



RIPLLEY 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 – 28th May 2021

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

In Starlings this week, we have continued on from last week, and have retold the story of Goldilocks and the three bears.

We have used porridge oats, chalk and whiteboards in the mark making area to practice our Phonics and Maths.

The children have enjoyed playing lots within the areas, they have particularly enjoyed exploring the garden with Swallows.

This week in Swallows, the children have once again been hard at work. They have been working particularly hard on their writing and have planned and written their own version of the story 'Mr Big'. We have been very impressed with what they have produced and they have also shown great pride in their work.

We also started Ukulele lessons this week for all of the Swallow's children which caused great excitement within the classroom and there are definitely some budding musicians amongst them! We are looking forward to seeing how they all progress over the next half term.

In Science we are continuing our topic of Living things and their Habitats and this week the children were learning all about a variety of habitats and which animals belong in each habitat. The children always really enjoy Science and are always very keen to learn more which is great to see!

Another great week of learning for our Robins class! We have been

continuing to develop our writing techniques by exploring how to develop character through description, action and speech. This week in maths we have investigated rules of divisibility and enjoyed making links and finding patterns across all the times tables.

Robins class used their scientific enquiry skills to investigate whether fizzy drinks are heavier than flat drinks. They carried out a fair test, made careful observations and recorded their results. (See Facebook for photos of our investigation.) We concluded our history topic on the Maya civilisation by writing a 2 page report on what we had learnt. Amazing all the interesting facts we have remembered. In PE this week we watched the London Olympics relay race from 2012 and discussed how we could pass a relay baton at speed using a push pass. All the children had great fun putting this in to practise on the field.

This week in Falcons we have: storyboarded, shot and edited our very own book trailers using iMovie (they're fantastic and we'd love you to see them – Mr Williams will upload them to Seesaw over the half term holiday), continued our Science topic with some investigations into temperature, thought about what we celebrate and why in RE and even created our own festivals, continued our athletics in PE and watched the 2nd half of the film Wonder (and compared it to the book we are reading). Phew!

KS2 all enjoyed being virtually transported to parliament this week! We learnt about the house of lords and the house of

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	99.52%	98%	97.53%
Year	98.14%	98.87%	97.63%

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
7th June	School Re-opens
11th June	Royal Tea Party - Party Wear
WC 14th June	Class/Yr 6 Leavers Photos (Group, not individual except Starlings or if requested)
5th –9th July	Enrichment Week Full Details of the weeks activities on page of this Newsletter
21st July	End of Year KS2 Production
23rd July	Last day of Term, Leavers Assembly



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WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK Cont....

commons, how MP's are elected, and how new laws are passed. The children particularly enjoyed meeting our local MP Andrew Jones and had so many great questions to ask him.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has come to our attention this term that a number of pupils are not in the correct school uniform or PE kit. Please can we politely remind parents that only items detailed on the uniform list should be worn to school. We appreciate that we are coming towards the end of the term and this has been an unprecedented year with lockdown, and therefore some parents may not want to invest in new shoes until the autumn term. If this is the case and your child does not have black school shoes that fit, we will permit children wearing their PE trainers/plimsolls for the last half term only. No other footwear other than school shoes or PE trainers are permitted. Attached to this weeks newsletter is a list of items that can be worn for both uniform and PE kit. Please remember that FORS run a fantastic uniform swap/nearly new service for very reasonable donations.

SCHOOL MENU

Our current school lunch menu will continue to run after the half term break. When we return on Monday 7th June, we will be on Week 2.

RETURNING TO NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS

A REMINDER - From Monday 7th June, we will be returning to our normal drop off and pick up times from school. All children should now arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 3.15pm. With this in mind, can we please remind parents that social distancing guidelines remain and you should continue to use the queuing system in place. Parents are also reminded that when entering the school buildings, a mask should be worn at all times.

