



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Growing Together, Guided by Love'*

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – NOV/DEC 2022

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to begin by putting a spotlight on our superb PTA and volunteers for planning and running such super events throughout the academic year to raise vital funds for our school. Any help that you can offer, I am sure, would be greatly appreciated.

As you are aware, and again huge thanks for your continued support, we had an Ofsted monitoring visit and as soon as we receive the final letter, this will go out to you all. We continue to drive school improvement daily and this is having a positive impact on the school and the quality of education your children receive.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Linda Martin to job-share with Mrs Emma Sidley who returns from maternity leave in January. This appointment provides consistency in teaching staff for our youngest children and ensures a secure and stable staffing at Ripley with Miss Lear and Miss Holstein.

Unfortunately, Covid is still very real in school and so please continue to promote regular handwashing and hygiene especially at this time of the year with other, winter bugs also. If your child has a positive test, we now advise that they return after three days or two negative tests whichever is soonest.

I wanted to share a website with you <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch>.

This is a website that makes suggestions for parents and children of books they might like to try. For example, if a child particularly likes one type of author, there are suggestions of other authors or books that children might like to try. I thought this would be useful to you in the run up to Christmas if you are looking for Christmas presents or stocking fillers - after all, reading is the foundation upon which everything else is built!

This is my favourite time of the year creating such special memories for our children: nativities, carols, Christmas dinners and parties, all of which we will be putting on this year and we very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next three weeks.

Wishing you all a peaceful, restful festive break and a very happy New Year!

Much love and God bless,

**Miss Victoria Kirkman**

**Interim Executive Headteacher**

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
27.11.22	Christingle Service All Saints Church Ripley
30.11.22	Flu Immunisations
01.12.22	Christmas Post-box
05.12.22	IEB Update Meeting - 6pm All Saints Church
09.12.22	FORS Christmas Baubles go on sale
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
WC 12.12	Christmas Enrichment week
12.12.22	Christmas Crafts Afternoon
13.12.22	Christmas Film Afternoon
13.12.22	Nativity - 5pm Church
14.12.22	Carol Singing Afternoon
15.12.22	Christmas Dinner
16.12.22	Christmas Party Afternoon
16.12.22	Last day of term
19.12.22 - 02.01.23	School Closed for Christmas
03.01.23	Staff Training Day - school closed
04.01.23	School Re-Opens

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our collective worship theme this term is  
**RESPECT**

We have been learning about the Christian Value of Respect. We have discussed how to be respectful of ourselves, others and things. We discussed how we can show respect by using our manners, kind words, kind hands and feet as well as what to do if we see someone being unkind.

# RIPLEY'S CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

## 27th November - Christingle Service

Rev Paul Harford would like to invite all families to this years Christingle service which will be held at 10.45am, All Saints Church Ripley on Sunday 27th November 2022. Our children have been busy making nearly 100 Christingles for the congregation on Sunday.

## 1st December - Christmas Post-box

The Christmas post-box will be returning this year for the children who wish to give their school friends a Christmas card. We request that all cards your child would like to give this Christmas be brought in and posted in the box between Thursday 1st and Thursday 15th December. The cards will be sorted and given out every few days. Please include as much detail on the front of the envelope as possible so we ensure it goes to the right person. As a minimum, clearly write the recipients first name and surname initial on the front of the envelope, as we may have more than one child with the same name across the school.

## 2nd December - Friends of Ripley School Christmas Fair

This year will see the return of the traditional FORS Christmas Fair that will be held in the Town Hall from 3.15pm - 5pm.

Festive games, tea & cake, crafts and stalls.

Entry is £1 per adult.

FORS would greatly appreciate any donations of nearly new toys and chocolates. If you are able to donate, please give items in to the school office by Thursday 1st December 2022.

There will also be a Bake Off competition being run at the fair. Please see the FORS and the school Facebook page for full details.

