



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 2nd October 2020

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

This week, Swallows have been using imperative (bossy) verbs to give instructions to each other. It wasn't as easy as we initially thought, when we had to tell our partner how to put on a jumper and we realised how bossy Mrs Walker is as she uses imperative verbs all the time! We also used the apples from the garden to make a crumble, using our imperative verbs. The crumble was delicious! Swallows have also shown a huge interest in spiders, going on spider hunts and trying to identify the different types. We have created our own spiders and webs and read lots of books about them. We also played games where the 'fly' has to escape the web before the spider catches it. In Maths the children have been learning all about 2-D and 3-D shapes. The Reception children enjoyed going on a shape hunt outside, the Year one children have been investigating making different shapes with straight lines and the Year 2's have enjoyed making octagons from lolly sticks!

Robins class have worked their socks off this week. Our learning has included a real focus on writing and the children have enjoyed using different techniques to practise all the features of a really great sentence. Our PE saw us fine-tuning our accurate passing skills in some lovely autumnal sunshine. And... who would've even dreamt 6

months ago that a whole class ukulele lesson via Zoom could work ... but it did! Well done Robins for a super week!

In Falcons class we have continued our learning on the Highwayman and written detailed setting descriptions using similes and metaphors. Sir Robert Peel was our focus in history, learning about how Victorian Britain introduced law enforcement. It was interesting to discuss the differences and similarities between now and then. We even created recruitment posters for joining the London Peelers. You might have seen a sneak peak of our meaningful prayer work on our school Facebook page. We had some very thought provoking discussions and produced some beautiful stain glass windows. It's fair to say that Falcons this week have quite literally been moving mountains! In art they have been looking at adding different techniques to add depth to our mountain range. In PE we have been learning different tactics on how to score a goal in hockey, and in netball we have set ourselves a 'chest passing challenge' that we aim to improve on by October half term.

Governing Body Announcement

We are very sad to announce that Sarah Fisher has had to resigned from the Governing Body. She has been a phenomenal influence over her time in the role of Special Needs and Disabilities Governor championing the children's needs and voices. Thank you for your time and commitment .

In the interim period, Kate Layfield will take over this role.

We now need to hold parental elections. Should you be interested in this position, please see the attached documentation and complete the nomination form

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	100%	96.05%	95.68%
Year	98.99%	98.99%	98.27%

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
12th Oct 2020	Flu Vaccinations (All years)
WC 19th Oct 2020	School Photos
10th Oct 2020	Open Day
22nd Oct 2020	School Closes
2nd November	School Re-Opens



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Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

A reminder that the deadline to give consent for your child to receive the nasal flu vaccination is this Sunday, the 4th October 2020. Please read the email sent to all parents on the 17th September and follow the link provided to register your child and give permission.

★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Hugo for 'Aspire'. Hugo has shown a fantastic learning attitude. He has been enthusiastic, conscientious and has challenged himself throughout the week. He has also kindly supported and encouraged KS2 children with completing the Rubik's cube!

Robins: Aoife for 'Respect'. Aoife has tackled the challenge of moving up into year 3 with determination and a really positive attitude. She demonstrates great respect for her peers and herself, by always being the best she can be!

Swallows: Jacob for 'Trust'. Jacob has had a fantastic start in Swallows class and is already a fantastic role model to the rest of the class. We can always trust that Jacob is making the right choices and working hard. Well done Jacob for being an absolute star!

Our Worship theme this week is.....

"A Fresh Start" Each week in our Friday Celebration Service we look at how the theme of the week has inspired the children.

This week we had our all school worship which took place outside in our bubbles. This was a lovely way to finish the week and reflect, and it also tied in with our theme of fresh starts. It was a wonderfully sunny fresh morning and the children got to wave at each other, celebrate this weeks birthdays (minus the singing!) and clap each others achievements together from a safe distance. A real fresh start this term after doing it via Zoom - We will definitely be doing it more often as it was truly lovely to see all the children (safely in their bubbles) back together for worship.

Today, the children shared how they have been inspired by this weeks theme:

'This year I want to complete Mercury' - Amelie (referring to her SMIRFFS maths space mission)

'I am enjoying my fresh start in year 3. I love Guided Reading and Maths' - Hannah

'Moving up from year 4 into year 5 was a little daunting but I am really enjoying my new class' - Kaycie-Jade

Church News

Sunday Service - All Saints' Ripley. Booking is advised if you wish to attend church as spaces are limited. The service will also 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



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News from Friends of Ripley School

Thank you to everyone who attended our Friends of Ripley School zoom meeting last night. It was great to catch up and plan some exciting new activities.

We would like to thank Helen Long for all her work during her time as Chair. She has kindly taken on the new role of Banker. Grace Cauldwell has now been voted in as our new Chair person and Emma Pike remains in the position of Vice Chair. We would also like to welcome our new Reception parents who have joined our Ripley family.

We have some exciting events coming up this term including the children's Christmas cards, pumpkin carving/decorating competition and much, much more.

Details and further information will be sent out next week. Please feel free to read our meeting minutes which can be found on the Friends section of the school website.

Christmas cards have been sent home with all children today and there really are some wonderful designs. All orders should be returned to school by **Friday 9th October 2020**.

We are always working hard to improve our school grounds and would love some plants that we can plant and grow with our children. If anyone would like to donate some box cones, cyclamen, bulbs, or heathers we would be extremely appreciative. Thank you from the Ripley School Team .