



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Growing Together, Guided by Love'

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLEY	98%	97%	97%	97%	NA
BECKWITHSHAW	97%	95%	97%	98%	98%
KETTLESING	97%	97%	98%	96%	NA

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers.

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the first half term of the academic year and am delighted with the on-going progress made across our wonderful Federation. We have had hugely successful Open Days, Harvest Festivals, Parent/Carer Celebration Assemblies, and PTA events. At Kettlesing and Beckwithshaw much investment has been made to the outdoor areas and Early Years, along with curriculum resourcing across schools. Ripley had another inspection- this time SIAMS as a Church of England School and we are overjoyed that the school received the top judgement - please read via the link below:

<https://www.ripleyendowedprimary.org.uk/information/siams-report-october-2023>

This half term community has been at the centre of what has been happening both in school and in our Federation communities. Within the school communities we have our children, staff and families who through continued, mutual support play a part in enabling our schools to live out our vision of growing together, guided by love. We have wholly committed staff, and the most wonderful children who are thriving, flourishing, and taking part in outstanding learning. We have our PTAs who give up their valuable time from their families and busy lives to support the school in raising much needed funds to enrich school life in many different ways. Outside of school we have the support of Ripley All Saints Church, Parish Councils and village residents who support us hugely. I may have been seen in Wellington boots, up ladders, hanging bunting, 'skipping' items amongst other things- I hope this demonstrates to you all that I am committed and willing to get stuck in and lead your schools and our Federation with passion and by example.

It has been another hugely successful half term and I wish you all a restful half term break.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
30th October - 3rd November	Half Term - school closed
6th November	School re-opens to all pupils
8th November	Remembrance Day - 10.50am at the cenotaph
13th - 17th Nov	Anti bullying week
17th November	Children in Need
23rd November	Nasal flu immunisations
29th November	Dick Whittington panto trip
1st December	FORS Christmas craft evening
3rd December	Christingle Service - All Saints Church
4th December	Christmas post box launches
7th December	Christmas Enrichment Day
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Post school carols and mulled wine tbc
11th December	Christmas baubles go on sale
18th - 22nd December	Christmas Enrichment Week - full details to follow
22nd December	Last day of Autumn term

Collective Worship Theme

Our Collective Worship theme this term continues with our Federation 'Value' of Community. Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the first pensioners lunch of the academic year, and our Year 5's are very much looking forward to attending in November. We were very fortunate to have members of our local village/church community join Class 3 for a talk about their experiences during WW2. The children had so many questions that they have agreed to come and spend a whole afternoon with Class 3 in Autumn 2. What a wonderful community we have at Ripley.



Reminders, Updates, and Information



REMEMBRANCE

We will be observing a 2 minutes silence on Wednesday 8th November, along with The Revd. Paul Harford and the wider community. If you would like to join us and pay your respects, we will be at the cenotaph from 10.50am that morning. Pupils will be laying a wreath on behalf of school.

From Monday 6th - Friday 10th November you will be able to donate to the poppy appeal via school. Order forms for merchandise will be sent home this evening and can be brought in with your donations any time that week. Please note that some items are limited, but we will offer children an alternative for their donation. Thank you in advance for supporting the Royal British Legion. Your donations are gratefully received and appreciated.

FOREST SCHOOL DATES

Please note some key date changes below, including a whole school forest day to tie in with our enrichment day.

Class 1 – 9th November

Class 2 - 6th November

Class 3 - 23rd, 30th November

Whole School - 7th December (part of enrichment day)

Class 3 - 14th December

Full forest school kit should be in school on the relevant dates above, all of which are a Thursday. As the colder months are now approaching, please provide extra layers, waterproofs, gloves and scarves, wellies and spare sock.



CLUBS FOR AUTUMN 2 TERM

Tuesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

Wednesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Multi Sports Club with Sporting Influence

Thursday 3.20- 4.20pm - Tuition Club with Miss Lear and Miss Holstein

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Multi Sports will replace Street Dance, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activity they participate in each week.

Both Football and Multi Sports have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

All Clubs will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 6 weeks from WC 06.11.23 - WC 11.12.23. The full payment of £27.00 will be required to secure your child's place.

Booking and Payment for all clubs is now available on Parentmail.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH



SIAMS - Congratulation Team Ripley!



