



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 14TH OCT 2022

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter! We would like to thank our school communities for supporting the efforts of teachers across the federation despite the continued uncertainty around academy conversion. We are focused on our primary objective which is to make our schools a place of happiness, enrichment and fulfilment. Thanks to our new staff for quickly getting to grips with the high expectations that we have for learning, and also to our existing staff for strengthening the team effort that we all share for school improvement. Our staff are always happy to meet with parents should you have any concerns about your child – through a strong partnership we can support our young learners to be confident and accomplished.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those who work, learn and visit our federation of schools. I have very much appreciated being a part of your journey as my time comes to an end. I am confident that the schools continue to progress and improve as they have done in recent months – Miss Victoria Kirkman will remain in her position and continues to provide executive leadership.

Chris Whitehead, Interim Executive Headteacher

In light of recent concerns raised relating to the federation, I wanted to update you on recent actions taken.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for these communications. We welcome parent and carer comments in order to take positive, effective action in the best interest of the children and families.

Please note that any concerns raised are taken seriously and, if not already resolved, are planned to be resolved moving forward.

We are delighted that the pantomime has been rescheduled and are currently working with staff to organise Christmas events and other curriculum enrichment experiences for your children. We are looking at further options for clubs moving forward including inter-sports events with not only the federation schools but my other two, local settings.

The Leadership of the school moving forward is a priority for the IEB and the Local Authority and I am working with them to look strategically at a model for the federation.

Miss Victoria Kirkman Interim Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
19.10.22	Harvest Festival - 10am. All Saints Church Ripley
19.10.22	Parents Consultations. 1pm-6pm
31.10.22	FORS – Pumpkin Competition, cake stall and uniform sale.
08.11.22	School Photos
11.11.22	Remembrance on the cobbles
WC 14.11	Anti Bullying and Road Safety week
18.11.22	Children in Need - Polka dots for Pudsey
23.11.22	Aladdin Panto at Harrogate Theatre
27.11.22	Christingle Service All Saints Church Ripley
30.11.22	Flu Immunisations
06.12.22	Nativity - 5pm Town Hall
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
09.12.22	Farmyard Nativity TBC
WC 12.12	Christmas Enrichment Week

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our collective worship theme this term is

British Values

The children have been looking at rules of law and what keeps us safe. Why rules are important at school, at home, and for adults, and the consequences of not following rules.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A reminder that on Wednesday 19th October we invite you to be join our children and Revd Paul at All Saints Church Ripley for our 10am Harvest Festival Service. Any donations of non-perishable foods or toiletries would be most appreciated.



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue on a Thursday morning for Autumn 2, with it being KS2's turn. KS2 parents should ensure that suitable Forest School kit is brought in to school every Thursday. A kit list is attached to this week's newsletter. Swallows should continue to keep wellies and waterproofs in school for outdoor garden play/learning.

ALADDIN PANTOMIME AT HARROGATE THEATRE

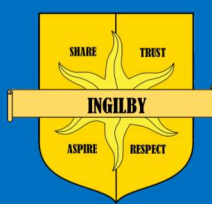
We are delighted that our Panto has now been confirmed for Wednesday 23rd November 2022. Full details of the event and payment will go live on ParentMail early next week. We would like to thank our FORS who have very kindly offered to pay the price of the coach and buy all our children an ice - cream, which means parents will only have the price of the ticket to pay. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



House Point Tally



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR AUTUMN 2

Monday - 3.20 - 4pm. Sign language club. Mrs Sefton, who is trained in sign language, and Mrs Bassitt will teach the children to sign the Alphabet and simple sign language. This is a free club that is open to 10 people from years 1-6. Those children already booked into Comet club on a Monday night for the term will automatically join, in addition to the other 10 places available. Booking for this will go live on ParentMail at 7pm this evening and will be on a first come first serve basis.



Tuesday - 3.20 - 4.20pm. Football club run by Harrogate Town FC. This club is open to children in years 1-6 and billing has already gone out to those parents who have committed to the club. A polite reminder that payment for this is due by Wednesday 19th October 2022 in order to secure the running of this club for Autumn 2.

Wednesday - 3.20 - 4.20pm. Dodgeball club, run by Sports Cool. Sports Cool already do a free multi sports lunchtime club for us and run our PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon, so they know all our children really well. We are therefore delighted that they would like to offer an after-school club. The club is open to all children from reception to year 6 and will be run by sports cool in the town hall. In order for the club to run, they require a minimum of 10 people to sign up with them directly by Friday 28th October. Full details of how to sign up have been emailed to all parents earlier today.



