



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 5th March 2021

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

This week in Swallows the children have had another busy week! In History we learnt about another well-known nurse called Edith Cavell. In Art we explored shadow and tone and had a go at some shadow drawings, and in Science we are continuing to learn about Seasonal changes and this week we focused on Autumn. We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and it was lovely to see some of the children's Shelfies and fantastic costumes of their favourite book character. We also celebrated the upcoming publication of Jenny Pearson's "The Incredible Record Smashers" by attempting a Guinness World Record Challenge from home or from their bubble in school. We had some great attempts at Book domino's! We also watched a video of Shane Heggarty who is the author of the "Boot" book series where he talked all about how he went about writing his books and gave some great hints and tips of how to create ideas for stories.

Robins are all so looking forward to be being back together in school again, but this hasn't slowed them down in our final week of online learning; they have been working their socks off! Great learning in maths, calculating perimeter of rectilinear shapes - including some lovely peer coaching, demonstrating super reasoning and explanation

skills. Our development of persuasive writing techniques has resulted in some extremely eloquent and convincing letters, written from the point of view of our neglected possessions. We have some amazing World Book Day record smashers in Robins. They have completed various timed activities including toppling books like dominoes, balancing books on their heads and describing their favourite books and authors. We continued learning about Mexico and identified the physical geography of the country. We discussed the different climate Mexico has and reasons for this. In science we looked at how the lungs work and labelled the different parts and finally in French we started describing our faces.

This week in Falcons, it has been all about reading! On world book day itself we had a wonderful talk by the author Sean Haggarty through the lovely people at The Little Ripon Bookshop, and we also had a story session the following day with 3 brilliant authors reading their books and discussing how they write them. Alongside that we've been reading to each other, talking about our favourite books and authors (David Walliams and J K Rowling featured heavily!) and writing our own book reviews. Mixed in with that has been more work on Mexico, the role of charity in Islam, French and maths. Well done Falcons on a fantastic week!

### School Dinner Menu

Please note that when we return on Monday the 8th we will be on Week 3 of the dinner menu.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
8th March 2021	School Re-opens to all pupils
19th March 2021	Red Nose Day (details to follow)
26th March 2021	School closes
12th April 2021	Staff Training Day
13th April 2021	School re-opens Pre-School starts Wrap around care starts
3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday. School closed
28th May 2021	School closes
7th June 2021	School Re-opens
23rd July 2021	School closes
26th July 2021	Staff Training Day



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## Return to School

To recap on last weeks communication, please find the return to school guidelines for Monday the 8th March:

- Follow the same socially distance queuing system at drop of and pick up as before, adhering to the staggered start and finish times for the different Key stages (KS1 8.55am-3.15pm. KS2 8.45am - 3.05pm)
- Siblings should be dropped off together at the earlier of the two times and collected at the later of the two times.
- Only essential belongings should be brought to school. This is restricted to a book bag, water bottle, coat and PE kit. All items and all uniform should be clearly labelled to avoid lost property and cross contamination. A clean fresh water bottle should be supplied every day.
- Children will remain in their bubbles, with those in KS2 facing forward in rows at all times.
- If your child or anyone in their household presents with any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID 19, all members of the household should isolate until a negative test has been obtained and notify school immediately if anyone in the household receives a positive test result.

## Comet Club

We are pleased to attach with this weeks Newsletter full details and booking forms for our new Comet Club (wrap-around care) that starts on Tuesday 13th April. Please complete the booking form attached in as much detail as possible for the full Summer term and return to Mrs Randall no later than Wednesday 17th March.

## Starlings' Pre-School

Full details and terms and conditions have now been emailed to all parents who have reserved a place at our new Preschool which opens on Tuesday 13th April. If you are still interested in a place, please contact the School Office for more details.

## Bird Art Competition

Mole Country Stores have been so impressed with all of your entries and have already said that it is an impossible task as they are all so good. They will be picking a winner for KS1 and KS2 early next week, but have asked that we let you know that whilst they have to pick a winner, you are all winners in their eyes as the entries were amazing!

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Kaycie-Jade for 'Aspire'. Her hard work throughout all of lockdown has been unparalleled. Everything submitted has been of the highest standard, and her bright, cheery smile and contributions to online lessons are fantastic. Keep smiling!

Robins: Isla for 'Trust'. Isla - you have worked consistently and enthusiastically each week on your Seesaw learning, and we know we can trust you to be cheerful and focused during all our Zoom lessons. Well done; we are proud of you!

Swallows: Edward for 'Aspire'. Edward has worked really hard during Lockdown but we have been particularly impressed with his Mathematics Skills where he has shown great determination and perseverance when faced with challenges, well done Edward!



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## Church News

Please find attached to this week's Newsletter circulation a complete update of all Church activities over the coming months. It includes information about a wonderful Easter Egg hunt outside church for all the children to take part in as well as an update on all Church services, including Mothers Day and Easter.

## SAFEGUARDING

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

Mr Gary Williams Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160.

This member of staff is the person to contact should you have concerns about a child's welfare.

Mrs Lisa Jackson-Ward Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead on:

01423 504642 Beckwithshaw

01423 770576 Kettlesing Felliscliffe

01423 770160 Ripley

This member of staff is the person to contact in Mr Williams's absence should you have concerns about a child's welfare.

Mrs Kate Layfield Safeguarding Governor on:

01423 504642 Beckwithshaw

01423 770576 Kettlesing Felliscliffe

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This governor is the person to contact should you have concerns about a child's welfare that cannot be addressed with either of the above members of staff.