



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 26th February 2021

## Update from Mrs Jackson-Ward

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really excited about seeing all our children on the 8th March, I'm sure you are too. We will be following the same guidelines set out last term which are as follows:

- Follow the same socially distance queuing system at drop of and pick up as before, adhering to the staggered start and finish times for the different Key stages (KS1 8.55am-3.15pm. KS2 8.45am - 3.05pm)
- Siblings should be dropped off together at the earlier of the two times and collected at the later of the two times.
- Only essential belongings should be brought to school. This is restricted to a book bag, water bottle, coat and PE kit. All items and all uniform should be clearly labelled to avoid lost property and cross contamination. A clean fresh water bottle should be supplied every day.
- Child will remain in their bubbles, with those in KS2 facing forward in rows at all times.
- If your child or anyone in their household presents with any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID 19, all members of the household should isolate until a negative test has been obtained and notify school immediately if anyone in the household receives a positive test result.

We couldn't be prouder of the commitment, self-motivation and enthusiasm that our children have shown yet again to their online learning during this current lockdown. Let's not forget about you. You have been faced with the impossible task of juggling work and home schooling as well as all the other complexities of life that a pandemic brings, all of which you have done whilst remaining upbeat and committed to your child's learning. It has been very much appreciated and in turn, we thank you for your continued support and for the many messages of thanks the staff have received over the last few months.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Lisa

## Wraparound Care and Preschool Provision Update

Thank you so much to those who have already been in contact to put their names down for the Preschool and Wraparound care.

Over the next week, we will be sending out Terms and Conditions and more information for those parents who have put their name down for a place at the Preschool. You will then be able to book your place by accepting the terms and conditions and putting down a deposit to join our new 'Starlings' Preschool class.

Full information on our new Wraparound care (The Comet Club) will be sent to all parents next week, with a booking form to complete for the Summer term.



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## World Book Day - 4th March 2021

Yes it's that time of the year again! We will really miss having everyone in school for it this year as everyone always puts in so much effort but we couldn't let the day pass by without getting everyone involved.

On Thursday the 4th March, we are asking you to upload a 'Shelfie' to Seesaw! What's a Shelfie? It's a photo of your child in front of their bookcase with their favourite book. Outfits are optional and you can be as creative as you like, but we will be sharing some photo's on Facebook later that day.

Please upload your 'Shelfies' to Seesaw by midday on Thursday 4th March. The Book Tokens will be distributed when all children return to school and are valid until the 28th March 2021.

As part of World Book Day, we have partnered with The Little Ripon Bookshop who are hosting an online event with the Author Shane Hegarty. His BOOT series of books are very popular and next week, some of our children will get the opportunity to hear from the Author himself in a pre recorded video.

The Little Ripon Book Store is also open 10am-2pm most days for a collection service and are one of the participating retailers where you can spend your token/get a free book.

## Swallows Class Update

This week in Swallow's the children have been learning all about Mary Seacole which will be part of our English when we return to school. As part of Art the children have been busy drawing by experimenting with a variety of media such as pencils, crayons, pastels, felt tips etc. They then went on to think about colours and how different colours can be used to express an emotion. In R.E we have begun learning about Easter and the story behind it, we will continue to explore this over the rest of the half term. We have also started a new topic in Science and over the next few weeks we will be focusing on seasonal changes. The children have started this topic by comparing the different seasons, thinking about what you might see outside during each season as well as what clothes you might wear.

## Robins Class Update

It was lovely to see Robins Class back after our half term break. We've had a busy week - as always - and seen some super focus and determination! Great maths converting between different units of measurement (big thank you to those family members who had to hop, skip, jump and be measured!). We have also been exploring persuasive language through our new English text, investigating charities and their purpose in RE, and thinking about family roles and responsibilities in this half term's PSHE topic of relationships. In Science, we continued learning about the circulatory system and in particular the heart. We started our new Geography unit: the study of Mexico. We located Mexico on maps and identified bordering countries and surrounding seas. We are really enjoying our class story and keeping our eyes open for dragons in our gardens.



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In Falcons this week we have produced some landscape and portrait masterpieces in the style of the artist David Hockney in art, hunted down the Jabberwock and written some excellent reports about it in English, started our delve into the delights of Mexico in Geography, been inspired to design our own modern-day cathedrals in RE, brushed up on our French and continued acing our fractions in maths.

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Freddie for 'Aspire' - an amazing learner who is always eager to learn, quick on the uptake, but also very happy to take advice on board to further his learning. Keep it up!

Robins: Tommy for 'Aspire' - Tommy, you have worked with good focus and determination this week on your phonics, reading and writing. Well done for remembering all those tricky high frequency words and using them in a sentence too!

Swallows: Albert for 'Aspire' - Albert has worked really hard this week in all areas, and we are particularly impressed with the improvement of his handwriting, keep it up Albert!