



RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 22nd January 2021

Update from Mrs Jackson-Ward

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been very challenging for our federation with Ripley having had a confirmed case of Covid and therefore closing. Our thoughts are with those that are ill.

As we see cases and deaths rise rapidly, I would like to remind you about the use of the critical worker room:

- Please only send your child(ren) into school if it is absolutely necessary. Government guidance does state that, even if you are a key worker, if someone is at home then your child(ren) should be too, as this is the safest place for them to be.
- Please only book the sessions that you need; a morning or afternoon session can be booked - it does not have to be a whole day.
- Please ensure that only the necessary items come into school (e.g. lunch box, water bottle, warm clothing).

School has been deep cleaned and is currently all set to re-open on Thursday 28th January.

On the 26th January at 4pm, Creative Education are holding a free webinar on 'How to Support Anxious Online Learners' which is aimed at parents and professionals. If you are interested in attending this, simply log onto their website to book a place – creativeeducation.co.uk.

We are half way through this lockdown hopefully. Everyone has done such a remarkable job and we just need to keep focussed on the end goal now. We all need to have something amazing planned to look forward to in the summer!

Lisa

Keyworker Booking Forms

A new booking form will be sent to all Keyworker Parents later today. Please review the days you have previously requested and resubmit the new form for the 28th January, up until February half term, based on the guidelines outlined above.

Parent Consultations WC 8th February 2021

This Terms Parent Consultations will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 10th February - Robins with Mrs McGrogan

Thursday 11th February - Falcons with Mr Williams

Friday 12th February - Swallows with Mrs Sidley

Consultations will take place between 9am and 3pm and will be held over the telephone. Your child's teacher will call you at the allotted time. If there is no answer, they will try again after 5 minutes. Appointments will be for 10 minutes and booking will be made available via Parentmail early next week. Please note that certain times will be blocked out where zoom calls are taking place. Please ensure you add your preferred contact telephone number when booking your appointment. Further information will be texted to all parents prior to bookings going live.



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We're all in this together!

A big thank you to everyone who has already sent in their amazing dance video's. For anyone yet to take part, there is still time! If you want to learn the routine and upload your video onto Seesaw (ideally in landscape format), then we will be making a compilation video before the February half term. Have fun Ripley Wildcats!!

Swallows Class Update

This week in Swallows the children have continued to work really hard and we have been very impressed!

In R.E The year 1&2's have been learning about special books and this week was all about the bible, the special book for Christians.

In Science we have continued to learn about animals. The Reception children have been learning all about how baby animals grow complete with potato printed chicks! The Year 1&2's have been identifying different parts of ocean animals and finding out what they are used for.

In Geography we have been learning about the physical features of Jamaica and there has been lots of dancing in our living rooms in Music this week.

In English we have followed the story of the Elves and the Shoemaker, gone on a walk with the stick obsessed Max and had a picnic with Brian and his friends. The highlight of our day is definitely story time and we will be spending the weekend building our own dens!

Robins Class Update

Another fabulous week of home learning Robins!

We have seen fantastic focus developing our multiplication strategies; and great vocabulary and grammar learning through our film literacy work and guided reading text, 'The Iron Man'.

We have also started our new PSHE learning focus of 'Dreams and Goals' and are already demonstrating our understanding of the need to sometimes overcome difficult obstacles to achieve our goals.

We looked at the history of home entertainment, in particular the Television. We interviewed our parents and grandparents about the introduction of colour TVs and satellite TV. We then discussed and designed what we thought TVs would look like in 2080! Voice recognition and projectors seemed to be our favoured design choice.

In science this week we learnt about the different joints and muscles in the human body. We also made some fantastic moving paper hands.



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Falcons Class Update

This week we've: continued listening to David Walliams read his new bestseller – children are loving it; had a week of English lessons based on Pixar's La Luna short animation; looked at area in maths; investigated Islam; dived into the digestion and created our own manga-inspired cartoons in art.

★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Samuel for 'Respect' - Not only is his work ethic and attention to detail for his online learning second to none, but he is also a cheery, positive influence online: often sending kind messages and thoughts that help me get through the day. Thank you, Sam!

Robins: Aoife for 'Aspire' - You have worked so hard this week Aoife. You have produced some super, ambitious writing; and your focus on developing your multiplication strategies is commendable. We are proud of you!

Swallows: Emily for 'Aspire' - It's been lovely seeing all her hard work this week. She has a great attitude to home learning. She always tries her best and she does it with a smile. Well done Emily!