World Mental Health Day



Library Visit



North Yorkshire Fire Safety Talk



WW2 Day - Class 3



Harvest

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

Class 1

The children have been looking at a variety of nursery rhymes. Reception have enjoyed performing them whilst in provision and coming up with their own words that rhyme.

In English, Year 1 have written their own version of 'One two buckle my shoe...' there has been lots of amazing ideas.

We have also listened to lots of Julia Donaldson books as she uses rhyme in her stories.

The class have loved forest school, learning new skills and enjoying our gorgeous outdoor space. It has been a very busy half term and we hope you have a great break. We look forward to more adventures in our next half term, the most magical one of the year...

Mrs Bassitt and Mrs Sidley



Class 2

Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the stone age and what life was like. we created our own stone age pots using clay. Class 2 have also enjoyed getting into becoming poets and writing their own nursery rhymes.



Class 3

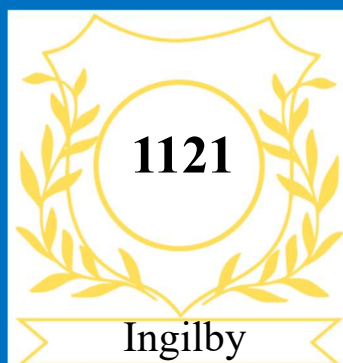
What an amazing half term Class 3 have had! We have really enjoyed our class texts: The Lost Thing and We are Britain. We have produced some excellent pieces of writing, including a description, a persuasive letter and poems. In Maths, the children are learning about multiplication and division, tackling column methods and fast times table

recall. A real favourite amongst Class 3 this half term has been our World War 2 topic. The children have loved learning about evacuation, D Day and rationing and we absolutely loved our WW2 day on Tuesday! In Art, we have enjoyed creating mixed media portraits.



INFORMATION

House Point Tally



Friends of Ripley School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

PUMPKIN COMPETITION WINNERS

Every year the children blow us away with their creativity, and it really does make our job of picking winners very hard. This year was no exception! All pumpkins were judged anonymously and the winners are.....

KS1 Winner - Frankenstein

KS2 Winner - Snowman

KS1 Runner Up - Witch

KS2 Runner Up - Miss Kirkman at the end of term! (in her own words!)

Special mention goes to the Owl from KS2 and Pumptus from KS1

Well done to everyone who entered. You all did the most amazing job and we can't wait to see what ideas you come up with next year!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND MERCHANDISE

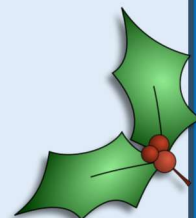
We are delighted to have already had all your orders back, so we will be checking them over the holidays and sending them home the first week back, giving little ones plenty of time to write and send of their Christmas cards this year.



FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DOOR DECOTATING CRAFTING NIGHT

Why not kick off the festive season making a beautiful door decoration whilst enjoying a glass of fizz and a mince pie with friends.

This is a ticketed event and has limited places. You can book your place via ParentMail from Thursday 5th October.



Safeguarding

Halloween and Bonfire Night

Halloween

- **Clothing** – while it's great for children to dress up, most Halloween costumes are highly flammable so focus on using LED light candles. When trick or treating, children should be supervised at all times and parents aware of the dangers of naked flames in Halloween decor (pumpkins/lanterns) and bonfires.
- **Pumpkin Lanterns** – don't use real candles in them, get the led t-lights – they are brighter than a real candle.
- **Door knocking** – go with parents to people you know. Only knock on doors where there is a clear sign they want you to, e.g. a lantern on the doorstep. Many people are vulnerable and don't really want lots of people knocking.
- **Treats** - always ask a grown up before eating any of the sweet treats you collect. Never accept or eat any homemade treats from people you don't know. Only eat treats that are securely sealed in individual shop brought wrappers.
- **Parents** – think, where are your children? Try to encourage children to have a sensible approach to the evening so it is



Fireworks & Bonfire



- **Attend-** organised displays where possible.
- **Sparklers-** wear gloves and put each sparkler into a carrot. This makes it much easier for little hands to hold safely. Have a bucket of water to put sparkler sticks in as they are very hot even when out. When at a display, stick them in the ground to cool them and make sure children are in a good space when using sparklers so they don't accidentally burn someone else.

