1 each, all monies raised from this will be split in half, half to be used as prizes and half straight into the fundraising pot so please watch out for the lovely PTFA Friends of selling their sheet of squares. Prizes will be decided when we know how much we have raised.

Unwanted Items

If you have any unwanted new gifts and toys, bottles of alcohol, food gifts with a decent expiry date on, gift bags, hampers, items suitable for lucky dip or tomobola that are getting in your way from Christmas the PTFA would gladly take them off your hands for future fundraising!

Thank you
The PTFA

ASC/BKC

Children must not attend ASC/BKC without prior notification – this is due to numbers and health and safety reasons.

Bank Payments

If you make a payment to the school bank account for ASC/BKC, trips or school meals could you please let the office know by emailing enquiries@rauceby.lincs.sch.uk, a breakdown of what the amount is for and the date the payment has been made is required for audit purposes. It is vitally important that we receive this information when the payment is made to enable staff to correctly allocate the amount paid.

Rauceby Hall Supper - (Fundraiser for St. Peter's Church)

Saturday 4th February at 7.30pm, £25 includes glass of wine on arrival. For tickets please contact:

Gillian Hoare 01529 488233

Gill Enstone 01529 488203

Paula Ireland 01529 488409

PTFA Fundraising Calendars

We have approx. 50 calendars left to sell, they are now £5 each and make a lovely addition to your house or your child's memory box, if you would like one please just pop into school reception with your money and we will get your calendar to you.

Christmas Hamper Draw

The PTFA would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who donated or procured a prize for us for this fundraising event, we are extremely pleased to say that we raised £825.33, so thank you all.

Coffee Morning

The PTFA will be holding a coffee morning to blow away those January blues on Thursday 12th January from 08.30 to 10.00am in Millview Hall. Please join us for a hot drink, slice of cake and a chat, a lovely catch up for all whilst helping raise money for the school. If we have any budding cake makers or established cake makers who would like to donate an item we would be very grateful.

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Starting school in September 2017

The date of birth for these children will be between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013. Even if they want to defer entry until later in the academic year, parents will still need to apply now.

Lincolnshire parents can pick up an information pack from any Lincolnshire primary school which will provide them with the information they need to apply. They can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or ask for a paper application form or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. Parents can only apply by using one of these three methods.

The main closing date is 15 January 2017, although the online and telephone application facility should still be available to use until 20 January 2017.

If a parent or carer needs support with the application process due to a variety of reasons such as literacy issues or a language barrier please feel free to contact the Education Team on 01522 782030 or email schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Blue badge recipients

Congratulations to this week's blue badge recipients:

Reception – Fergus, Isabelle and Teddy, Year 1 – Emily and Tristan, Year 2 – Lucas and Tobias, Year 3 – Jack and Penny, Year 4 – Luke, Year 5 – Katelyn and Olivia J and Year 6 – Alice and Harry T.