



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 20TH MAY 2022

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we approach the half way point of the summer term, we would like to thank all children for their continued hard work and commitment to learning. For children in year 6 and year 2, we have appreciated their determined and calm manner in which they have tackled the national assessments in recent weeks, supported by teachers and staff in school. Our year 5 and 6 children have had an exhilarating end to the half term, spending the week at Buckden House. It was great to see all children embracing the full range of activities, demonstrating resilience and building their self-confidence – including staff! This week, children across school have been busy preparing for the Jubilee celebrations taking place on Thursday – it has been inspiring to see all manner of creative learning take place to allow children to understand and participate in the countrywide party – let's hope the sun is shining! Miss Kirkman and I continue to work closely with staff and the IEB, in communication with parents, to support the rapid development of the federation. We have continued to build on the work of the previous interim leadership whilst making significant and important changes for the benefit of children.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Kirkman where we will be more than happy to help.

Have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th June.

Chris Whitehead (Interim Executive Headteacher)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
26.05.22	Jubilee Celebrations
27.05.22	School Closed
30.05.22 - 03.06.22	Half term. School closed
06.06.22	Back to school
07.06.22	Bag 2 Schools
23.06.22	Swallows and Ducklings story time
08.07.22	Sports day
14.07.22	End of year disco

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

When we return after half term, our collective worship theme will be The Holy Trinity.

'God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit'



UPDATES AND REMINDERS

PARKING - A reminder that parents should not pull up or park on the zig zag lines outside school. Please use the carparks/parking spaces provided, and safely cross your children across the road.

DINNER AND COMET CLUB - Please ensure all balances are brought up to date before the end of this half term.

PE - PE kits should remain in school at all times. Please ensure children have the correct PE and that is clearly labelled with their name.

Jubilee Celebrations at Ripley - 26th May

Further to the Jubilee Celebration communication that went out in April, here are some reminders for Thursday:



- All children's Bake Off entries should be brought into school for the morning of the 26th.
- Dress code for all children and adults is something royal themed/ fancy dress or red, white and blue.
- Families should arrive at 1pm. Everyone will need to sign in and parents will then be responsible for their child/ren that afternoon. Any children whose parents aren't attending the event, will be cared for by a staff member.
- No adults are to enter the school buildings. A toilet will be allocated for families to use.
- Please bring a rug or suitable portable chairs, as seating will be limited.
- Adults who have ordered an afternoon tea for the event will be invoiced via ParentMail early next week.

This celebration is weather dependant and in the event of rain it will be cancelled on the day. We are all praying for a sunny day to welcome you all for an afternoon of singing, fun and games.

RESIDENTIAL



What a fantastic week our Falcons have had at Buckden House. They have enjoyed caving, climbing, den building, problem solving and gill scrabbling, as well as taking in the stunning views on their Wharfedale walks. We hear the Buck Inn served some amazing food! The perfect way to end the day with new friends.

We are all very proud, and Miss Lawes was super impressed with their resilience, can do attitude and their fantastic team building skills and spirit.

Ripley's Reading Challenge Winners - May

Congratulations to this months reading challenge winners.

Falcons - Isla

Robins - Aoife

Swallows - Christian



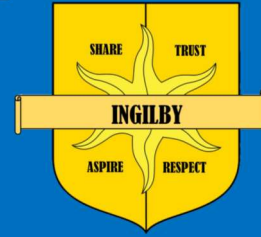
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KEY ACTIVITIES NEXT

SWIMMING - KS2 will continue swimming lessons for Summer 2 term on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure that children bring/wear their kit, as per this term, and arrive promptly for the coach to leave at 8.45am.

UKULELE - Swallows will continue with group ukulele lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

SPECIAL MENU - On the 21st June a special summer mini food fest themed meal will replace the normal menu for that day. A PDF of the menu is attached to this Newsletter. If your child is normally on packed lunch and would like this meal, please let Mrs Randall know by Friday 10th June.

TRANSITION - Yr. 6 will start transitions.

PRODUCTION - KS2 will start rehearsals for the end of year production.

CLUBS IN JUNE

MONDAY SPANISH - Spanish club will continue after school on a Monday evening following the half term break. Places will be available for all students Yr. 1 and above. A notification text will be sent to parents next week when booking/payment on ParentMail goes live.