If an accident does happen and clothes catch on fire the advice is to STOP, DROP & ROLL

ALWAYS

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable seller, every firework should have a CE mark on them to state they have passed the required safety standards.
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Always light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Always keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Always direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators or flammable objects such as bushes and trees.

NEVER

- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket and never throw them.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Never let children play with fireworks.



Safeguarding

Halloween and Bonfire Night Cont...

Bonfire Questions Answered

Q) What is proposed to be burned on the bonfire? All material should be clean and safe, no treated wood, tyres, plastics, rubber and oil should be burned. Only burn small amounts of paper, leaves, wood and cardboard and ensure the waste is kept secure before burning. If the waste can harm health or pollute the environment it should not be burned.

Q) Where has that material come from? Don't be a victim of waste crime, do not accept waste from a business, commercial or industrial setting, it should be waste that has originated from your domestic property only. If you suspect illegal waste activity report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or if waste is being burned contact North Yorkshire Council (Harrogate area) on: 0300 131 2 131 or report it online via this link [Environmental protection enquiries and issues - About this form - Section 1 - SRT - My Harrogate](#) or send an email to environmentalprotect.har@northyorks.gov.uk.

Q) Is it appropriate, safe and legal to burn? Follow the above advice and that stated in the documents below and ensure you position the bonfire in a safe area where there is no risk of other buildings, land or trees catching fire, or people being hurt. Manage the fire to ensure flames and smoke are controlled, and ensure the fire is never left unattended.

If you decide to have bonfire at home make sure you are fully aware of the information above and that stated in the following useful documents.

Remember Bonfire Night but make it legal and safe: Remember remember bonfire night but make it legal and safe - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Burning waste on campfires and bonfire: GOV.UK

Garden Bonfires: The rules: Garden bonfires: the rules - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

A community guide to celebrating with bonfires and fireworks: Celebrating with bonfires and fireworks - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
YOUR LOCAL MUMBLER PAGE**



**BONFIRE
NIGHT AND
FIREWORKS
AT HOME**

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Your Local Parenting Community

**If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH RIPLEY - NEWSLETTER

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday 29th - so remember to move your clocks back an hour or you'll end up at church very early!

Social and Small Groups this week - all welcome

Saturday 28th, 9am online Morning Prayer and Discussion - [direct link here](#)

Monday 30th, 7pm House Group at High Mistels, High View, Burnt Yates, HG3 3HH

Tuesday 31st, 12noon, Lunch Club at All Saints', Ripley (details below)

Thursday 1st November, Choir Practice at All Saints', Ripley.

Services this week - all welcome!

Sunday 22nd

10.45am Bible Sunday Celebration Communion at St. Wilfrid's, South Stainley - do bring along your Bible!

4pm, Light a Candle for a Loved One at St. Andrew's, Burnt Yates. This annual event is a gentle, reflective service, in which we remember by name those whom we love, but are parted from by death. We will be remembering all those for whom we have conducted funeral ministry this year, but you are very welcome to add further names to the list to be remembered on arrival; and to light candles for all those you wish to remember.

Monday 30th

9am Morning Prayer at St. John's, Bishop Thornton

1.15pm, Funeral of Charles Smailes at All Saints', Ripley. Please do hold Charles' family in your prayers this week.

Wednesday 1st November, 10am Patronal Festival Communion at All Saints', Ripley.

Thursday 2nd November, 9.30am Celtic Communion at St. Andrew's, Burnt Yates. This week marks the festival Samhain, with another opportunity to remember those who have died.

Reflection on the scriptures

This week we're taking a break from the regular lectionary as we mark Bible Sunday, and our readings are Nehemiah 8:1-11 and Luke 4:16-21. This week you actually get four readings for the price of two, because both passages recount the public reading of the scriptures, or, in the case of Nehemiah, documents that would come to be included in the scriptures. It's a little strange to read the Bible talking about people reading what we've come to know as the Bible - it doesn't happen all that often, and very often when we think it does we've gotten ourselves in a bit of a twist (yes, I'm looking at you Hebrews 4:12).

The key thing here, though, is that these passages talk about scripture being read, not just about scripture. Specifically read with the intention of engaging and understanding it - in Nehemiah we're told that a bunch of people with Biblical names 'the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the

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people understood the reading.'

