



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We strive to be a 'peace-full' school that our whole community can be proud of, where we work together (share) through mutual reliance and support (trust) so that all can fulfil their potential (aspire) in a world where everyone's God-given talents, skills and experiences are recognised and valued (respect).

'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 19th November 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT
WC 22nd Nov	All week	Enrichment Week - Spain
28th Nov	10.45-11.15am	Christingle Church Service
3rd Dec	TBC	Christmas Fair
4th Dec	2pm	A very Ripley Christmas
6th Dec	9-9.30am	Stay and play (EYFS/KS1)
8th Dec	10.00am	School Christmas Service - Church
14th Dec	2 - 3pm	School Nativity
15th Dec	10am	Cinderella Panto Trip
16th Dec	12 - 2.45pm	School Christmas lunch and party
17th Dec	Normal Day	Last day of term

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	77.55%	98.29%	93.85%
Year	92.65%	98.34%	94.3%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%.

WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK

HIDDEN PROMISE

This week we explored finding a path through difficult times

Enrichment Week - Next week is enrichment week across the federation and our theme is Spain! The children will take part in a range of activities through the week including exploring the geography of Spain and producing some Spanish-influenced art work, and we have also organised for a professional dance company to come and teach us how to flamenco dance, and a language specialist to run a Spanish workshop for all our children. ¡Olé!

★ S.T.A.R. of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Gracie-May for 'Aspire'. Gracie May, you are bursting with imaginative ideas and fabulous vocabulary choices. Your writing often makes us stop and think, which is a sign of a good author.

Robins: Seth for 'Aspire'. Seth, you have worked so hard across all subjects, but I have been particularly impressed by your writing. You always push yourself to meet the challenges set, as well as encouraging others to rise to them!

Swallows: Frankie for 'Share'. Frankie, you always show great kindness towards everyone and you are a genuine star!

Ducklings: Henry H for 'Share'. You are a kind member of Ducklings and you always have a smile on your face! Thank you for being a friend to everyone in the class. Well done!

The House Captains Award this week go to....

Nidd - Ellison - For being a good role model at play time (Respect)

Ingilby - Jack - For always trying his best in football (Aspire)

Brimham - Olivia - For being kind to others and helping them to join in (Share)

The House Points Award this week go to....

Falcons - Fraya (**Ingilby**)

Robins - Marcus (**Ingilby**)

Swallows - Bella (**Brimham**)

SMIRF awards go to – Fraya for completing Mercury and Arthur for completing Uranus.



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Weekly Updates and Reminders

STAFF UPDATE

As many of you already know, Mrs Sidley was due to start her maternity leave at Christmas. However due to being in her third trimester and the increased illnesses in school, following government guidelines, she has been advised to work from home from now until her Maternity leave commences in December. Mrs Sidley will keep in regular contact with the children and Mrs Walker and Mrs Bassitt will be covering her Thursday and Friday until the end of term.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

At Ripley Endowed our priority is to keep children, staff and families safe. A recent rise of infections in school (not just covid) mean we would like all families to remain vigilant during drop off and pick up at the end of the school day. We would advise parents/carers to wear masks if they wish too. Please can parents/carers remain distanced in the courtyard area or outside of school (depending on how busy this is) and the teachers will guide children into and out of school to families. We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

SICKNESS AND ABSENCE

A reminder that all sickness needs to be reported before 9am on each day of absence. Please do this by telephone in the first instance or by emailing the school office.

If your child presents with any of the three main symptoms of COVID 19, or you suspect your child may have it, please do not bring your child into school until a negative PCR test has been obtained, or if positive, your child has isolated for the required period of time.

If your child has diarrhoea or sickness, they should not come to school and should remain at home for a period of 48 hours.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Back by popular demand, the amazing Nikki Mitchell has once again worked her magic and captured the most beautiful photos. All photo album links will start going out to parents next Tuesday. Each album will be sent individually so takes a bit of time but we hope to have everyone's album links with them by Wednesday.

A covering letter will also be sent explaining how to place your orders directly with Nikki Mitchell for both prints and digital copies

CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge thank you to everyone who very kindly donated to Children in Need today.

For anyone who was not in today but would still like to donate, you can hand in any small change to Mrs Randall in the school office next week.



Friend of Ripley School

We are currently looking for lots of Christmas themed chocolate and sweets. Think chocolate Santa's, Reindeers, coins, lollies, tubes of sweets/chocolate, marshmallow Christmas themed lollies etc.

Please bring all donations into the school office on the 29th November. If you have any before that, please give them to Jessica Lynch who will store them until the 29th. A huge thank you.



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Safeguarding

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



Relationship Matters

Whether you're together or separated, the way you and your partner communicate can impact on your children. All relationships have tricky moments it's how they're experienced and resolved that matters. Of course, disagreements and arguments are completely normal and part of everyday life but if it is becoming a problem then you can get help. Parental conflict is not the same as domestic abuse – if you are afraid of your partner or feeling that they control your life then this is more likely to be domestic abuse, please seek help either from your local council or the NSPCC.

If you are not sure who your local council is, visit <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council> for further information or you can get more information from <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/>

Do you recognise any of these things?

- Are you arguing, having rows, shouting all the time with each other about things like, money, how you parent or housework?
- Are you worried about splitting up?
- Is there sulking, silent treatment, slamming doors or walking away from each other?
- Are you anxious or worried and is this getting in the way of managing everyday life?
- Are you not able to say sorry after an argument and move on?
- Are you using hurtful texts, emails or social media against each other?

If so, visit <https://relationshipmatters.org.uk/> for more information. Relationship matters is a partnership between 15 Local Authorities aimed at helping families with relationship difficulties. The new website offers families information, tips and advice, as well as tips, prompts and questions YOU may want to ask yourselves and your family.



Baby Buddy - 'You and Your Partner' (App)

You and Your Partner is a new feature in Baby Buddy that has been created by relationship experts. It has been developed by Baby Buddy creators, Best Beginnings in partnership with relationship charity, One Plus One. You and Your Partner is designed to help you strengthen your relationship with your partner for yours and your baby's sake.

A stronger relationship means you will be better equipped to weather the storms that happen in all relationships - particularly at times when you feel tired and stressed.

For more information go to <https://www.bestbeginnings.org.uk/news/baby-buddys-new-feature-you-and-your-partner> and to learn more about this new feature on the NHS Baby Buddy App.

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Mrs Sue McGrogan or Mrs Anya Walker - Designated Safeguarding Leads on 01423 770160.