



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 12th March 2021

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

It has been so lovely to have all the Swallows children back in school and we really have hit the ground running!

In English we have been focusing on Non-Fiction texts and learning about the different features, we even created our very own Mary Seacole Glossary as this is what we're also learning about in our History topic.

In Science we are learning all about the seasonal changes and this week we have been thinking about the different clothes we wear in each season as well as how animals adapt to each season.

In PSHE we have started our new topic: relationships. This week we were thinking about different families and we all drew our own families and compared them to others within the class.

In DT we have begun investigating mechanisms to make moving pictures and create pictures on the computer.

It has been wonderful to have our Robins class back learning together! Our first week has been jam-packed with enthusiastic learning. We have been developing our descriptive writing through ambitious expanded noun phrases; experimenting with different mental strategies for addition, and been exploring friendships and conflict in PSHE. We have also learnt how to set and pass a ball accurately in PE, and the correct positioning and terminology for touch-typing in computing.

We have been learning about the human geography and cultures of Mexico. In particular we focused on Dia de los Muertos, Day of the dead festival. In French we continued learning numbers and parts of the face. We had an exciting science lesson creating our own lung models and discovering what happens when the diaphragm contracts and relaxes.

This week in Falcons we've been remembering how much we enjoy having other people to learn with! It's been great to see everyone back, eager to learn and with a HUGE smile on their face. We've reflected on our lockdown experiences positive and negative, started our fantastic ukulele music lessons, begun reading Wonder in guided reading (loving it so far), carried on listening to The Wizards of Once (although it's Mr Williams reading this time, not David Tennant L), written about a spooky doll shop in English, started our tennis PE unit, thought about the dangers of smoking in PSHE and looked at the weather and climate of Mexico (there is a difference between weather and climate: ask your local Falcon for an explanation!). Wow. Great work, Falcons!

### Summer Dinner Menu

A new dinner menu has been attached to this Newsletter. Please return it to the school office by **Friday 19th March**. If your child is wishing to have packed lunches, please email Mrs Randall to let her know.

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	100%	100%	97.53%
Year	97.59%	98.74%	97.01%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. Congratulations to Swallows and Robins for 100% this week. \* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
19th March 2021	Red Nose Day—Dress as a superhero or wear red
26th March 2021	School closes
12th April 2021	Staff Training Day
13th April 2021	School re-opens Pre-School starts Wrap around care starts
3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday. School closed



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## Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March we will be celebrating Red Nose day in Superhero style!

### Funny is Power!!—following words by Red Nose Day organisers

If we've learnt one thing in the last 12 months, it's that life is unpredictable. One thing we can rely on though is the power of laughter. It can change things. It can connect us. It can be the difference. That's why, on Friday 19th March, we need you to help change the world with the power of funny. No matter how small something may seem—dressing as superhero's, selling red noses or dancing the day away—when you raise money for Red Nose Day, you're part of something bigger. You're making the worlds a different place!

### How are we going to help at Ripley?

For a minimum donation of a pound, children and staff are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite superhero or wear red for the day. Payment is set up on Parentmail or children can bring their donation in on the day.

So show us your superpowers, help make the world a better place and remember, not all superhero's wear capes!

## Comet Club

A reminder that all booking forms for the Summer term need to be returned to Mrs Randall no later than **Wednesday 17th March**.

## Bird Art Competition Winners

Drum roll please. We are delighted to announce the winners and runners up to the amazing Bird Art competition, judged by Mole Country Stores. The Store Manager who judged the competition has a degree in Art and said of about all the entries 'Each piece had individual merit and every piece produced deserves a well done. Having a degree in art myself I was impressed by the thought and imagination used, please pass on my thanks' Sarah and the Team at Mole Country Stores have been incredibly generous with their prizes, which was judged by each Key Stage. Both winners in each Key Stage have one a bird table, a bird feeder, bird food and chocolate. The second and third place runners up in each Key stage each received a bird feeder and chocolate. A huge well done and thank you to all those who took part.

### The winners are.....

Key Stage 1 - **Joseph** - Long tailed tits on Crag lane, for its colour and 3D use of leaves and its movement within the image.

Key Stage 2 - **Seth** - It has the full colours of a really striking image and we liked the 3D usage of newspapers in the background, and the full image stood out from all the rest

### Second Prize

Key Stage 1 - **Marcus** - Birds in sunset for the striking use of the silhouettes

Key Stage 2 - **Freddie** - The tree, the owl, the pond and the mouse, the mouse was fab, and the whole environmental theme was what it was all about so a very worthy runner up.

### Third Prize

Key Stage 1 - **Ava B** - Silver eared Mesia for the use of a full 3D model.

Key Stage 2 - **Isla** - For the use of a real egg, some pipe cleaner for Sky and some 3D effects with a drawing too.

All entries and the winning pieces of Art will shortly be posted to the Facebook Gallery for everyone to view.



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## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Jake for 'Aspire'. What an amazing 1st week back! You've settled in superbly, and are doing your very best in every lesson. Fab!

Robins: Isla for 'Aspire'. What a great first week back you have had Hannah! You have demonstrated resilience and determination to do your best in all your learning, and always with a smile on your face. We are proud of you - well done!

Swallows: Ellison for 'Aspire'. Ellison has worked extremely hard this week and has shown great enthusiasm towards his learning, well done Ellison and keep it up!

## Friend of Ripley School

An update will be published next, so watch this space for some exciting Easter competition news.

## Church News

Please refer to The United Benefice Quarterly update sent last week for full details of services and events coming up.

## SAFEGUARDING

### County Lines

County lines is a term used for organised illegal drug-dealing networks, usually controlled by a person using a single telephone number or 'deal line' that local drug users can call to arrange a delivery. Children and young people are recruited as 'runners' to transport drugs and money out of their home towns and cities into other places in the UK, so that the criminals behind the drug trafficking are less visible and less likely to be detected. This is criminal exploitation. Children as young as 11 years old may be recruited, sometimes through the use of social media. The tactic to entrap children may be as simple as waiting outside a school and using location services on an app to send messages to anyone nearby offering them money. Or children may be recruited in shopping centres with promises to buy them clothes, trainers and other things they want.

Unfortunately, Harrogate is not immune from such dangers, and we all need to be aware of the risks from, and signs of, county lines in our area: even for primary-aged children like ours. There is an excellent leaflet available here [https://www.smarttc.co.uk/uploads/6/9/1/3/69134389/county\\_line\\_leaflet\\_parents.pdf](https://www.smarttc.co.uk/uploads/6/9/1/3/69134389/county_line_leaflet_parents.pdf) that explains things in detail. A copy of this leaflet is also attached to this weeks Newsletter.

**If you have any questions, or want to talk further about any issues to do with child protection or safeguarding, please contact our Designated Safety Lead, Gary Williams, on 01423 770160**