Friends of Ripley School (FORS)



Thank you to everyone who donated sweets and to everyone who purchased from the Sweetie Stall today. From the sale of sweets, and donations for non uniform day, we have raised a total of £108 today. Just amazing! We will definitely be bringing the Sweetie Stall back next term along with some other much loved pre Covid favourites, when guidelines allow.



If anyone would like to join the Friends of Ripley or has some amazing fundraising ideas, please get in touch with Grace Cauldwell. Grace can also help with all your uniform needs, so please get in touch if there are any items you require. We are always hugely appreciative of uniform donations, so with the end of the year fast approaching and the need to clear out old uniform and purchase new, please keep us in mind.



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ENRICHMENT WEEK 5th –9th July

Monday 5th July



With over 50 birds of prey, ranging from the smallest owls and kestrels up to large Eagle owls, and a wealth of experience visiting schools, **SMJ Falconry** will be bringing a small selection of 6-7 birds to Ripley. Children will get the opportunity to learn about these amazing birds, covering topics such as: the differences between the various birds; anatomy, qualities and characteristics; nocturnal and diurnal birds; the basics of falconry; how they train birds of prey; flight patterns; food and nourishment;

conservation; and the history of falconry, especially the medieval period, there is something to interest everyone. The afternoon will culminate in a bird of prey flight show in the school grounds. What an amazing way to start enrichment week!

Tuesday 6th July

On your marks, get set, go!...Yes, it's **Sports Day!** And you are all invited. We will start the events just after 1pm on the cricket ground at the end of the village (Rear of the carpark), so please make sure you are there for 1pm. Bring a picnic, cheer everyone on, watch the teachers compete in their own race, and of course make sure you have dusted off those trainers in preparation for the all important parent race! Mrs Atkinson will be providing a Sports day themed lunch. Info to follow. If weather is bad this event will move to the 8th.



Wednesday 7th July



On Wednesday we will welcome the stars of **Dragons Den, Sublime Science** to school. Having won over the Dragons, they have gone on to roll out their Science workshops Taste (sweet making), states of matter in schools all over the country. With workshops and demonstrations in: Magic Trick & Noise; Taste (sweet making), states of matter; Forces, pressure, touch, smell and Slime making, this event is sure to excite all and capture those curious little minds! KS2 will also continue their 6 week cricket coaching in the afternoon on this day.

Thursday 8th July

Ripley's Got Talent!! Are you a budding star with a passion to perform? Whether it's singing, dancing, magic, poetry or a short play. Why not take to the stage and perform for the judges to win the title of Star Performer in Ripley's got Talent. If being centre stage is not for you, then why not enter the bake off tent and bring in your star bake? Or hang your work of Art in our Artists corner. Children can enter all 3 competitions or just one. Performances can be of a solo

or group nature, but should not exceed 5 mins. Further details on the Bake Off and Art Gallery theme will be sent out after half term. We will also have a whole school picnic lunch on this day, and maybe get to sample some of the baked goods in the tent!!



Friday 9th July



The week will finish with a trip to Hesketh Farm for Swallows, Robins and Falcons. Unfortunately this is the only activity this week that our little Starlings won't be able to partake in, but don't worry, Mrs Bassitt and Mrs Walker are busy planning a full day of fun onsite for them too.

Full details of the trip, consent forms and payment are now available on ParentMail and +Pay. The coach will depart from school at 9.30am (children should arrive at the normal time of 8.45am) and arrive back just at 3pm, ready for 3.15pm pick up. The day will include: Weighing, mixing and preparing either the lamb or calf milk and then feeding them; Having a tractor ride with Farmer Chris, including question and answer session; Taking a paddock walk – discussing trees, animal homes, animals in the paddock; Going egg collecting – counting them, opening an egg and looking at the contents, followed by handling baby chicks; Looking at the pigs and piglets and Guinea pig cuddling. What a wonderful way to end what we hope will be a very enriching, fun week for all!



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★ S.T.A.R of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Arthur for 'Respect'. Well done for having a fab week, keep it up!

Robins: Isla for 'Share'. Isla, you are a kind and thoughtful learning partner and friend, and you go out of your way to encourage and support others. What lovely qualities to have!