## 9th December - FORS Baubles go on sale

Back by popular demand.....our fingerprint keepsake baubles! We can reveal that following in the footsteps of our 2019 reindeer, 2020 dancing sprouts, and last years penguins, this years bauble will be featuring some very cute robins. Each child has designed 1 bauble with Mrs Randall and Mrs Bassitt, which will be available to purchase from the School Office from the 9th December.

Pricing is as follows, with a discount for siblings:

1 bauble - £3.00

2 baubles (for sibling purchases) - £5.00

*Please note each child has only made one bauble to purchase*



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## 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day

For a donation of £1 towards Save the Children, we invite pupils to wear Christmas jumpers for the day, with non uniform.

## 13th December 2022 - Nativity 5pm All Saints Church Ripley

This years Nativity 'The Christmas Story' will be performed at 5pm on Tuesday 6th December 2022 in All Saints Church Ripley.

The Nativity will be performed by Class 1 (Swallows), with additional vocals supported by KS2. Therefore, all parents are invited to attend.

The performance will be free of charge but you will need to book tickets on ParentMail so we can ensure enough seating is available.

## 12th - 16th December - Christmas Enrichment Week

All activities planned for the last week of term, as listed below, will take place during the school day as part of Christmas Enrichment week. There may also be a very special guest making an appearance this week, so keep your eyes peeled at pick up this week!!

12th - Christmas crafts

13th - Christmas film

14th - Christmas carols

15th - Christmas dinner (Children may wear their Christmas jumpers on this day)

16th - Christmas party. All children should come to school in party wear for the day.

*Merry Christmas*  
*Team Ripley*

*Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th January 2023*





## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

### Nasal Flu vaccination

A reminder that on Wednesday 30th November the NHS team will be in school to administer the nasal flu vaccination for all those that have signed up through their portal.



### Spring 2023 Dinner Menu



All Spring 2023 dinner menus have now been sent home. Please ensure these are completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday 2nd December 2022. If your child will be on packed lunch, please let Mrs Randall know.

### Clubs for Spring 2023

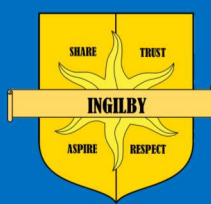
We are very much hoping to continue Football club with Harrogate town AFC on a Tuesday evening for Spring. Sports Cool would also like to offer Dodgeball on a Wednesday evening. Full details of these clubs will be sent out over the next week. Please note these clubs can only go ahead if enough people sign up to make it financially viable. Please email Mrs Randall to register your interest.



## House Point Tally



**1376**



**956**



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## IEB UPDATE

Update from Governors – w/e 25th November

We will aim to update you regularly on the work that has been done by our IEB. This month we have:

- Continued discussions with the Regional Schools Commissioner, DFE and LA around Academisation
- Appointed a Class 1 teacher at Ripley
- Discussed feedback from Federation monitoring visits carried out by our school improvement advisor and by HMI at Ripley: we will share this with you as soon as we are able
- Confirmed our leadership arrangements until conversion: Victoria Kirkman and Rebecca Foy will be our Interim Executive Headteachers until August 2023
- Prepared our Parents Information Evening which will take place on 5th December at 6.00pm at All Saints Church Ripley; this is for all Federation parents.

# Safeguarding

*This month, as it is becoming darker much earlier, we would like to focus on road and cycling safety*

## Be Bright and Be Seen



**Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing** shows up well in daylight and dusk when you're heading to and from school but remember it doesn't work well after dark!

**Reflective gear** is essential when you're out and about when it's dark to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work really well.

**Accessories** like clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on clothing or bags are a great way to improve your visibility.

**Careful choices** of routes and crossing points that are well lit are also essential to staying safe when you're out at night.

**Are you ready for cycling in the dark?** <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/families/children/cycling>

### **Bicycle lights**

It's important to have a good set of lights that work and to check them regularly. It's also illegal not to have lights on your bike when cycling in the dark. White lights for the front of the bike and red for the rear. We recommend at least 800 lumens. Ask your child to keep spare batteries in their back pack too, just in case.

