



RIPLY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 28th January 2022

MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

I hope you have all had a successful week with your families. Next week commencing 31st January will be Story Telling Week in school. As part of the curriculum work we are doing in school, one of our actions is to develop an extensive reading culture. All staff are excited to deliver learning this week based around storytelling. This may be in the form of role play, outdoor provision, and through retelling stories using story mountains, scribing or technology.

To join in with this celebration we would like all children to **bring their favourite story to school on Monday next week** so they can discuss the book and read to themselves, their teachers and their friends. I will be bringing in my favourite story too!

I look forward to listening to children read their stories and will be giving out prizes for the best expression used. We have spent a lot of school funds on new books to support our latest phonics scheme Little Wandle. We ask that all children look after these books and bring these back into school daily so they can develop their fluency by re-reading these books in school and at home. Research has shown that this method develops early reading for children much more substantially. Thank you for working together with us to look after our books and support your child's reading at home.

Have a restful weekend,

Miss Holly Whyte

Book Sale - Friday 4th Feb

A reminder that as part of Story Telling Week we will be holding a pre-loved book sale on Friday the 4th. Please bring any book donations in to the school office before Thursday 3rd Feb. Many thanks in advance and thank you so much for the response so far.

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 4th Feb

NSPCC Number Day is a maths-inspired fundraising event where schools across the UK raise money for the NSPCC. On this day, children take part in a number of maths activities and are encouraged to make a donation and wear an item of clothing with a number on it/number themed costume.

Parent Volunteers WC 14th Feb

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help clear the basement out. We would be most grateful for anyone that is able to help. Please let me Mrs Randall know if you are available. Lots of tea and cake will be provided that week!

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	76.6%	50%	57.5%
Year	91.78%	93.06%	91.03%

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
WC 31st Jan	Story Telling Week
4th Feb	NSPCC Number day, Book sale & walk to school day
10th Feb	Chinese New Year school dinner and Bags 2 School
14th Feb	FORS Valentines bake sale
14th Feb	Parents feedback meeting
15th Feb	Parent consultations
18th Feb	Last day of term
21st-25th Feb	Half term.

Stars of the Week

Falcons - Henry

Robins - Isabella

Swallows - Penelope

House Points

Falcons - Kaycie-Jade (Nidd)

Robins - Jacob (Nidd)

Swallows - Edward (Brimham)

House Captains

Brimham - Freddie

Ingilby - Erica

Nidd - Cuthbert

Super Sentence - Reception

Penelope

SMIRFS

Joshua, Edward C, Ava B, Erica

Health and Wellbeing

HARROGATE DISTRICT WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run on **Friday 4th February**?

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. Every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

Zero Carbon Harrogate will be recording how many students took part from each school - so please help put our school at the top of the leader board! All children in our school will receive a certificate for walking to school too!

Every mile counts!

Please go to www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/harrogate-district-walk-to-school-day for more information.



Safeguarding

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

Miss Holly Whyte Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or

Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

For guidance on road safety please go to <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/walking-safety-tips-for-children/>

The Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend is the Big Garden Birdwatch. Those children learning from home have already been set this activity on Seesaw. So why not spend some family time together counting the amazing birds in your garden. It is easy to take part:

- Watch the birds around you
- Count how many of each species of bird lands on your patch
- Go on www.rspb.org.uk and tell them what you saw

We would love you to share any of the rare or unusual birds you spot.

For more information visit [BGBW_Guide_Printable_English_v2.indd \(rspb.org.uk\)](#)

Friends of Ripley School

Friend of Ripley will be holding a Valentines themed bake sale after school on the 14th February. Please can you bring all bakes and donations into the school office at morning drop off. If your goods are homemade, please remember to include a list of ingredients. Many thanks.