Swallows: : Melody for 'Aspire'. Melody has worked really hard on her writing this week, she has shown great independence and imagination and has produced a great piece of writing, well done Melody!

Starlings: Freddie for 'Aspire'. When you put your mind to an activity, you work hard to achieve it. You always try your best. Well done, I am proud of you!

Weekly Awards

The House Captain Award this week go to....

Ingilby - Isla, for being kind to everyone.

Nidd - Isabella, for always trying her best.

Brimham - Henry, for trying his best in PE.

The House Points Award this week go to....

Falcons - Joshua (Ingilby)

Robins - Hannah (Ingilby)

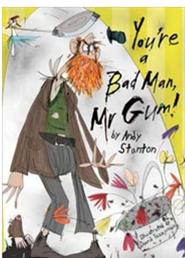
Swallows - Marcus (Ingilby)

Our Super Sentence Winner in Swallows this week is.... Bella!

Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is *You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!* by Andy Stanton

Recommended by Mr William



Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly and an evil, stinky butcher all covered in guts. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.

You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! is the first book in the internationally bestselling series by Andy Stanton, which has won everything from the

Blue Peter Book Award (twice) the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Red House Children's Book Award.



Reading gives you
wings.

The Winners of this months reading challenge are.....

Swallows - Frankie

Robins - Isla

Falcons - Theo



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Governors Update

Dear Parents ,

During the last term the Governors have met (virtually) almost weekly to ensure the Federation is performing to the best of its ability. During the previous few months we have:

- Monitored the School Improvement Plan and reviewed the School Improvement Report
- Reviewed Pupil Premium and Sports Funding
- Monitored pupil achievement and progress data from the Spring term.
- Monitored and reviewed complaints, incidence, attendance and absence
- Have ensured Safeguarding remains a priority and a golden thread running through all our schools
- Reviewed all Health and Safety issues
- During the last few weeks finalised the budgets for our three schools as well as having reviewed previous outturn and agreed capital spend
- Developed a Governor Strategy and Action Plan (which will be available on our school websites)
- Engaged support for our school teams

The Governors have also visited all of our schools on numerous occasions to carry out monitoring reviews as well as completing a great deal of training to ensure that the Governing body is fully up to date with role requirements. A great deal of time has also been given to updating our school websites as well as reviewing policies and procedures.

We would like to thank all our school staff, parents and lovely pupils for their positive attitude and dedication during the previous few months.

The Co-Chairs would also wish to say a special thank you to the Governing body for all the evenings spent on Teams calls.

Wishing everyone in our federation an enjoyable half term holiday.

Helen White and Helen Smith

Co-Chair of Governors (Federation of Kettlesing Felliscliffe, Beckwithshaw and Ripley Endowed Primary Schools)

SAFEGUARDING

Online Safety Bill: Landmark Laws to Keep Children Safe Online

On Wednesday 12th May, the UK government published the draft version of their landmark Online Safety Bill, designed to make the UK the safest place in the world to be online. The laws will protect children online by tackling harmful content, including the worst cases of abuse on social media, and providing greater accountability and online protections. Technology companies will be expected to act in line with a 'duty of care' towards their users and consider the range of risks their sites may pose to children and young people to protect them from inappropriate content and harmful activity. This includes illegal abuse, such as hate crimes, harassment and online threats. It also includes content that is lawful but still harmful, such as abuse which falls below the threshold of a criminal offence, encouragement of self-harm and mis/disinformation.

Furthermore, measures to tackle user-generated fraud, such as posts on social media, will also be included, with a greater onus on companies to take responsibility for what is uploaded to their platforms.

Overall, the bill is a significant step towards creating a safer online space for children and young people, particularly with its focus on clamping down on harmful content at the source.

However, it is important to remember that online safety requires a holistic approach. Safeguarding children online must be underpinned by high-quality training and education, and raised awareness of what the risks are to children and young people. We will be continuing to monitor the situation and will keep you up-to-date with any changes.

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.