### **Reflectors**

Most bikes come with reflectors fitted to the front and back of the bike, and on both wheels, however these aren't sufficient on their own. Check that they are big enough, aren't obscured by clothing when riding, and are not cracked or covered with mud so they can reflect headlights effectively. As with lights, reflectors should be red at the rear and white at the front so people know which direction you are travelling in. Wheel reflectors should be white.

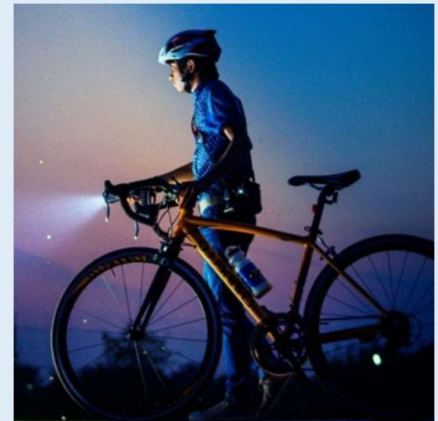
### **Bright clothing**

Hi vis jackets or vests are ideal, but your child might be against wearing them as they're not the most fashionable. Therefore a hi vis reflective back pack for their school bag might be an option.

If you buy a cycling jacket it is likely to already have reflective areas on it. Hi vis gloves are also another way to add some extra safety.

### **Helmet**

It's important for your child to always wear a helmet when cycling. Reflective strips can be added to the helmet if it doesn't have them already. Help your child get excited about their own safety by suggesting that they decorate their helmet and bike with reflective stickers.



### Useful Links

#### **Safety First: Cycling at Night**

<https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

#### **Teaching Road Safety Guide for Parents**

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

#### **Bright Kidz Activities**

<https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/>

#### **Road Safety Resources for Children**

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

# Safeguarding

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

**Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs Rebecca Foy - Deputy Safeguarding Lead**

**Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead**













**Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642**

## This May Help



This May Help is a fantastic resource available to parents on YouTube, covering various topics such as mental health, family life, internet safety and much, much more:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiFnIJj3rXS5BfVcQ4m-C9g/videos>

 <p><b>This May Help</b> How to build family resilience 2:15</p> <p>How to build family resilience 157 views • 4 months ago</p>	 <p><b>This May Help</b> How to support your child's mental health 2:12</p> <p>How to support your child's mental health 485 views • 4 months ago</p>	 <p><b>This May Help</b> A parent's guide to understanding teenagers 2:32</p> <p>A parent's guide to understanding teenagers 136 views • 4 months ago</p>	 <p><b>This May Help</b> How to be prepared for a mental health emergency 2:26</p> <p>How to be prepared for a mental health emergency 55 views • 4 months ago</p>
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 <p><b>This May Help</b> How to protect my child on the internet 2:10</p> <p>How to protect my child on the internet 91 views • 4 months ago</p>	 <p><b>This May Help</b> How to support a child who doesn't want to go to school 2:59</p> <p>How to support a child who doesn't want to go to school</p>	 <p><b>This May Help</b> Self-care tips for parents of children with mental health problems 2:45</p> <p>Self care tips for parents of children with mental health problems</p>	 <p><b>This May Help</b> How to find support for parents of children with mental illness 2:31</p> <p>How to find support for parents of a child with mental illness</p>

**You can also visit their dedicated website to learn more about This May Help:**

<https://thismayhelp.me/>



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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK



TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 76 countries, it has more than 1 billion active users worldwide (as of April 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
While TikTok's 'Following' feed only displays videos from users whom you follow, 'For You' is a stream of clips based on their popularity across the app. Most videos on a child's 'For You' feed will therefore be age-inappropriate and, although it is possible to restrict the app to a 'Family-friendly' feed, this is a guideline rather than a rule. The app also features a 'Discover' page which displays a range of trending content, including some that is not suitable for children.

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
With around 1 billion users globally, the app's 'For You' feed is highly personalised. It is possible to follow anyone on the app, and the app will display content from users you do not know. This can lead to children being contacted by strangers, who may attempt to groom them or encourage them to share personal information.