IEB UPDATE

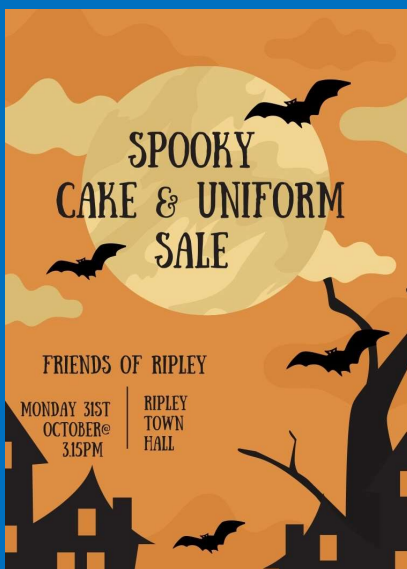
We will aim to update you regularly on the work that has been done by our IEB. This month we have:

- renewed discussions with the Regional Schools Commissioner and LA around Academisation
- renewed and updated our training around Safeguarding, Child Protection, Prevent and Safer Recruitment
- discussed feedback from Federation monitoring visits carried out by our school improvement advisor
- reviewed our interim leadership arrangements until conversion: more will be sent on this before half – term
- supported our Federation Open days.

We are aware that the news around Elevate' s decision has been unsettling for our staff, parents and wider communities and assure you all that we are working hard to maintain stability: we have been delighted with the way this term has begun and with which the staff, new and longer standing have embraced change.

Friends of Ripley School

The perfect activity for half term! Let your little ones get creative over the holidays and design their own pumpkin for this years FORS pumpkin carving competition. Judging will take place in school on Monday 31st October, so please ensure all pumpkins, and the entry fee, is brought in at drop off. Judging will be



anonymous so please do not write names on the pumpkins, unless it is on the base. This event is very popular and we can't wait to see what amazing, creative ideas the children come up with this year.

FORS will also be running a spooky cake and uniform sale in the Town Hall after school that day. Please support our FORS team and help raise funds for the school.

Safeguarding

Halloween and Bonfire Night

Halloween

- **Clothing** – while it's great for children to dress up, most Halloween costumes are highly flammable so focus on using LED light candles. When trick or treating, children should be supervised at all times and parents aware of the dangers of naked flames in Halloween decor (pumpkins/lanterns) and bonfires.
- **Pumpkin Lanterns** – don't use real candles in them, get the led t-lights – they are brighter than a real candle.
- **Door knocking** – go with parents to people you know. Only knock on doors where there is a clear sign they want you to, e.g. a lantern on the doorstep. Many people are vulnerable and don't really want lots of people knocking.
- **Treats** - always ask a grown up before eating any of the sweet treats you collect. Never accept or eat any homemade treats from people you don't know. Only eat treats that are securely sealed in individual shop brought wrappers.
- **Parents** – think, where are your children? Try to encourage children to have a sensible approach to the evening so it is enjoyable for all.



Fireworks & Bonfire



- **Attend-** organised displays where possible.
- **Sparklers-** wear gloves and put each sparkler into a carrot. This makes it much easier for little hands to hold safely. Have a bucket of water to put sparkler sticks in as they are very hot even when out. When at a display, stick them in the ground to cool them and make sure children are in a good space when using sparklers so they don't accidentally burn someone else.

If an accident does happen and clothes catch on fire the advice is to STOP, DROP & ROLL

ALWAYS

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable seller, every firework should have a CE mark on them to state they have passed the required safety standards.
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Always light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Always keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Always direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators or flammable objects such as bushes and trees.

NEVER

- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket and never throw them.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Never let children play with fireworks.



Safeguarding

**WORRIED
ABOUT A
YOUNG
PERSON'S
MENTAL HEALTH?**

**WORKSHOPS FOR ANYONE
WHO LIVES WITH YOUNG
PEOPLE AND WANTS TO HELP
THEM IMPROVE THEIR
MENTAL WELLBEING.**

Empowering parents, guardians and carers in North Yorkshire to feel more confident and skilled in supporting mental health concerns. Six workshops will include:

- Suicide prevention awareness.
- Strategies for supporting individual needs.
- Information on accessing and navigating mental health systems.

All workshops will be tailored around needs of parents, guardians or carers. **Turn over for referral details.**

Delivered in partnership by:



Face to face workshops will be held;

- **In Harrogate and Thirsk**

Online workshops will be held via Zoom.

Accessing the workshops:

Parents, guardians and carers can refer themselves. via Just 'B'.

T: (01423) 856 790

E: justbCYP@justb.org.uk

Referrals can also be made via CAMHS, Crisis CAMHS, Early Help Workers and other relevant professional bodies.

Young people's wellbeing support group:

During the Harrogate and Thirsk workshops, we will also be providing a wellbeing support group for the young people of those attending.

This will provide an informal environment with a range of activities, based at a nearby location.

Further information will be given on referral.

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A copy of the JUST B/ STARFISH Parent Support Workshops Referral form is attached to this weeks Newsletter

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact:

Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Chris Whitehead - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642