



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 29th January 2021

## Update from Mrs Jackson-Ward

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst not totally unexpected, the announcement of a lockdown extension was a little bit of a setback to say the least! There is no indication of whether some of our children will return before 8th March 2021 or not. We will just have to wait and see. One thing I do know is we will get through this together!

We are fast approaching half term now and our children will be exhausted from all the excellent learning they have been doing. Please do not worry if you are finding online work is taking longer or the children are tetchy. Just focus on English and Maths if you are tearing your hair out! Make the rest of the day easy going and fun! This change in attitude is perfectly normal and, in school as teachers, we would be adjusting our learning expectations too. Remember 'be kind to yourself'!

The Partnership for Children website: [Resources to boost your child's wellbeing during the Covid-19 pandemic - Partnership for Children \(partnershipforchildren.org.uk\)](https://resources.partnershipforchildren.org.uk) has some super resources for boosting children's wellbeing during this pandemic. Also the Young Minds website: [Supporting your child during the coronavirus pandemic \(youngminds.org.uk\)](https://www.youngminds.org.uk) has further advice for families. Additionally, the BBC website: [Parents' Toolkit: Wellbeing – primary - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/health/parents) has six [self-care tips for parents](#). Do take a look at these

We are constantly trying to tweak our online provision and are trying to set up a trial of 'Reading Eggs'. This site allows us to set reading books for our children. However, we need to give out details of our children: their names and which class they are in. A ParentMail opt out consent will be sent to you shortly.

Finally, we have a Parent Governor vacancy that really needs filling. Accompanying this newsletter is the relevant documentation for nomination – please consider this position!

Tonight plan something special to do over the weekend as a family, a long walk, a Dominoes' Pizza, a game of footie or film night with popcorn and fizz! Switch off from work and learning and focus on your wellbeing. Have fun!

Lisa

## Parent Consultations WC 8th February 2021

A reminder that 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.

**Consultations are now available on Parentmail to book.**



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## The Great Ripley Bake Off

What better activity to do on a cold grey weekend in lockdown than to accept this weeks all school challenge! If you've not already done so, why not get your bake on and upload photos of your finest creations onto Seesaw. You have one more week to take part and all bakes will be displayed on Facebook on Monday 8th February.

## Swallows Class Update

This week the children in Swallows have been working really hard and we are very impressed at the amount of work all the children are producing! In R.E the Year 1&2 children looked at another special book and this week's special book was the Qur'an where the children learnt all about how Muslim people look after this special book. In Science the Reception children learnt all about animal life cycles and the Year 1&2 children continued their learning on ocean animals which this week, was all about how ocean animals are suited to their habitat. As well as this we have had some fantastic story writing from the Year 2's on our story about the Elves and playing games with words that rhyme. We have also been seeing lots of beautiful handwriting from everyone which is fantastic! All of our Swallows have been making fat balls to hang in their garden ahead of this weekends RSPB big Garden Birdwatch and have already starting observing the different types of birds the feeder has attracted. If you want to get involved over the weekend visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch>

Finally as part of Collective Worship the children have been making some brilliant rainbows in lots of different way which has been lovely.

## Robins Class Update

An excellent week of home learning from Robins! Highlights include extremely focused division problem solving, very impressive story introductions and build-ups (it's lovely to see our budding authors developing their writing), and great comprehension work in Guided Reading. During our Zoom lessons we have investigated the 99 names for Allah and how Muslims use these in their beautiful art.

In Science, we have been investigating the digestive system. Robins have made fantastic posters, comic strips and even dressed up as scientists to display their knowledge of how the human body digests food- Amazing! We had such a fun Zoom lesson listening (and dancing) to music from 1920 to now. It was wonderful to see Robins enjoying a bit of Jazz, Swing, Rock n rock and Pop. As we continue reading, The boy who grew dragons, Robins class showed their artistic skills by drawing their very own pet dragon.



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## Falcons Class Update

This week we've been writing some fabulous diaries for the main character in Pixar's La Luna (I've actually been blown away at how good some of them are!), starting delving into fractions in maths, being reading and creating poems about God in RE, had a whistle-stop tour of 20th century toys in history, got to know the inner workings of the heart in science and looked at the 3D artwork of Charles Fazzino in art.

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Hugo for 'Aspire' - For sheer hard work, guts and determination to succeed in his online learning. Well done!

Robins: Fraya for 'Trust'- We know that every time we see you on Zoom you will be cheerful and enthusiastic, and you always put in so much effort with all your home learning. Thank you for being such a star! We are proud of you!

Swallows: Jensen for 'Aspire - Jensen has worked really hard this week particularly in Phonics and has also been working really hard on his handwriting, we have been very impressed, well done Jensen!