



RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 19th March 2021

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

This week in Swallows the Year 1 and 2 children have worked extremely hard on all their NFER Reading and Maths papers and we are very proud of them!

However, we have still managed to squeeze some other things in too! In Science we are continuing to learn about seasonal changes and this week the children were looking at how the day length is affected by the seasons. The children then used a timeline to answer some quiz questions which they were very good at! As well as deciding which hobbies are better suited to each season.

We also continued to learn about Easter in R.E as well as Collective Worship and this week was all about how Christians might prepare for Easter. We also discussed what Lent means and the children began to think about how to 'give something back' rather than give up. There were some lovely suggestions so hopefully they will give some of these a go between now and Easter!

There has been a real buzz in Robins this week as our eager learners embraced the challenge of our spring assessments, explored the RE 'Big Question' of "What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?", continued our net-and-wall –skills journey in PE, and reached the exciting climax in our guided reading text, as The Iron Man prepares to take on the Space-bat-angel-dragon that is terrorising the world!

This week we fully embraced our Geography topic of Mexico. We researched the reasons why Mexico is such a popular tourist

destination and used our Film Literacy skills to record short films (please check them out on our School Facebook page.) We started creating our Day of the Dead skeleton masks and drew graphs to compare the average rainfall of Villahermosa, Mexico and Harrogate.

This week in Falcons has been.. test week! We've spent most mornings on maths, reading, writing and grammar papers, which is a really important part of knowing where any gaps in the children's learning may have sprung up over lockdown. To their credit, the children have done their very best and complained only a little! Well done everyone! Aside from that, we've managed to fit some other learning in too, re-enacting blood flow through the body in science, more net and wall skills in PE, ukuleles, Mexican tourism and rainforests as well as reading more from the books Wonder and Witches of Once. Not bad for test week, eh?

Outstanding Dinner Menus

Today was the deadline for all Dinner menus to be returned. If you have not already done so, please ensure they are sent in by Monday 22nd March as Mrs Atkinson needs to collate all the menus and place her order return for next term. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	99.05%	100%	97.22%
Year	97.7%	98.83%	97.04%

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
26th March 2021	School closes
24th March 2021	Bring in your decorated eggs (see Friends update)
24th-26th March	Guess the eggs in the jar
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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Road Safety

Since returning to school last week, there have been a number of occasions where road safety is not being observed. Can we please remind all parents that children are not to cross the road on their own as we cannot be responsible for their safe crossing before and after school. Children should not be called across the road to the town hall car park and parents should queue outside the gate/door to drop off/collect their child each day. Please watch your child at all times as we have had several near misses over the last two weeks with children running out into oncoming traffic. We have asked the local PCSO to come in and give a talk to all pupils next Friday on the importance of road safety and appreciate your support in reinforcing this message. Please find attached a letter to all parents from our local PCSO Lucy Walker, including an update on the speeding vehicle (not one of ours) many of you and ourselves have reported. Please continue to report this vehicle if you see it happening and tell a member of staff so we can escalate it further.

Red Nose Day

How amazing are our Ripley Superhero's?! They have so far managed to raise over £60 today by coming in as their Superhero or wearing something red for a donation towards Red Nose Day. See our Facebook page for some photos from today.

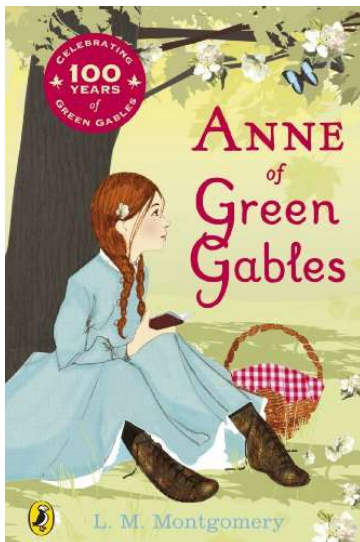
Village Playground Etiquette

Please can we ask that all parents visiting the Playground accompany their children into the grounds and do not congregate/sit in residents driveways or in the street outside the park. We have many elderly residents in the village as well as those with very young children, and it can be quite unsettling for them to have groups of people gathering right outside/ on their property. Please can we also ask that all children enter the park through the main gate and do not climb over the park fences. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is Anne of Green Gables by L.M Montgomery

Recommended by Mrs Walker



Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert are in for a big surprise. They are waiting for an orphan boy to help with the work at Green Gables – but a skinny, red-haired girl turns up instead. Feisty and full of spirit, Anne Shirley charms her way into the Cuthberts' affection with her vivid imagination and constant chatter. It's not long before Anne finds herself in trouble, but soon it becomes impossible for the Cuthberts' to imagine life without 'their' Anne – and for the people of Avonlea to recall what it was like before this wildly creative little girl whirled into town.

The author, L.M Montgomery, was inspired by her years growing up on Prince Edward Island and it has always been a place I would love to visit.



Reading gives you
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★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Joshua for 'Aspire'. His enthusiasm from learning across all subjects (not just maths!) is inspiring and infectious. Keep it up!

Robins: Eliza for 'Share'. We have noticed how thoughtful and caring you have been in school Eliza. Not only are you helpful to your friends, but you often have kind words to say. Thank you for sharing your time and positivity with everyone!

Swallows: Barnaby for 'Aspire'. Barnaby has worked extremely hard on the 'number of the week' activities which is has been fantastic to see, well done Barnaby and keep it up!

Friend of Ripley School

We are all so pleased to see the children back in school, and hugely grateful to the wonderful staff for keeping home learning going and ensuring the children are all happy and safe. Thank you staff!! You are our heroes.

We are taking a low key approach to fund raising this term because I think we are all exhausted! However friends still want to support school with additional things to enhance learning and care. If you can make a donation you can drop it into the office marked "Friends of Ripley school"

We are still in full swing with uniform swap, WhatsApp me (Grace) 07503185553 and I can bring you a bag of jumpers, shirts, trousers etc. in the right sizes! We suggest £1 per item.

Friends are currently supporting the purchase of various items to enhance school life, including maps and geography tools, like weather vanes and stations.

Easter Competitions

Decorate an Egg - We are asking children to decorate a hard boiled egg, with a fun creative design. Please do not place the egg in a setting/scene, as the eggs will form part of an egg hunt around school. Creations should be brought in on Wednesday 24th March ready for the egg hunt and judging. Entry is £1 per egg and there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the most creative eggs in both KS1 and KS2.

Guess the number of eggs in the jar - From next Wednesday to next Friday, children can bring in 50p to enter the guess the eggs in the jar competition. We will post a photo of the jar on Facebook next week so everyone can start thinking about their guesses.



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SAFEGUARDING

STRANGER DANGER REMINDER

Here is some stranger danger advice to help keep your child safe when they are out and about and travelling to and from school.

STRANGER DANGER PREVENTION ADVICE

Here are some simple steps you can take to make sure you stay safe on the street.

- Never go off on your own with a stranger, take things from them or get in a car with them.
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are.
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station.
- Remember to tell someone what has happened straight away.
- If you have Snapchat check the settings on the new location sharing feature, Snap Maps , including details about how to change your settings and tips for staying safe.

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) is the only children's charity which can safeguard children. Visit their website for more information - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>