TUESDAY FOOTBALL - Football club will continue after school on a Tuesday evening following the half term break. Places will be available for all students Yr. 1 and above. A notification text will be sent to parents next week when booking/payment on ParentMail goes live.

WEDNESDAY COOL SPORTS - Cool sports will continue their lunchtime club for all pupils.

Friends of Ripley School Dates for the Diary

Half term is the perfect time to have a good clear out, as Bags 2 Schools will be collecting on Tuesday 7th June. Please use your own bags and ensure that they are left in the courtyard prior to 9am.



Swallows and Ducklings Story time. On Thursday 23rd June, Mrs Walker and Mrs Randall will be hosting an evening story time event on behalf of FORS. Full details will follow after half term.

Safeguarding

As we approach half term and warmer weather, our Safeguarding focus is on water safety to ensure the safety of our children. Whether you are heading to the beach or having days out by the river, it is vital we work to keep your children safe.

We suggest you speak with your children regarding water safety so they, too know what to do in an emergency.

The SAFE code
Keep SAFE around water, learn the code:

SPOT
Advice
FRIENDS
EMERGENCY

Spot the dangers
Check for hazards such as tides or currents.
Consider what could be hidden under the water.
Be careful of unsafe banks; stay well back from the edge.


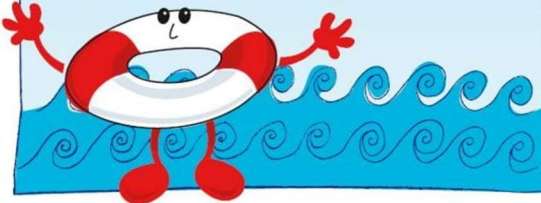
Take advice
Always read the signs.
Only swim where there is a lifeguard.
Wear buoyancy aids and life jackets.

Go with a friend
Swim with your friends and family.
Friends can get help.
Never swim alone.

Learn what to do in an emergency
Find the nearest phone and call 999 or 112.
Shout loudly to attract attention.
Never enter the water to save someone.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK is the drowning prevention charity.

Find out how you could help save lives by taking part in our Drowning Prevention Week campaign at www.drowningpreventionweek.org.uk. For more information about our lifesaving classes for children and adults, visit www.rlss.org.uk.



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the WATER SAFETY TIPS
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



TEACH THEM EARLY
Teach children to get comfortable in the water and swim at an early age and educate them early about water safety.

ACTIVE SUPERVISION, BARRIERS, AND SIGHTLINES
Always actively supervise children when they're both in and around the water; ensure that pools are secured with appropriate barriers; and require children to swim within designated areas that are within sight of guardians and certified lifeguards.

DON'T BE PUSHY
Instruct children to never run, push or jump on others in and around the pool.

WHO'S YOUR BUDDY?
Never let children swim alone; always designate swimming buddies before visiting the beach or pool.

WEAR SUNSCREEN
Protect your skin from sun burn and sunstroke by wearing hats and sunglasses and applying sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher and limiting direct exposure to sunlight for prolonged periods of time.

SUIT UP!
Make sure children always wear life jackets and use proper water safety and flotation devices.

I'M ON A BOAT!
Children should always wear a PFD (personal flotation device) while on a boat. If it doesn't fit, get one that does.

GET CERTIFIED
Become certified in infant and child First Aid and CPR.

STAY HYDRATED
Ensure that kids drink plenty of fluids to stay properly hydrated, especially on hot days.



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

Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Chris Whitehead - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Anya Walker - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642



Update from Governors – w/e 20th May

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

Begun the Academisation Consultation Process by:

- preparing and issuing Academisation consultation documents for parents and staff at Kettlesing
- preparing and issuing Academisation communication documents for parents and staff at Beckwithshaw and Ripley
- holding a Consultation and Communication evening for parents and staff
- consulting additional community stakeholders

We have also

- met twice with our Interim Leaders (Headteachers)
- continued our search for a permanent Headteacher
- continued discussion with NYCC and Elevate Academy as a possible long-term way forward: details of this were included in our earlier communication
- begun an agreed programme of visits to monitor action plans
- reviewed essential policies