



# 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 – 3rd December 2021

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT
1st –15th Dec	All Day	Christmas Post-Box
4th Dec	2pm	A Very Ripley Christmas (Cobbles)
8th Dec	10.00am	School Christmas Service - Church
10th Dec	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec	2 - 3pm	School Nativity
15th Dec	10am	Virtual Panto
16th Dec	12 - 2.45pm	School Christmas lunch and party
17th Dec	Normal Day	Last day of term

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	94%	90.68%	94.17%
Year	92.36%	96.81%	93.83%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%.

### WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK

## HEADS UP

*This week we explore looking for small signs of hope.*

## Weekly Updates and Reminders

**Pantomime** - Unfortunately we have made the difficult decision as a federation of schools to cancel the Pantomime Trip on Wednesday 15th December at Harrogate Theatre. We have a responsibility to minimise the spread of Covid-19 in our schools and with rising infection rates, we feel we are unable to reduce this risk externally. We will be arranging a virtual pantomime in school for the children with festive treats to replace this. Thank you for your continued support, Miss Whyte.

**Christmas Church Service** - A reminder that the service will take place at All Saints Church from 10am, with the service lead by our KS2 children and Revd. Paul. This service will be recorded to be broadcast on the church FB page on the 26th December. Any child who does not have school Facebook photo permissions, will automatically be removed from appearing in the video. If your child normally has Facebook permissions, but you do not want them in this video, please email Mrs Randall before Monday the 6th. *We are delighted that parents are welcome to join this service. School and Church request that all parents wear a mask in Church.*

**Christmas Jumper Day** - Payment is now live on ParentMail! For a donation of £1 towards Save the Children, our pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Friday 10th December.

**Swallows and Ducklings Nativity** - Our Swallows class will be performing A Miracle is Born Nativity at 2pm in All Saints Church. *Unless guidelines change closer to time, Swallows and Duckling parents are welcome to join this service. School and Church request that all parents wear a mask in Church.*





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## YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION - KS1

Back in September, the children in KS1 entered a poetry competition, 'The Poetry Bus'. We are delighted to announce that some of the children have been successful with their entries and can have their work published in a book - The Poetry Bus - Creative Stars. You will have received a letter in your child's school bag with the permission slip which needs completing. Permissions need to be in by today to ensure your child's poem features. You can do this by following the QR link in the letter. We are so excited to see the final publication which parents will be able to purchase for £16.99.

## ★ S.T.A.R. of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Joshua for 'Respect'. Josh - Mr King has been very impressed by your kindness towards others, excellent manners and great focus! Well done!

Robins: Aoife for 'Respect'. Aoife, you have had an amazing first term as a year 4! Not only have you worked consistently hard and with great focus, you are a reliable and kind friend and learning partner, always happy to support others. What a star!

Swallows: Ellison for 'Aspire'. You have been a star this week! You have an amazing attitude to learning - especially in English, and we have been very impressed with how sensible you have been during our nativity rehearsals. You are an amazing role model to the rest of the class!

Ducklings: Henry C for 'Trust' - I can always trust you are doing the right thing and following instructions. You set a good example to the rest of the class. Well Done Henry!

### The House Captains Award this week go to....

**Nidd** - Cuthbert for being a good role model and singing his best (Aspire)

**Ingilby** - James for always having a smile on his face (Aspire)

**Brimham** - Emily for sharing time with friends (Share)

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

Falcons - Joshua (**Ingilby**) and Arthur (**Nidd**)

Robins - Erica (**Ingilby**)

Swallows - Barnaby (**Nidd**)

## Friends of Ripley School

A reminder that raffle tickets are on sale until the 7th December in the courtyard each day. There are so many amazing prizes to be won.

### The winners at today's Fair were:

**Guess the name of the Sloth winner:** Lewis who correctly guessed that Miss Whyte had named the Sloth Ernie. Enjoy your giant Sloth.

**Guess the number of Sweets in the Jar:** Charlie who correctly guessed that Mrs Walker put 89 sweets in the jar. Don't eat them all at once!

**Can you find Santa on the Map Game winner:** Theo who correctly located Santa in South America. We hope you enjoy your new game and chocolate Santa.

**Pin the tail on the Reindeer:** Jensen in KS1 and Hannah in KS2, who won a fantastic the headband game and magic trick box!

And lastly we hope everyone enjoys the sweet treats they won on the ever popular Chocolate game.



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## Safeguarding

### TikTok

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with letters, emoji's and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1billion monthly active users worldwide.

It is important as parent to familiarise yourself with the app and it's content, understand the privacy controls and settings and moderate your child's time on the app.

For more information and safety guidelines for parents, please see the attached PDF.



**If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Mrs Sue McGrogan or Mrs Anya Walker - Designated Safeguarding Leads on 01423 770160.**