



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 27th November 2020

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK

This week in Swallows, the children enjoyed another Science lesson via Zoom with the Education Advisor from North York Moors, this time it was all about animal habitats and we enjoyed learning about all the different types of habitats in our local area. We have also had great fun learning some yoga moves to go with our story we have been writing in English: The sheep and the goat. Using the photos we took on our walk last week, we sketched parts of Ripley and we created our own printing blocks in art. In Maths, Yr2's have been finding the difference, Yr1 have been investigating odd and even and YrR have been learning about the number 4.

Another cram-packed week in Robins! So much going on, including super descriptive writing using colour in our film literacy and some impressive inference and prediction skills during our whole class guided reading about the inspirational Ade Adepitan. We have used our instant recall number facts to 20 this week to help use add and subtract across the hundreds boundary - all that hard work practising our SMIRFs really pays off! We also had great fun outside yesterday creating dance sequences using canon, unison and action/reaction moves... with attitude! In Geography this week we have been using Google Maps to locate Harrogate and Ripley. We used the key to identify features and compare the similarities and differences. In French we have been learning jungle animals. Nos animaux préférés sont les papillons, les tigres et les léopards. We really enjoyed our Forest school session making Christmas tree decorations from willow branches. The children supported each other in team activities and we finished our session around the campfire eating freshly cooked noodles and singing camp songs.

This week in Falcons we've been: finishing our amazing electronic scarecrows – great teamwork, and the children have been documenting their own progress taking photos and videos as they go along (see our Facebook page); working hard to earn their pen licences for consistently neat and joined handwriting; using Cuisenaire rods and bar diagrams to help model maths problems (and it's REALLY made a huge difference to how easy it is to understand what's going on); performing street dances in the hall; working hard on our spelling and grammar but combining it with games like noughts and crosses (got to have fun while you're learning!).

### Poppy Appeal

Thanks to your kind donations we raised £94.25 for this years Poppy Appeal.

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	97.62%	100%	97.7%
Year	98.31%	99.44%	97.92%

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
1st Dec 2020	HELP Gift Box Appeal Deadline
2nd– 4th Dec 2020	The FOR's Christmas bauble sale
7th– 11th Dec 2020	Christmas Post Box
11th Dec 2020	Christmas Jumper Day and Fair
16th Dec 2020	Christmas Lunch and Virtual Panto
17th Dec 2020	Christingle Service
18th Dec 2020	School Closes

### A MESSAGE FROM HELP

You still have till the 1st Dec to bring your boxes in.

**Thank you for all  
your donations so far!**

Your gifts will brighten the lives of vulnerable people and families in our community. Why not watch our video to find out more about the people we're supporting:  
[vimeo.com/463875368](https://vimeo.com/463875368)





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## YR 5&6 Homework Club

From next week, Mr Williams will be running a homework club on Tuesday lunchtimes for any year 5's and 6's who either need help or have not had the opportunity to complete the work at home.

## Christmas and Spring Menu's

A reminder that Christmas Menu choices need to be emailed in by Monday 30th November. The new Spring Menu will be sent home with all children today. Please can you complete and return by Friday 11th December. Those wishing to bring a packed lunch should also inform the school office by the 11th December.

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Jack for "Aspire". Day in, day out, you strive to improve your writing. Never complain, Never moan. Just hard, solid graft. Inspirational. Keep it up!

Robins: Halle for "Respect". Your polite and cheery manner always shines through Halle, and we know we can rely on you to be respectful and thoughtful to others always.

Swallows: Francesca for "Aspire". Frankie has worked really hard on her writing this week and produced a fantastic book complete with illustrations! Definitely a writer in the making. Well done Frankie!

## Our Worship theme this week is.....

**"Caring about others"** Each week in our Friday Celebration Service we look at how the theme of the week has inspired the children.

Today in worship the children shared how they have been inspired by this weeks theme:

'I helped my Mum when she slipped in the kitchen' - Aoife Yr3

'My Mummy had a poorly back so I put a blanket on her' - Bella YrR

'I have been caring as I have been kind in football' - Arthur Yr5

## News from Friends of Ripley School

### Christmas Baubles

Christmas Baubles will go on sale next week and the price will be as follows:

1 bauble £2.50	3 baubles £6
2 baubles £4	4 baubles £8

Children should bring the exact money into school from Wednesday 4th December and Parents will be given the bauble/s at the end of the day. A preview of the baubles will be on our Facebook page early next week.

### Christmas Fair

Just a reminder that payment for the fair games is now live on Parentmail. If you want 2 goes, please ensure you have purchased both the first go and the second go, as these are 2 different items in the shopping basket.

Any donations of sweets/chocolate and prizes, as per last weeks newsletter, are gratefully received and should be handed in to Mrs Randall.

### Christmas Jumper Swap

For full details, please refer to the attached poster.



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## Church News

**Sunday Service** - All Saints' Ripley. These services will now be streamed live on Facebook. For further information visit [www.theunitedbenefice.org](http://www.theunitedbenefice.org) or [facebook.com/ourfivechurches](https://facebook.com/ourfivechurches), and remember, your little ones can still take part in Sunday Superstars by following the weekly activities on their Facebook page [facebook.com/groups/sundaystars](https://facebook.com/groups/sundaystars)

## Governors Weekly Update

We are pleased to introduce you to two more Governors:

### Georgina Coe



I became a Co-opted governor in November 2018. I currently teach part time at Ripley Endowed CE Primary School in Year 3/ 4. I am married to Jonathan and have 3 boys who all thoroughly enjoy attending Ripley School. I am passionate about helping the school community and am Secretary of the Friends of Ripley School. Alongside my teaching career I also work as a part time Property Manager for our family business. In my spare time I enjoy watching and playing sport, crafting with my children, gardening and looking after our hens and family dog. I feel truly fortunate to be part of the Federation of Kettlesing Felliscliffe, Beckwithshaw and Ripley Endowed CE Primary Schools.

### David Hall

Although a native of Edinburgh my wife and I have lived in or around Ripon for the past 25 years. We have two children - Kirsty, who is a primary school (year 6) teacher in Leeds, and Magnus, who is a software designer with Siemens in Cambridge. I was a Chartered Antiques and Fine Art Surveyor by profession, and spent much of my working life in auction rooms north and south of the border. Twenty years ago I established and subsequently ran my own valuations practice which I combined with related consultancy work. My wife and I both retired last November and one of the things I very much wanted to do was to become involved again in Governorship: previously I was a member (and latterly Chair) of the Governing Body in the village primary school near Ripon that our children attended. I am a passionate supporter of the rounded, holistic environment that smaller rural schools can offer our children whilst recognising the challenges (financial and otherwise) that this presents.



### In other news

This week we had our first full Governors meeting of this term. The whole Governing body attended (virtually of course). We do thank them all for the time and dedication involved in this voluntary role. We are fortunate to have such a fully engaged Governing body. During the meeting we had a number of subjects to discuss, which included: new Governor election, finance report, capital spend approval, budget monitoring, policies, safeguarding, health and safety and marketing. So a lot going on in the background....we will bring you more information as and when we are able. Thank you so much to our lovely schools who are working so hard to make December and Christmas as special as it can be for the children.

Best Wishes,

Helen White and Helen Smith Co-Chairs