



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We strive to be a peace-full school that our whole community can be proud of, where we work together (share) through mutual reliance and support (trust) so that all can fulfil their potential (aspire) in a world where everyone's God-given talents, skills and experiences are recognised and valued (respect).

'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 23rd April 2021

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

Starlings have had a lovely week mark making with water and chalk in the outdoor area. The children really enjoy being outdoors.

The children took an interest in seeing how tall they all were with a ruler against the chart last week. This continued this week by trying to build a tower as big as each of them.

They have loved exploring with the balancing beams and making different courses to balance, climb and jump off. It's amazing to see their confidence and skills improve over the week.

They are really starting to come into their own and Mrs Bassitt is enjoying getting to know all of their little personalities. Starlings is a fun, thoughtful, imaginative and creative class and each one of the children are a special part of that.

This week in Swallow's the children have finished their Edith Cavell booklets/fact sheets and we have been so impressed with them! The children have done a brilliant job and have worked extremely hard. The children have also started reading the book "Little Red" as part of their shared reading and again we have been really impressed with how well the children have worked together and have produced some fantastic work as a result so well-done Swallows! The children have continued to

work hard on their Space Missions (SMIRFs) and are all progressing at a great rate, this is still a firm favourite in Swallows Class and the children are always keen to try and complete the next activity.

A super focused week of learning in Robins has seen us exploring powerful and ambitious vocabulary in English, as we build up our descriptive writing about the rainforest. In maths we are drawing together all our concrete and pictorial subtraction learning to tackle the abstract formal written method. Our new RE Big Question is "Why are festivals important to religious communities?", so we have started by investigating all the different things we might celebrate, looking for similarities and differences.

In History this week we learnt about Maya society and compared it to the UK today. We also investigated Maya farming techniques and used their three seed farming method to plant our own tomato, corn and pea seeds. In art we started designing our own Maya chocolate pot and even drank a spicy hot chocolate. Who knew chilli powder in hot chocolate would taste so nice!

This week in Falcons we've been really busy finding out more about the Mayans. We've looked into their religion, priests and gods (some of whom were VERY scary!), drank some chilli-spiced hot chocolate (like the Mayans did), planted some maize, tomato and bean seeds (in the same pot: the Mayan way) and written some amazing instructions on how to play pok-a-tok, the Mayan equivalent of Premier League football. It's not all been about history – we looked at Jesus' journey to Golgotha and his resurrection afterwards, multiplied and divided fractions in maths (dead easy!) and played ribby, which is a bit like rounders, in PE. Once again – phew!

ATTENDANCE

| | Swallows | Robins | Falcons |
|------|----------|--------|---------|
| Week | 100% | 98% | 99.44% |
| Year | 98% | 98.9% | 97.39% |

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. Congratulations to Swallows for 100% this week.

* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

| DATE | EVENT |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 3rd May 2021 | Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| 10th May 2021 | Bags 2 School |
| 28th May 2021 | School Closes |
| 7th June 2021 | School Re-opens |
| 23rd July 2021 | School Closes |



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Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher

Recommended by Mrs Coe



If you loved the stories of The Christamasaurus and The Creakers by Tom Fletcher then why not read The Danger Gang!

Franky can't wait to move to his new town - although he wishes he didn't have to leave his best friend Dani behind.

But everything changes after the storm, when strange green lightning and powerful thunder crash down on the town. From that night on, the kids who live on Franky's street start to change. One by one, they become a little odd. A little unusual. A little... magical.



Reading gives you wings.

Summer Essentials

Now that the weather is getting warmer we would like to remind you of our Sunscreen Policy which was sent out at the beginning of the academic year. Please encourage your child to wear a hat when they are outside and ensure that they bring a non-aerosol sunscreen product (SPF 15+) clearly marked with their name for use at school. For Pre-School and Reception children wherever possible staff will supervise the application of sunscreen, or will assist if necessary, provided you have given the appropriate consent. New consent forms for Swallows and Starlings will be issued on Monday via ParentMail for you to complete.

Please could we also request that all children bring a clean, freshly filled, labelled water bottle in with them each day.

Please contact the school office if you have concerns or would like a further information.

School of the Week - Your Harrogate Radio

Some exciting news for the whole school is that next week we will be featuring as '**School of the Week**' on Your Harrogate Radio Station, website and social media sites. Yesterday Mr Williams and a couple of our pupils had a zoom interview with Nick Hancock which will be aired every weekday morning next week from 7.30am!

Links to their website and Facebook page: [School of the Week - Your Harrogate](#)

[Your Harrogate | Facebook](#)

Christian Ethos

You may have noticed at the top of this weeks Newsletter that our school Vision has had an update! We continue to live by our Ripley STAR ideals, to Share, Trust, Aspire, and Respect but have updated our Vision, our aims, collective worship and Christian values. Please take the time to read the full statement and update attached to this weeks newsletter.



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Vacancies - Playworker and Governors

Attached to this week's Newsletter are the adverts for the current vacancies we have.

★ Star of Week ★

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

Falcons: Gracie-May for 'Respect' . This is for showing great respect, and compassion to the younger children at our school when they are in need. It is lovely to see you being so caring and kind towards others. You are a great role model. Keep it up!

Robins: Tommy for 'Respect'. Tommy, this week you have had such a respectful attitude towards everything you have done. You have been positive, enthusiastic and resilient. What a star!

Swallows: Ava B for 'Aspire'. Ava always works extremely hard in everything she does and is just an all round superstar! Well done Ava!

Friend of Ripley School

Bags 2 school will once again be collecting on Monday 10th May. There are some changes to what they are excepting due to COVID but this information will be available when the bags are sent home next week. Remember that for every bag you donate, the school gets a percentage of the total weight price.

SAFEGUARDING

National Online Safety Mobile App for Parents

Children are spending more time than ever online. As adults, we need to do everything we can to keep them safe in the digital world, but with new apps, games and platforms emerging every day, how can you stay in the know?

National Online Safety have developed a mobile app providing you with all online safety knowledge available at your fingertips. The NOS app empowers parents and teachers to understand and address online safeguarding risks – anytime, anywhere. The world's most comprehensive online safety app, it's packed with insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect your children when they're online.

It is available for Android and Apple devices, please copy the link below into your app store search engine to find out more and how to download the app:

National Online Safety Mobile App

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Mr Gary Williams - Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160 or Mrs Lisa Jackson-Ward - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160/01423 504642/01423 770576.