



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER— 9th October 2020

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

This week in History, there were lots of giggles from our Swallows as they looked at photos of their family in 'the olden days' (their words, not ours!) . We had fun trying to guess which parent we could see in the photo and were able to put ourselves and our families on a timeline. We have spent a lot of time talking about numbers and the value of each digit and we put our bossy imperative verbs to good use when writing our apple crumble recipes. In PSHE the children have also been learning about how to help each other learn, and that not everyone learns in the same way.

It would seem Robins can turn their hands to pretty much anything! This week has seen everything from careful planting of bedding plants using measuring skills, to writing our own prayers. Following instructions creating origami birds, as well as some amazing maths reasoning making connections and solving problems using their 5 times table knowledge, and counting in 50's. Our RE big question, exploring what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today, has also led to some excellent research into the Qur'an and how the Mosque is used. Lovely to see those brilliant links between what we already know....well done Robins!

This week in Falcons we have: created beautiful origami prayer birds for our worship display; looked at the techniques employed by the artist Christa Rijneveld in her amazing mountain landscapes so that we can create our own masterpieces in the coming weeks; started our Highwayman newspaper reports, choosing our 'angle' on the story; looked at negative number in maths; practiced our hockey and netball skills in PE; researched the Victorians' use of reformatory schools for children who committed crimes, and thought about how they are different to Ripley (thank goodness!).

### Parent Consultations

As parental consultations approach this October, we have planned some changes so that we ensure safety for all.

This year, we are planning on holding telephone consultations. Your class teacher will phone you at an allotted time to discuss your child(ren)'s progress to date and how they have settled into school since September. You will book an appointment time (a double appointment if you have two children in the same class) via Parentmail and we will have uploaded samples of your children's work to Seesaw prior to this for you to look at. At the allocated time, the teacher will call you on your preferred phone number. If you miss the initial phone call, you will receive a return call five minutes later. If you miss this, then please rearrange the appointment for another time.

Parent Consultation Days:

Monday 19th October 2020: Falcons with Mr Williams.

Tuesday 20th October 2020: Swallows with Mrs Walker.

Wednesday 21st October 2020: Robins with Mrs McGrogan.

Appointments will be made available on Monday 12th October 2020 via Parentmail. Thank you for your understanding.

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	98.08%	100%	100%
Year	98.78%	99.2%	98.64%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. Congratulations to Robins and Falcons 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 and Parent Consultations
20th Oct 2020	Pumpkin Competition
22nd Oct 2020	School closes



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## Labelling of clothes

Please can we ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled or have names written on as we are finding a lot of lost property items. As you can appreciate in the current climate, it is important that all personal items remain with their rightful owners.

## Water Bottles

It is really important that each child brings in their own labelled water bottle everyday. In normal circumstances, we are happy to provide drinking cups when these are forgotten, however this week there has been a high number of pupils not bringing a water bottle in and therefore having to use a cup. Please can we ask going forward that water bottles are brought in every day to help us eliminate any risk of cross contamination. Thank you.

## Parking

A reminder that under no circumstance should vehicles be parked on the zig zag lines outside school as this is a serious safety issue.

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Joshua for 'Respect'. For ALWAYS being polite, thoughtful and respectful to his friends and teachers. Also for having self-respect too – vitally important. Well done!

Robins: Seth for 'Trust'. You are such a reliable and trustworthy member of Robins - you work so hard and always want to do your best. What a great start to year 3!

Swallows: Ava R for 'Trust'. Ava has had a fantastic start to year 1. She always works really hard in everything she does and takes great pride in her work. Ava is a true role model and an asset to Ripley School. Well done Ava!

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

**"Nothing is impossible"** 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 outside as a whole school for the second week running and it was so lovely to all be together again.

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

'I couldn't do a headstand but I practised and now I can' - Amelie

'I practiced my 'ck' sounds and got it right. Anything is possible' - Tommy

'I think everyone once had a difficulty and everyone works out their difficulties' - Arthur



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## News from Friends of Ripley School

The deadline for all Christmas card orders is today, **Friday 9th October 2020**. We will be doing our provisional order this weekend and confirming it on Monday. Therefore, if anyone has forgotten it today and would still like to order, please email admin and let Mrs Randall know and ensure your envelopes and payment are returned first thing Monday morning.



## 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](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)