



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 20th November 2020

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

This week in Swallows the children have been busy creating villains for their story. The animals in the forest had better beware! On Monday, we went for a walk around Ripley looking at the human and physical features and taking photos for our Geography and Art topic. When we arrived back at school that afternoon we were very surprised to see that we had been followed. We now have a magical new member of Swallows who we have named Gnorm! A big Thank you to Fizzy Fox for our new friend! Yesterday, we enjoyed a Science lesson via Zoom with the Education advisor from North York Moors! The children learnt all about how to classify animals into groups as well as how to identify different types of birds. They also took part in a quiz which they all thoroughly enjoyed!

Our new Geography unit in Robins this half term is all about maps and land use. This week we created our own sketch maps of Ripley village and looked at OS maps. We started identifying and making keys to help us read maps. This linked nicely into our maths topic of position, movement and turns where we tried to direct our partners around the playground. In Forest school we learnt how to identify the Elder tree by looking at its leaves. We then used hacksaws to cut small pieces from Elder branches to make pieces of jewellery. We made some beautiful necklaces, bracelets and earrings. The children worked together to make a castle campsite including a washing line, swing and a second floor. We finished our session around the campfire eating freshly popped popcorn. Our Film for Literacy focus this week has been camera angles and sequencing - some super filming trying out bird's eye, worm's eye, high, low and eye-level

angles and discovering how they can change the atmosphere and character. We are currently exploring Christianity in our R.E. learning journey, and the children have been investigating the beginning of the new testament and what the Jewish people hoped for in their promised saviour, resulting in some brilliant 'wanted' posters for a Messiah!

Falcons have had a brilliant week of English, starting our new book The Promise and using film alongside the book to really engage the children; concluded investigating whether Jesus was in fact the Messiah, and written newspaper reports proclaiming the findings (spoiler – he was!); begun to assemble our hi-tech electronic scarecrow prototypes; had a virtual tour of the village in our geography topic; polishing up our French accents and been choreographing our own dance routines in PE.

COVID - 19

May we please remind you that if your child or any member of their household display any symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, the child should not attend school until a negative result has been received. You should arrange to have a test to see if they/a member of their household have COVID-19 as soon as possible. If the test is positive, please inform school and follow the current guidelines on periods of isolation. The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or change in your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	97.85%	100%	100%
Year	98.39%	99.37%	97.95%

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
1st Dec 2020	HELP Gift Box Appeal Deadline
2nd– 4th Dec 2020	The FOR's Christmas bauble sale
7th– 11th Dec 2020	Christmas Post Box
11th Dec 2020	Christmas Jumper Day and Fair
16th Dec 2020	Christmas Lunch and Virtual Panto
17th Dec 2020	Christingle Service
18th Dec 2020	School Closes



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★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Oscar for "Respect". A good week this week. You have really listened, shown respect and proved that you're keen to always impress. Keep it up!

Robins: Niamh for "Aspire". You have taken on some challenging learning this week and powered on through! Well done Niamh, for your super determination and focus.

Swallows: Otto for 'Respect'. Otto has shown great respect this week towards his peers as well as the adults in Swallows. He has also continued to make the right choices, well done Otto!

Our Worship theme this week is.....

"Respect" 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've shown respect to Mrs Kippax and myself working hard on Arrow' - Fraya Y4

'Respect has inspired me to help the younger ones in 4 - square' - Samuel Y6

'I helped someone when they fell down' - Ava R Y1

'I've concentrated like mad on my Arrow and shown respect to Mrs Kippax and myself' - Hannah Y3

News from Friends of Ripley School

Christmas Fair

As you will have read on the Christmas countdown last week, we have arranged for some of the children's favourites games to make a return at this years Fair. Those who have been before will know that this is only possible with all your very kind donations. If you could donate things like chocolate Santa's and reindeers, chocolate lollies, chocolate oranges, bags/small boxes of Christmas novelty sweets/chocolates, or selection boxes. Basically lots of chocolate and sweets please! In addition, we need one main prize for one of the ever popular map games, for example a board game (suitable from age 5+), toy or a children's gift hamper, and for the other game we are looking for a giant teddy/snowman/Santa (some form of giant plush). If you are able to donate the giant plush or main gift for our map game, please contact Mrs Randall. All sweet/chocolate donations are hugely appreciated and should be handed into the school office over the next 2 week. Payment for the fair games and Christmas jumper day are now live on Parentmail Pay. For the fair games you can either purchase 1 go of each of the 5 games for £5 or top it up and add a second go (another £5). Both payments are now listed individually.

Fundraising

We have recently joined smile.amazon.co.uk This website is operated by Amazon and lets you enjoy all the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to the Friends of Ripley Endowed School. All you need to do is shop on smile.amazon.co.uk and select Friends of Ripley Endowed School as your chosen charity and then shop as normal. Please share with friends and family as anyone can donate to us. This would be really helpful as we all begin our Christmas shopping!



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Introducing Scholastics - This is a great online book store that not only offers some amazing deals, but for every order you place and choose our school at the checkout, they donate money towards books for the school, which the school will use at the end of each year <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/>. Don't forget that you can also raise money for the school by signing up to easy fundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Church News

Sunday Service - All Saints' Ripley. These services will now 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

Governors Weekly Update

Carrying on with our Governor update I would like to introduce you to two more members of the team:

Chloe Drummond



I began as a Foundation Governor in 2016. I am married to Jon and our son Freddie is currently in Year 6. Our daughter Daisy, who also attended Ripley, is now at St Aidan's in Year 11. Both have enjoyed incredibly happy years at Ripley and it is lovely being part of such a wonderful school. I work for the Diocese of Leeds, as PA to the Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven. In my role as Foundation Governor I act as a link between church and school and work with Mrs Jackson-Ward and the Revd. Paul Harford to help towards close connections between the two.

Kay Layfield - Parent Governor

I was elected Parent Governor in 2019/2020. Both my children attend Beckwithshaw School. I Chair the FOBs team and am an enthusiastic team player when it comes to raising funds for the school. My career as a PA has enabled me to work within the Magic Circle Law Firms in both Corporate and Employment Law. Long hours are never a chore! I now run my own Virtual PA

business working part time to an Executive Head-hunter to enable me to achieve work life/balance. In my spare time I also work closely with St Michaels and All Angels Church as a member of the PCC, a verger, flower arranger and a junior church team leader. I have also recently discovered my love for Camping! My interest in the Parent Governor role is to ensure we are working together across our Federation as one team and one school and to provide input from a parents view to work alongside the Strategy for our Schools.



In other news

We asked and you volunteered: Thank you to Mark Doherty from Caught Light Photography, who has volunteered his services to develop virtual tours of all three of our schools, so that we can promote the benefits of village schools. Mark is a parent at Beckwithshaw and is giving up a significant amount of his time as well as his skills and we are very grateful. Further updates as filming progresses.

What else is going on this week? By the time you have received this newsletter we will have completed our first Full Governing Board Meeting of this term. Please see next week's edition for updates.

Helen Smith and Helen White, Co -Chairs