



RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 26th March 2021

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

The children in Swallows have continued to learn about Easter in R.E and this week's lesson focused on the Holy Week and the importance of each day. The children really enjoyed making their own Holy week booklets!

Each week the children carry out their Space Missions which is a Maths activity to consolidate Instant Recall Facts. The children love doing these and always work extremely hard and are very keen to keep progressing through the planets so well done to all the Swallows children as they are doing very well with these.

In English the children have continued to learn about the features of Non-Fiction books and are currently in the process of planning their very own factsheet all about Mary Seacole and/or Edith Cavell which they have been learning about in History.

Robins have done a fantastic job this week 'joining up' their term's learning in Geography and English to produce a travel brochure for Mexico! Great use of persuasive language features and an abundance of super facts about this fascinating country. In maths we have been brushing up on our column addition and showing off our rapidly

developing reasoning skills. In RE we have investigated further what Christians believe about Jesus through the Easter story, and enjoyed creating Möbius strips to demonstrate God's infinite love in our worship. In Geography we compared Mexico to the UK. We had lovely discussions and even learnt new facts about the UK. We continued learning new French words for parts of the body and counting to 20- Bon travail. In science we concluded our circulatory system topic by researching what is in our blood.

This week in Falcons we've been powering through the final week before Easter by: crafting some amazing writing, inspired by our spooky film stimulus Alma; carried on our decimal fractions work in maths; debating art vs charity in RE; creating our own avatars and databases in computing; looking at the dangers of alcohol misuse in PSHE; explored the tourist industry of Mexico; populated our Easter thankfulness tree and carried on reading our class books Wonder and Wizards of Once.

This week each class created and decorated their own Easter trees with egg and cross designs. We displayed them on our worship tables in school while remembering and discussing the Easter story.

This afternoon the sun came out and all the children hunted around school for their beautifully decorated eggs. We were so impressed with all the imaginative and detailed designs. (Please see Facebook for photos of all the eggs as well as the winning designs.) Along the way, the children collected letters to work out an Easter anagram. Well done everyone. We hope you enjoy your chocolates, especially those who have given up chocolate for Lent.

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	100%	100%	100%
Year	97.81%	98.89%	97.21%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. Congratulations to All Classes for 100% this week.
* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
12th April 2021	Staff Training Day
13th April 2021	School re-opens Pre-School starts Wrap around care starts
3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday. School closed



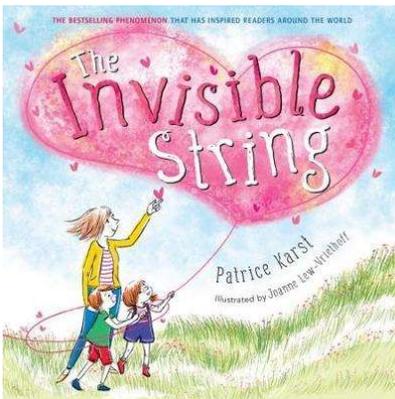
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Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst

Recommended by Mrs Randall



Parents, educators, therapists, and social workers alike have declared *The Invisible String* the perfect tool for coping with all kinds of separation anxiety, loss, and grief. In this relatable and reassuring contemporary classic, a mother tells her two children that they're all connected by an invisible string. "That's impossible!" the children insist, but still they want to know more: "What kind of string?" The answer is the simple truth that binds us all: An Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.



Reading gives you
wings.

Does everybody have an Invisible String? How far does it reach? Does it ever go away? This heart-warming picture book for all ages explores questions about the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us, and opens up deeper conversations about love.

Comet Club

Everyone is very excited with the launch of Comet club when we return from the Easter break. We have had a great response so far and are delighted to be launching on Tuesday 13th April. Before everyone returns on the 13th, the breakfast and afterschool Comet club payment accounts will be set up on Parentmail. Please ensure that all sessions are paid for in advance of taking them, by topping up your account. Accounts will be charged on the Friday of each week.

At this stage, we will not be offering a Friday evening session. However, if we get more interest next term, we will look to offer the Fridays again, after next half term.

Road Safety Talk

A huge thank you to PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Lucy Walker who came in this morning to give a talk on Road Safety to each of the different Key stages. Lucy is our local PCSO and is a familiar face, popping in a few times a month to check everything is ok. Lucy will be back after Easter to catch up with staff and help us raise the profile of issues within the local community that we can help support in school through our PSHE lessons.



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★ End of Term Awards ★

Falcons

Y5 goes to Jack for being a super learner, lockdown or no lockdown, and making HUGE progress especially in reading, throughout. Well done!

Y6 goes to Sam for being eager to learn, quick to be kind, and slow to judge – a great way to conduct yourself in and out of school. Well done!

Robins

Y3 goes to Hannah. You have such a positive attitude to all aspects of school. We are proud of your creative mind, of how you share your brilliant thinking, and of how determined you are. Keep it up. You are amazing!

Y4 goes to Halle. You have a brilliant approach to everything you do in school, working hard to produce high-quality work and always rising to challenges with great enthusiasm and a smiling face. Well done Halle - we are proud of you!

Swallows

YR goes to Jacob. He is always keen to learn and puts 100% into everything he does. He has a positive attitude towards his learning and is a fantastic role model to his peers. Well done Jacob!

Y1 goes to Charlie for showing real dedication towards his learning and always trying his best in everything he does. Charlie is always keen to join in with class discussions and never shy's away from a challenge. Well done Charlie for being an absolute star!

Y2 goes to Marcus for consistently showing great enthusiasm towards his learning. He is always keen to join in with class discussions, but also shows great listening skills. Marcus never shy's away from a challenge and always tries his best. Well done Marcus. Keep it up!

Friend of Ripley School

Thank you so much to everyone that entered the decorate an egg competition and guess the number of eggs in the jar. We raised an amazing £74.10! The entries were outstanding and to us they are all winners, so they have all received a little treat for their amazing creations. The overall winners in each key stage were judged blind and are as follows:

KS1 Winner - Ava B

KS2 Winner - Annalise

KS1 2nd Place - Charlie

KS2 2nd Place - Erica

KS1 3rd Place - Ava R

KS2 3rd Place - Freddie

The number of eggs in the jar was 62 and the Winner was Evie who guessed exactly 62!

A huge thank you to you all for continuing to support our little village school. Thanks to you, we have raised an amazing £864.50.

Pumpkin competition £40.80

Christmas baubles £102.60

Christmas cards £223.90

Christmas fair £365

Easter egg competition £74.10

Bags2school £58.50

We also continue to raise money through our school uniform scheme, which we have had a great response to this year.



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SAFEGUARDING

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Marie Collins Foundation (MCF)

MCF is dedicated to supporting victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation. The foundation advocates for children who have suffered from online abuse so that they are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. It has grown to become a dedicated team of specialists who support those harmed online through direct work with children and their families and advising professionals and governments at local, national and international level.

MCF will be running a number of workshops for parents during April, May and June, where you will have the opportunity to explore, in a safe environment,

- what online harm is
- ways you can effectively help and support your children
- understand why and how children can become victims, and
- how your response can be vital in enabling your child to recover.

To book a place on one of these workshops, please open the attached Parents Workshop PDF and click on the date you want to attend.

Church News

We have reattached the quarterly update this week to ensure you have all the dates for the Easter Services over the holidays. Also, don't forget to take the children to the church grounds over Easter, where they can take part in a lovely Easter egg hunt.