

Children's prayer: Thank you God for all the birds who live near our homes and our school. Help us to remember to feed them and give them water when the weather is bad and they cannot easily care for themselves. Amen.

Head Teacher's Welcome



Snow good!

It was a winter wonderland scene at school last week when the snow fell and stayed (briefly) on the playground. There was much excitement (mainly from a gleeful Mrs Pace, who had never seen snow before having spent most of her life in warmer New Zealand climes) when the children (and a hearty Mrs Pace) went out to play. It was good to see the children shrieking with joy and having so much fun. It was also good to know that the simple things in life can bring the children so much pleasure.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is reminding people to make sure that garden feeders are kept topped up. They say 'finding a regular source of high-energy food such as a



garden feeding station is the equivalent of winning the lottery for wild birds and a well-stocked garden is a real lifesaver'. Providing a fresh, ice-free supply of water is another cold weather essential – drinking and bathing is a vital part of the daily routine of birds.

Headteacher: Mrs D Cole



Athletics

Well done to the Upper Juniors who participated in the Sports Hall Athletics event at Icknield on Friday. The children had great fun taking part in a range of events such as speed bounce, javelin, triple jump and a variety of relay races. There were five other partnership schools competing. The Upper Juniors did us proud, pushing themselves to the limit in all the events and coming second in two of the paarlauf races and third in the last. The final race featured Carrick, Millie, Stuart and Willow and was the under and over relay, which they won! Mrs Pace said it was an amazing all-round effort for the year 5 and 6 class.



Art Club

Miss Williams's after-school art club, which runs on Wednesdays, continues to be extremely popular. The children have been making clay models of snowmen recently and I am sure you will enjoy these photographs of their finished work.



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Polite reminder

Please would all parents make sure they do not park in front of the school gates at all times of the day as we have regular deliveries.

And I need to remind parents that there is no Mad Science club this week (Thursday 12th).

Finally...

I hope all the children have a very enjoyable half-term holiday and will be refreshed and raring to go when they return on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs D Cole

Diary Dates

Please see the calendar on our website for all the diary dates. Any new or changed diary dates are shown below.

Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.10am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Other News / Events

Holiday Sports Courses – Forms available in the new letter rack in the school entrance hall - Ravenscroft Sports Academy is working with the school on PE lessons and our after-school sports club. It is running sports courses over the school holidays. These are for children aged 4-11 and will run from 8.30am – 4pm each day over half-term (16th – 20th February). The courses are held at Benson Primary School and cost £10 per session if the children stay until 3pm or £12 if they stay until 4pm. They cover netball, dodge ball, gymnastics, dance, bench ball, football, rugby, tennis, hockey and many more. Please see the notice board in the playground for more information, contact Louis on 07803 545557 or email Ravenscroftsportsacademy@gmail.com

Sainsbury's Active Kids – The Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher scheme started last week. Please collect as many tokens as you can if shopping in store or online and put them in the collection box in the kitchen. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

Tower of London Upper Juniors – Tuesday 10th **February** - please remember the children must be in school for 8.30am so that we are ready to leave on time. Also please ensure that packed lunches are in either recyclable throw away bags or in a lunch box. Children with lunch boxes will be responsible for carrying them with them during the day.