



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We strive to be a peace-full school that our whole community can be proud of, where we work together (share) through mutual reliance and support (trust) so that all can fulfil their potential (aspire) in a world where everyone's God-given talents, skills and experiences are recognised and valued (respect).

'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 30th April 2021

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

Well it's safe to say that Mary Berry has nothing on our little Starling star bakers! This week we have made krispie cakes and chocolate mud pies, and it's fair to say that they have really enjoyed snack time in their new roles as taste testers!

Starlings have had lots of fun in story time, where they have been making up their own stories with props, or telling stories from a book using the pictures as prompts. With the small crates we have in class, the children have loved using their imagination to make them into cars, Manitou forklifts, houses, present boxes and tractors. They even enjoyed an occasional nap in them! Starlings have ended another busy week by making their very own orange scented playdoh, which has provided countless hours of imaginative, creative fun today.

This week Swallows blasted off into space and landed on the moon! The children were very excited to come in on Monday and see a pair of silver space boots in the classroom! This was to mark the start of our moon landing topic in History. Over the next three weeks we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and the events of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. The children have shown great enthusiasm towards the topic and have already learnt and remembered lots of key facts about Apollo 11's mission. There has also been great excitement in our caterpillar

corner as the caterpillars are now at the chrysalis stage. The children are eagerly waiting for the butterflies to make an appearance! Finally in PSHE the children have started a new topic all about being healthy and have produced some lovely work for this including a rhyme accompanied by actions to help us remember how to stay healthy.

Robins have been polishing their grammar skills this week, learning about writing in the first, second and third person, and also in the present perfect tense! We have been exploring and comparing the 2 and 4 times tables, enjoying finding patterns and similarities and differences between the two, and using these facts to solve word problems. During our investigation of the importance of religious festivals, we learnt about the Hindu goddess Lakshmi and considered what good fortune we would wish for ourselves and our families, our school and community, and for our world.

This week in French, Robins class have been learning the names of musical instruments and discussing which instruments they like and dislike. In History, we learnt about the Mayan number system and hieroglyphs. We had great discussions trying to decipher each glyph. We were then able to use the hieroglyph for cacao bean in our art designs on Tuesday. Have a look on Facebook for photos of our wonderful clay chocolate pots.

We have been reading about Greta Thunberg which resulted in a lovely discussion about mental health, and some great links to our worship theme this week of The Good Shepherd. What a caring, thoughtful class Robins are!

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	98.1%	98%	99.44%
Year	98%	98.85%	97.5%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%.  
\* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday - School Closed
10th May 2021	Bags 2 School
28th May 2021	School Closes
7th June 2021	School Re-opens
23rd July 2021	School Closes



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## WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK Cont....

This week in Falcons we've been going Maya crazy again. We made some fantastic Maya pottery in art and wrote our own names in real Mayan hieroglyphs, we also learnt when to use the word 'Maya' and when to use 'Mayan' (ask your Falcon if you're interested – see if they remember!). We've continued our superb ukulele lessons in music, playing rounders in PE, designed and made some 3D models of cars and trucks in computing, carried on with our Rain Player writing and been talking about our musical preferences in French. Phew!

## Ofsted report and Parents feedback

We just wanted to take the time to say a very big thank you for all the wonderful feedback, emails and cards we have received today from our Parents in response to the Ofsted report published yesterday. The kindness, support and all the wonderful words are very much appreciated and everyone here at Ripley thanks you for taking the time to send us such positive, uplifting words. It means a lot. Thank you!

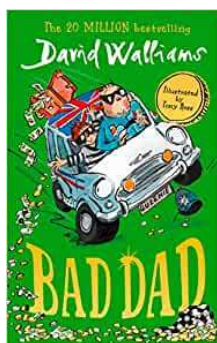
## Overdue Dinner and Comet Club accounts

A polite reminder that payment for all school dinners and Comet Club are to be made in advance of the dinner/session being taken. Please can all parents check their ParentMail +Pay accounts and bring their accounts up to date, ensuring there is enough money topped up on the balance to cover the next due payment.

# Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is *Bad Dad* by Davis Walliams

Recommended by Oscar Year 6



'I choose this book because it is very funny, intriguing, and uses great descriptive words all the way through the book' - Oscar Y6

This riches-to-rags story will have you on the edge of your seat and howling with laughter!

Bad Dad is a fast and furious, heart-warming new children's book about a father and son on an adventure – and a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison . . . It's a high-speed cops-and-robbers adventure with heart and soul about a father and son taking on the villainous Mr Big – and winning!



Reading gives you  
wings.

## Ripley Reading Challenge Winners for April are:

Swallows: Melody Robins: Hannah Falcons: Oscar



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## ★ S.T.A.R of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Harrison for 'Aspire'. You've made such fantastic progress with your writing, and the effort you put into it really shows. Great work - Keep it up!

Robins: Seth for 'Share'. Seth, this week you have been such a supportive friend and learning partner. You have been positive, enthusiastic, kind and generous. What a star!

Swallows: Barnaby for 'Aspire'. Barnaby has been working extremely hard in class, showing great listening skills and a positive attitude towards his learning, well done Barnaby!

Starlings: Olivia for 'Aspire'. You have tried extremely hard with your number work, on the number 2. You have been on number hunts and made posters and you are always proud of all your work. Well done!

## Weekly Awards

### The House Captain Award this week go to....

Ingelby - Josh

Nidd - Ellison

Brimham - Albert

### The House Points Award this week go to....

Swallows - Jacob (Nidd)

Robins - Fraya (Ingelby)

Falcons - Samuel (Nidd)

**Our Super Sentence Winner in Swallows this week is.... Emily!**

## SAFEGUARDING

### NSPCC—NET AWARE

Keeping your children safe online is an issue we all face. Please follow the link below which takes you to the NSPCC's Net Aware page.

This page is your guide to apps, games and social media sites, including a Net Aware video. You can also sign up to their newsletter to keep you up to date on the latest apps, trends and games your child may be accessing.

[Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Mr Gary Williams - Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160 or Mrs Lisa Jackson-Ward - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160/01423 504642/01423 770576.