**IN-APP SPENDING**  
TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy 'TikTok coins' which can be used to purchase virtual gifts in the app. These can be used to purchase virtual gifts for other users, which can be converted into real money. This can lead to children spending money on the app, which can be a financial risk.

**ADDICTIVE NATURE**  
Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. The app's 'For You' feed is designed to keep users engaged, and the app's interface is designed to be easy to use. This can lead to children spending a lot of time on the app, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**TIKTOK NOW**  
Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Kids' app is a separate app designed for children aged 13 and over. It is designed to be a safer version of the main app, with a focus on family-friendly content and a more controlled environment.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

**ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING**  
Family Pairing allows parents to link their child's account with their own. This allows parents to set a screen time limit, manage their child's privacy settings, and restrict the app to a 'Family-friendly' feed. This is a useful tool for parents to ensure their child is using the app safely.

**MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE**  
Although users can choose to make their account public, it is recommended that parents ensure their child's account is set to private. This will ensure that only people the child has approved can see their content, which can help to protect their privacy.

**LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING**  
If your child is using the app, it is important to ensure they are not spending too much money on it. Parents can set a limit on how much money their child can spend on the app, which can help to prevent financial issues.

**DISCUSS THE DANGERS**  
It is important to have a conversation with your child about the risks of using TikTok. Discuss the dangers of age-inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and in-app spending. This can help your child to understand the risks and make safer choices.

**READ THE SIGNS**  
If you are concerned that your child might be spending too much time on the app, look for signs of addiction. These can include changes in their mood, behaviour, and academic performance. If you notice these signs, it is important to talk to your child about their use of the app.

**MEET OUR EXPERT**  
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# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content, including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is tagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18+), but children can still view some inappropriate content. This can include pornography and violence, which some child users may find upsetting.

**CONNECT WITH STRANGERS**  
YouTube is a social media platform, so other (adult) people can interact with your child's account. This can lead to children being contacted by strangers, who may attempt to groom them or encourage them to share personal information.

**SUGGESTED CONTENT**  
YouTube recommends videos related to what your child is watching, based on their account, interests and viewing history. This can lead to children being recommended videos that are not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**HIGH VISIBILITY**  
Content creators can also be put at risk, especially young ones who try to reach and gain popularity. This can lead to children being recommended videos that are not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**TRENDS AND CHALLENGES**  
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and take part in. Children often feel pressure to try these, and this can lead to them being recommended videos that are not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**SNEAKY SCAMMERS**  
Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known channel, offering prizes and gifts. This can lead to children being recommended videos that are not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

**APPLY RESTRICTED MODE**  
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content. This can help to protect your child from seeing content that is not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**TRY GOOGLE FAMILY**  
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, and it will also display their recently watched videos. This can help you to ensure your child is using the app safely.

**CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted'. This can help to protect your child's privacy, and ensure that only people they have approved can see their content.

**LIMIT SPENDING**  
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. Users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. This can lead to children spending money on the app, which can be a financial risk.

**MONITOR ENGAGEMENT**  
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# ROBLOX



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including in a group chat facility). This can lead to children being contacted by strangers, who may attempt to groom them or encourage them to share personal information.

**ONLINE DANGERS**  
There are some dangers to using Roblox, including the risk of being contacted by strangers, who may attempt to groom them or encourage them to share personal information.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Roblox is a free-to-play game, but it does offer some in-app purchases. Users can buy virtual items, which can be a financial risk.

**ADVERTISING**  
Roblox has a large advertising presence, with many ads for other games and products. This can lead to children being recommended videos that are not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**PUBLIC SERVERS**  
Roblox has public servers where anyone can join. This can lead to children being contacted by strangers, who may attempt to groom them or encourage them to share personal information.

**PRIVATE MESSAGING**  
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**PRIVATE SERVERS**  
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**DEALING WITH STRANGERS**

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. This can be a challenge, and it is important to teach your child how to do this safely.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

**SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Roblox has parental controls, which can be used to restrict your child's access to certain features. This can help to protect your child from seeing content that is not suitable for them, which can be a risk to their mental health.

**DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING**  
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