



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 13th November 2020

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

This week in Swallows the children have worked really hard writing the story we have been learning: "The sheep and the Goat". In Maths the Y2's have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to find an efficient way to add three addends. The Y1's have been investigating the composition of numbers 6-10 and the YR's have been exploring number 3. In art, we have been printing with everyday objects and in geography we have been drawing maps of our school. The children have also enjoyed dancing in PE where they have been dancing to music with an Autumn theme, moving like swirling seeds, leaves and kites!

Robins have been on fire this week! Amazing maths learning, including learning and practising their 3 times table and lots of extra fun 'maths weeks' activities courtesy of Mrs Coe. They used number lines, loop cards, songs and TT rocks to help them. Their favourite activity was definitely playing TT rocks (...we do love a competition in Robins) and listening to rock music! Who knew we had so many Queen fans in school! Our Film Literacy this week has seen us further exploring characters, predicting what decision they might make based on what we already know about them. Watching the film in clips leaving us at a cliff-hanger is so exciting! In PE we have started our dance program, learning how to work in unison and in canon. We also really enjoyed finding out about the Muslim pilgrimage Hajj, and are getting very good at spotting similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity. During Forest school we used flint and steels to light our own fires and toast marshmallows. We built dens and stable

structures in groups and practised our hammering skills using tools, nails and wood. We designed some wonderful creations making our initials out of nails and wool.

This week in Falcons we've been...Writing, directing and shooting our own films in English; having a zoom call with Thomas Sweeting, Ripon's first policeman; experimenting with conductors and insulators in science; learning our dance routines; looking at maps and working out just what the difference between the UK and Great Britain is; investigating what the Bible says about Jesus' role as a messiah.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who very kindly donated to today's Children in Need fundraiser. There is still time to donate by logging onto your Parentmail account and making a payment on the shop section of your payments.

ATTENDANCE

| | Swallows | Robins | Falcons |
|------|----------|--------|---------|
| Week | 99.49% | 100% | 97.56% |
| Year | 98.45% | 99.29% | 97.72% |

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. Congratulations to Robins for 100% this week.

* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st Dec 2020 | HELP Gift Box Appeal Deadline |
| 2nd– 4th Dec 2020 | The FOR's Christmas bauble sale |
| 7th– 11th Dec 2020 | Christmas Post Box |
| 11th Dec 2020 | Christmas Jumper Day and Fair |
| 16th Dec 2020 | Christmas Lunch and Panto |
| 17th Dec 2020 | Christingle Service |
| 18th Dec 2020 | School Closes |



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HELP - Christmas Gift Box Appeal

Thank you to those who have already started to bring in their gift boxes. Your donations are gratefully received and very generous. Thank you. You can drop your boxes off any time between now and the 1st December.

Residential Payment Reminder

Please can all Parents who are yet to pay instalment 3 for the Residential please do so ASAP as this is now overdue. Many Thanks.

★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Henry for "Respect". For showing great self-respect (and aspiration) in working SO HARD in your Maths recently. Keep it up!

Robins: Erica for "Respect". This week you have demonstrated great respect by being focused in all your learnings and working hard, both independently and with others. What a great start at Ripley School.

Swallows: Melody for 'Aspire'. Melody has worked really hard this week particularly in English where she wrote a fantastic story. It clearly shows that Melody has made great progress, well done Melody!

Our Worship theme this week is.....

"Remembrance" Each week in our Friday Celebration Service we look at how the theme of the week has inspired the children.

Today in our whole school outdoor worship the children shared how they have been inspired by this weeks theme:

'I remember Great Uncle Willy who fought in the war' Marcus Year 2

'I liked the 2 minutes silence because it felt respectful' Niamh Year 4

'I managed to not move and fidget at the cenotaph on Wednesday like everyone else in Ripley school' Jack Year 5

News from Friends of Ripley School

Please see the Christmas Countdown for all upcoming events.



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Governors Weekly Update

Below is the commencement of our introduction to all of the school Governors. Starting with us as co-chairs.



Helen White

I was co-opted as Governor in January 2020. I am Managing Director for the LivingCare Group who provide clinical services across Yorkshire for NHS and Private patients. The group also includes medical and sport diagnostics as well as a cosmetics arm, Skinfinity. I live in Beckwithshaw with my husband, who works for the local church, and our daughter who attends Beckwithshaw Primary School.

During our spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and our lovely new puppy Molly.

I joined the Governor Group as I am thrilled that my child has such a great opportunity of going to a lovely school so I wanted to give something back and contribute what skills I have for the benefit of the schools.

Helen Smith

I started as a Governor of Ripley Endowed School in 2018 and have remained in role following the Federation with Beckwithshaw and Kettlewell Felliscliffe Schools. I am married with twins who are due to start school in September 2021, and a daughter who left Ripley School in 2017. I have worked in the NHS for 20 years managing various sectors including primary care, general practice, ambulance services and various roles in commissioning and strategy development. I am also



deputy chair of Ripley Parish Council and am very passionate about supporting developments in our local communities. I will endeavour to ensure the Federation provides enhanced opportunities for all children to achieve the best they can be, whilst they enjoy all the unique opportunities our smaller local schools can provide. In my (limited) spare time I enjoy horse riding and looking after our menagerie of rare breed sheep, hens and a pig, as well as supporting my husband with his medical and farming commitments

Other News:

In other news we are calling for HELP FROM OUR PARENTS....as you know it's a priority for us to continue to grow the number of children in our schools. Its even more challenging in these times as we have had to cancel our open days for obvious reasons.....so how can we get the news out there that we have three fantastic village schools?

We need you!!! Can you help in any way ? Do you have the skills to film virtual tours, have any of our parents got access to any marketing tools, can you help spread the message? Help us grow our schools and secure their future....any ideas please contact h.white@ripley.n-yorks.sch.uk

Church News

All Saints' Choir – The Choir are currently preparing for the Nine Lessons and Carol Service. If any children would like to join the choir for the service, they would be more than welcome. Members record themselves and then email David (the Choir Master) who puts it all together. Please contact Mrs Randall in the school office for more details.

Sunday Service - All Saints' Ripley. These services will now be streamed live on Facebook. For further information visit www.theunitedbenefice.org or facebook.com/ourfivechurches, and remember, your little ones can still take part in Sunday Superstars by following the weekly activities on their Facebook page facebook.com/groups/sundaystars