



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER— 6th November 2020

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

What an exciting first week back in Swallows! we have made our very own Mac'n'Donalds drive through using the new car wash! We have made food boxes, signs, menu's and enjoyed taking orders. In English we have been introduced to the story of The sheep and the Goat. We have made predictions and had great fun retelling this orally with actions, complete with character hats! In PE the children have started their dance unit and taken part in some yoga, which was great fun!

A brilliant first week back Robins! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Forest Schools session (see our Facebook page!) where they focused on tying knots, building waterproof shelters and using their steel and flints to light the fire for their hot chocolates. It was great to see them working so well together. In fact, that teamwork and support has been evident all week throughout our learning; in particular working together to decide on our rights and responsibilities at school through our PSHE and developing our own learning charter. We are also loving our Film Literacy and have been developing our listening skills by exploring types of sound in film this week, as well as having a go at writing an audio description.

This week in Falcons we've hit the ground running, kicking off a VERY exciting run up to Christmas by: starting to plan and design our electronic scarecrows in DT (we've had some very, shall we say, unique ideas so far!); using Film for Literacy sessions to really bring our writing and reading to life with vivid detail; started our RE unit looking at Jesus' role as the messiah; investigated scales in maths; started our dance units in PE with Zumba-inspired moves. Not a bad first few days!

Children in all years have taken time this week to reflect and decorate their own poppies which will form part of a Remembrance Day video for the All Saints' Remembrance Service and 3 of our children went to the memorial on Wednesday to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. The video will be posted on Facebook next Wednesday and a link sent to all parents. In addition, the children have created leaves for the Tree of Hope at Church, writing about something or someone that inspires them. A huge thank you to the Church for the very kind treats all the children received today.

### Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we will be supporting Children in Need and asking children to dress down in their PJ's for a donation of £1. To reduce the amount of cash coming into school, a payment has been set up on Parentmail to allow you to contribute online. However, all donations are gratefully received for this amazing charity and if want to send the £1 in then please do so on the 13th. This year Children in Need are launching Five to Thrive, which is their unique programme of wellbeing activities for their appeal week, led by Joe Wicks, Dr Rhada and Blue Peter. Making children's mental wellbeing their number one priority, it is designed to help children feel better about themselves. Perhaps it is something you can try at home? More information can be found at <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	99%	97.92%	97.65%
Year	98.31%	99.19%	97.74%

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
11th Nov 2020	Remembrance Day
13th Nov 2020	Children in Need
1st Dec 2020	HELP Gift Box Appeal Deadline
11th Dec 2020	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
16th Dec 2020	Christmas Lunch
17th Dec 2020	Christingle Service
18th Dec 2020	School Closes



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## HELP - Christmas Gift Box Appeal

This Christmas we are delighted to be supporting the Harrogate Easier Living Project (H.E.L.P.) who are a charity that helps vulnerable people live independently for as long as possible, be that due to frailty, disability, or physical or mental health problems. You can find out more information at <http://www.helpharrogate.org.uk/>

So what are we asking you to do? We have sent home gift boxes and we are asking you to select some items to gift to somebody who would greatly appreciate your generosity at this time of year: anything you could provide would be warmly welcomed. H.E.L.P. will then be distributing the gift boxes to the people they work with, to spread some Christmas cheer, all with our help. For full details refer to the email sent earlier this week

## Residential - Falcons

A reminder that instalment 3 for Residential payment is due today. We still have a few accounts that are yet to pay instalment 2 and/or 3 so would appreciate everyone reviewing their account and bringing the balance up to date.

## Christmas Lunch

This year we will be holding our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December 2020. If your child normally has packed lunches and would like to have the Christmas menu that day, please email Mrs Randall by the 30th November 2020. Payment for this should be made via Parentmail by going to your account, dinners and making a £2.50 top up payment in advance of the meal being taken. Payment does not apply to KS1 (Swallows) as all school meals are free of charge. A copy of the Christmas menu is attached for your reference.

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Harrison for "Aspire". You've really impressed with your huge concentration and effort in writing this week - not just in English but in all subjects all week. Fantastic. Keep it up!

Robins: Eliza for "Share". You have worked very hard this week at explaining your ideas in all your learning. You have been thoughtful in your responses and happy to listen to other people's points of view - brilliant!

Swallows: Emily for 'Trust'. Emily works extremely hard and is always making the right choices; she is a fantastic asset to Ripley School and a great role model to the rest of her classmates. Well done Emily!

## Our Worship theme this week is.....

"Be kind" Each week in our Friday Celebration Service we look at how the theme of the week has inspired the children.

Today in our whole school outdoor worship the children shared how they have been inspired by this weeks theme:

'In 4 square I helped all the year 3's and 4' Arthur year 5

'I gave my friends some skins (costumes) in a game' Oscar year 6

'I share with my brother' Albert year 1

'Hugo was kind to me when I played basketball' Seth year 3



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## Governors Weekly Update

We would like to introduce you all to a new section of the weekly newsletter, the Governors Update section. Week on week we will introduce you to the whole of the governing body and update you with progress throughout the year. The Governing Body meet every six weeks (virtually of course at present), and we work our way through quite a significant agenda. Our role as Governors is to offer support for the benefit of our three schools and support the great work they do. As Co-Chairs we are new in role, (commencing this month), and very much look forward to the challenges ahead. Should you have any questions, thoughts, comments please do let your respective school Administrator know.

Best Wishes,

Helen Smith and Helen White

Co-Chairs

## News from Friends of Ripley School

**Bags 2 School** - Thank you to everyone who brought bags in this morning. We have raised a total of £58.50 from your very kind donations of clothing.

**Christmas Jumper Swap** - On Friday 11th December, School will once again be supporting Save the Children for its annual Christmas Jumper day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school that day for a donation of £1 that will go directly to Save the Children. The FOR's are keen to support this and would like to offer a Christmas Jumper swap service. Did you know 12 million new Christmas sweaters are purchased each year! In an effort to help reduce landfill, we would like to collect any Christmas jumpers you no longer have a need for and recycle them by passing them on to other pupils in the school for a voluntary contribution. If you have any you would like to donate, please contact Mrs Randall who will liaise with Grace Cauldwell.

**Christmas Fair** - Whilst our normal Christmas Fair cannot take place this year, we feel it's really important that the children still get to enjoy some of the fun usually on offer and have therefore organised a mini Children's Christmas Fair that will take place during school time in the lead up to Christmas. More details will follow shortly.

## Church News

**War Memorial Service/Remembrance Service** - All Saints' Ripley. This service will now be streamed live on Facebook. For further information visit [www.theunitedbenefice.org](http://www.theunitedbenefice.org) or [facebook.com/ourfivechurches](https://facebook.com/ourfivechurches) for more details.

**All Saints' Choir** - The Choir are currently preparing for the Nine Lessons and Carol Service. If any children would like to join the choir for the service, they would be more than welcome. Members record themselves and then email David (the Choir Master) who puts it all together. Please contact Mrs Randall in the school office for more details.

**Sunday Service** - All Saints' Ripley. These services will now be streamed live on Facebook. For further information visit [www.theunitedbenefice.org](http://www.theunitedbenefice.org) or [facebook.com/ourfivechurches](https://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](https://facebook.com/groups/sundaystars)