In the reading from Luke we find every eye in the synagogue on Jesus after he finishes reading, waiting for him to tell them what it means. There seems to be something very important here about reading in community - in balancing with others our understandings, and interpretations; in listening to those who have spent lifetimes in study, but accepting no single voice as a final authority. That's wise to do because this treasure we've inherited is brave powerful stuff, capable of great blessing, but also great harm.

I remember someone once saying of scripture that we should only ever open it with the expectation of being changed by it, and shouldn't shut it until we have been. That's a challenging thought, and perhaps it's a little daunting. It might be a wonderful ideal - but we all know that some days the simplest things reveal to us the heart of God, and on others the deepest striving seems to draw us no closer. Nonetheless I believe that it is an expectation, a hope, that we can carry. That thirst seems to be present in the people we encounter in these readings - a thirst to delve into the mysteries of God, to be changed by Him in some way for the better.

And that thirst is met. In Nehemiah we watch as the awareness and understanding blossoms in the hearts of those listening, and they are moved to tears as they realise how far they have drifted from the ways of God, and how deeply they desire to return. In Luke we hear the incredible declaration from Jesus that the ancient desire captured in the prophecy of Isaiah to be reconciled with God, to receive and know his favour is being fulfilled in that very moment. This should be spine-tingling stuff! Lives are being changed, expectations fulfilled, God encountered!

If we want to experience the same, it is precisely in that word 'encounter' that the key here lies, and in remembering Who it is, and not what it is, we wish to encounter. At the end of the day the book we know as the Bible is just that - a book. It can be studied as history, art, and literature. It can be chipped away at in daily disciplines, and ticked off in boxes as books or sections have been read. None of that will make all that much difference to us, beyond being better read and perhaps some bragging rights.

If we want to unlock for ourselves the life changing power of Scripture we need to recognise that Scripture itself doesn't have that power; but it is a potent conduit to the true Power, to God himself. The Word is never constrained in words, but does - often and powerfully - reveal himself through them; and the words of our ancestors, the lives, deaths, reflections, poems, and letters of those who have struggled with the faith before us do seem to hold a particular authority and anointing, a way of opening ourselves to that revelation, that nothing else seems to.

So this Bible Sunday I encourage you wholeheartedly to get that dusty tome down off the shelf, to dive into it and see what treasures it holds - and to do so with the expectation of life changing encounter; but to do so by first opening yourself to the transformative power of God himself, and opening yourself to the community of faith that walks behind you, beside you, and before you.

Staying in touch - WhatsApp

As part of our work to try and make it as easy as possible for people to connect with our parish and what we're up to we have now established a WhatsApp Community. By joining the community you can receive important notifications and news items, and also join different groups depending on your interests. If you enjoy reading the weekly reflections, but can't stand the rest of this newsletter - we have a group for that! If you want to share a prayer request - we have a group for that... you get where this is going.

This is a new venture for us, so we'll be discovering together how best to use this platform to support our life as a church. If you want to join in - you can join us on WhatsApp just here.

God bless,

The Revd. Paul Harford

Upcoming Events



Extra Curriculum



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

Ashville College

8:30^{am} - 4:00^{pm}

Wrap around care available

www.sportinginfluence.com



Sporting Influence have delivered fun, safe and active Activity Camps in Harrogate since 2014. The Camps, run by qualified teachers and experienced coaches, bring together a variety of sports and activities to keep children engaged and active throughout the school holidays.

Sporting Influence teaches in over 35 schools in the Harrogate area during term time, including the Federation of Beckwithshaw, Kettlesing and Ripley Endowed Primary Schools. It means that when your children attend Camp for the first time there is a good chance they will know at least one of the faces as they pull up!

RIPLEY CASTLE

Halloween Pumpkin Trail

22ND OCTOBER TO 5TH NOVEMBER

Can you find all the hidden pumpkins in the
Ripley Castle Gardens & Grounds?

Complete your trail sheet to receive your Halloween Treat

£3 PER CHILD
TRAIL SHEETS & ENTRANCE VIA GRINDHUS

REAL MARKET
YORKSHIRE

in the Castle Courtyard

Sunday 29th October
10am - 3pm

FREE EVENT