



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 16th October 2020

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

It's fair to say Swallows have been knee deep in pumpkins this week! We have harvested several from our very own pumpkin patch. We've measure them, dunked them, hammered them, worn them, practiced our mark making on them, used the seeds to help us in Maths, and made soup with them which was enjoyed round the campfire at Forest School this week. Mrs Walker and Mrs Sidley have even dreamed about them! The children in Swallows have also enjoyed learning about different religions and their symbols, we even had a go at creating the Christian, Islam and Hindu symbols.

We've had yet another busy week in Robins! Lots of amazing learning including investigating the composition of 100 in maths, and using film literacy to explore character and setting. We thoroughly enjoyed our virtual 'Big Book Hullabaloo' courtesy of The Little Ripon Bookshop - we met Laura Ellen Anderson, author and illustrator of the Amelia Fang book series, who explained how she creates characters... and then showed us how to draw one! Lots of fun and very inspiring! In maths this week Robins have been measuring the mass of autumnal objects like conkers, acorns, pumpkins and apples from the school garden. We have been learning more about crime

and punishment in the Victoria era, focusing on child criminals. We have investigated the reasons why children were sent to Reformatory schools by looking at real admission records and then created our own versions. Look out for our French speaking videos next week on our Facebook page, as Robins have been learning French greetings and how to ask and answer questions. Our worship focus this week was being grateful for what we have... we certainly are in Robins!

This week in Falcons we have: drawn mountains like Christa Rijneveld in art; researched the gruesome punishments that Victorian criminals faced in history; conducted(!) experiments with electric circuits in science; learnt about rounding numbers in maths; written newspaper reports in English; clapped, sung, stomped and played glockenspiels along to 'Walking on Sunshine' in music; looked at the life of Muhammed in R.E.; played hockey and netball in PE.

Key Stage 2 (Robins and Falcons) were also thrilled to welcome PC Williams who gave a brilliant and inspiring talk about North Yorkshire Police and her career. The children had lots of questions from their history learning and were completely enthralled.

Governors

A reminder that the deadline for nominations for the Parent Governor role is today. If you wish to still apply, we will accept applications until Sunday 18th October 2020. Application forms were sent out via email on Friday 2nd October 2020.

Hand Sanitiser

Please can we ask, that under no circumstance, should children bring hand sanitiser into school with them as this is a serious health and safety issue due to the alcohol content in these products. We have thorough hand washing regimes throughout the day and should hand sanitiser be needed, it will be done in a monitored, controlled way. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	94.66%	100%	91.76%
Year	98.01%	99.34%	97.44%

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
WC 19th Oct 2020	School Photos and Parent Consultations
20th Oct 2020	Pumpkin Competition
22nd Oct 2020	School closes
2nd Nov 2020	School Re-opens



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School Photos

Just a reminder that this years school photos will take place next week. Nikki from Yorkshire Schools Photography will be with us across the week, capturing natural images of the children in the school grounds. Examples of her work can be found on her website <https://www.yorkshireschoolsphotography.com/> or her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/yorkshireschoolsphotography>.

Once Nikki has completed all the photography and uploaded the images, a link will be sent to each parent with access to an individual (private) gallery where you can view all you child's/children's photos and place an order. Email links will be sent out by Mrs Randall as each album is uploaded.

Parent Consultations

Please ensure you have booked an appointment time (a double appointment if you have two children in the same class) via ParentMail. At the allocated time, the teacher will call you on your preferred phone number. If you miss the initial phone call, you will receive a return call five minutes later. If you miss this, then please rearrange the appointment for another time.

Parent Consultation Days:

Monday 19th October 2020: Falcons with Mr Williams.

Tuesday 20th October 2020: Swallows with Mrs Walker.

Wednesday 21st October 2020: Robins with Mrs McGrogan.

If you have a preferred telephone number, other than that listed on your contact information, please email admin with the details.

★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Will for "Aspire". Will has been hard-working, considerate and full of thoughtful questions all week. Richly deserved!

Robins: Hannah for "Aspire". We have been so impressed by your determined, focused and enthusiastic attitude Hannah. You are always ready to learn and challenge yourself. What a great start to year 3!

Swallows: Marcus for 'Aspire'. Marcus has been working really hard to improve his work particularly in writing; he has shown great determination and aspiration to achieve as much as he can, well done Marcus!

Our Worship theme this week is.....

"Being grateful for what we have" 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 am thankful for my school' Marcus year 2

'I am grateful for being at this school and I am happy that I have tons of friends and I love my teachers' Halle year 4

'I am grateful for my friends for always being there for me' Freddie year 6

'I am grateful for my friends and family' Joshua year 5



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News from Friends of Ripley School

Entries for the Pumpkin Competition should be brought into school on the morning of **Tuesday 20th October** along with the **£1 entry fee**. Pumpkins should be clearly labelled on the base with the child's name and class. Judging will be anonymous and winners announced on Thursday 22nd October.



Church News

War Memorial Service - On Sunday 8th November the Remembrance service will be held on the cobbles in Ripley at the war memorial (in front of the Boars Head). Children attending are asked to arrive for 10.45am at Church, ready for a 10.55am start. Could we ask that children attending the service wear school uniform and let Mrs Randall in the school office know they will be attending the service.

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. Booking is advised if you wish to attend church as spaces are limited. The service will also 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