



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where we Aim for the STARs (Share, Trust, Aspire, Respect)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 12th February 2021

## Update from Mrs Jackson-Ward

Dear Parents and Carers,

We survived to half term – congratulations! You have all done an amazing job of juggling home, work and schooling. We really appreciate the support you have shown and the kind messages we have received over the course of this half term.

We are really pinning our hopes on a return for the 8th March, but we have no news about this so far. We will keep you informed as always.

Please have a wonderful holiday; rest and relax! We will see you on the 22nd February when online learning will commence again.

Lisa

## Wraparound Care and Nursery Provision

We can now confirm that from the 13th April 2021, we will be providing wrap-around care at Ripley. We will be running a Breakfast Club from 8am (£5) and an Afterschool Club (£11.50) from 3.30-5.30pm. Further information and booking forms will be sent out next term.

We are delighted to announce that it is our intention to provide a Governor Led Preschool, also commencing from the 13th April 2021. The Preschool will take children from the age of 3; it will run during term time only and will accommodate various sessions from 8am-5.30pm.

Further information will be made available when we return after half term. In the meantime if you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining the Preschool, please register your interest by emailing [admin@ripley.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ripley.n-yorks.sch.uk) and we will be in touch after the 22nd February. We currently have 12 places available (with the potential for further expansion in the future) and it will be on a first come first serve basis. Thank you in advance for your patience and support while we are finalising all the details.

## Competition Time

Moles Country Stores Ripley, were so impressed with all the work our pupils did for the Big Garden Birdwatch, that they have very kindly offered an amazing prize for the winners of this weeks Art competition. There will be one winner for KS1 and one winner for KS2.

We are asking you to create a masterpiece inspired by birds. Paintings, drawings, sculptures, modelling, knitting, sewing, in fact anything that takes your fancy can be submitted.

Moles Country Stores will be judging your entries, so let's give them your best creations to admire.

Deadline for entries is Sunday 21st February, so a great activity to do over half term. Please take a photo of your entry and submit it on Seesaw. Good luck and happy creating!



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## Swallows Class Update

So, this week in Swallows we have been learning all about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. The children have read 'The Story of Nian', and been busy making Chinese New Year lanterns, drums, bunting and have even learnt a Chinese New Year song! They have also learnt all about the 12 Chinese Zodiac signs and found out what their zodiac sign is as well as learning some yoga moves for each one. Finally, they have learnt about the special foods that are eaten during the Chinese New Year celebrations and have had a go at making their own fortune cookies!

Aside from Chinese New year, in Collective Worship we have been thinking about Lent and what this means as this is during half term. The children have also been working hard on their Maths and Phonics work, well done Swallows!

Swallows have worked very hard this term and it has been lovely seeing everyone everyday on zooms and story time. Have a lovely half term Swallows and Gung Hay Fat Choy!

## Robins Class Update

What a great week investigating money, area and solving some snowy-themed problems in maths; writing sensational story endings for our Robin adventure; as well as lots of creative and fun explorations into the origins and traditions of Chinese New Year. We've seen everything from designing comic strips, to making dumplings, lanterns and dragons, to performing zodiac animal yoga poses!

## Falcons Class Update

This week has been all about Chinese New Year and the Chinese Spring Festival. We've written diaries and retold the story of Nian the Dragon in English, cooked up a storm in the kitchen with some delicious chow mien recipes, made zodiac charts, lanterns, tangram zodiac animals, learnt and practised some Chinese calligraphy and created online Kahoot quizzes to test what we've learnt. On top of that, we've worked on fractions in maths. Great work, Falcons!

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

Congratulations to all our stars of the week who have demonstrated our 'Trust' and 'Aspire' Star quality this week.

Falcons: Jack for 'Trust' - Even though you can't always keep up with the Seesaw work, I know full well that you're working hard, and doing all you can to keep learning over lockdown, checking in every now and again to show what fabulous work you've been doing. Well done!

Robins: Erica for 'Aspire' - Wow Erica! We are SO impressed with how hard you are working! A very big well done for always being enthusiastic, ambitious, thoughtful and focused in all your learning.

Swallows: Lewis for 'Trust' - We can always trust that Lewis is going to work hard, do his best and he always has a real positive attitude towards learning, well done Lewis!