



# 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 – 9th July 2021

### ENRICHMENT WEEK

What an eventful enrichment week it has been at Ripley! We started the week in full-flight with a Falconry display. The children were able to watch the birds (Ollie, Oslo, Tomto and Jeff!) in flight, and got to handle and hold them whilst learning lots of interesting facts. We were particularly impressed by the super questions asked by some of our younger children! Having to shut one of our bubbles mid-week, resulting in more than half the school and staff at home isolating, has been a blow. We are really missing our friends and looking forward to seeing them back soon, but, as always, are super-impressed by the resilience and cheerfulness of our children (and parents!) during this difficult time. Unfortunately rain stopped play on Tuesday and we had to postpone Sports Day, but let's hope we can run this in our final week when all the children are back in school. On Wednesday we had a scintillating science work-shop presented by Rodney from 'Sublime Science'. The children managed not to set off the fire alarms when they made Dragon's Breath, used their bodies to form electric circuits, and covered the classroom and bathroom in slime! In the afternoon we had another fun cricket session with Mark Jobling. Of course we were very excited on Thursday morning after the fabulous England game the night before, and the children created bunting for the front of school to support our team... It's coming home! (we hope!). The finale of our week was our trip to Hesketh Farm Park - lots of fun and interesting activities including grooming guinea pigs, riding tractors and helping feed the lambs! Phew!

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	85.23%	94.74%	100%
Year	97.96%	98.52%	97.56%

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
21st July	End of Year KS2 Production 2pm and 5pm Town Hall.
23rd July	Last day of Term, Leavers Assembly
26th July	Staff Training Day
6th Sept	Staff Training Day
7th Sept	School Re-Opens

### RIPLLEY'S GOT TALENT

Well done to all our talented Ripley children - a fabulous range of artwork, baking and super stage performances has made/is making our job as judges almost impossible! We will be announcing the winners of the Art and Bake Off competitions early next week, and will judge KS1's performances in the last week of term.

#### KS2 Talent Show Winners

**1st** = Niamh, Halle and Kaycie-Jade - 'Lavender's Blue' Keyboard and singing, & Freddie, Jake, Arthur, Harrison, Oscar, Samuel, Jack & Will - 'Murder Mystery'

**2nd** = Arthur - 'Beatbox', & Josh and Hugo - 'Magic Maths'

**3rd** Tommy and Gracie-May - 'Battle of the Lightsabers',

*For those currently isolating, please ensure your artwork and baking pictures are uploaded to Seesaw by the end of this weekend. Ducklings can email their entries to the admin address or upload to Tapestry.*



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## STAFF UPDATE

We are really pleased to inform you that Mrs Georgina Lawes has been appointed as next year's Year 5/6 teacher. Mrs Lawes is an experienced teacher and has seen many Year 6 children through their SATs. Her interests include music and art and she has led these subjects in school, as well as science and design technology. Georgina will be visiting school on the 22nd July, I am sure she will be very excited to meet you all.

Next year, Mrs McGrogan and Mrs Walker will become co-base leaders. Mrs Walker will be in charge of school Monday to Wednesday and Mrs McGrogan will be in charge of school Wednesday to Friday. They will become your first point of contact should you need any help or advice on a daily basis.

Should you need to contact a person in relation to a child's welfare, Mrs McGrogan and Mrs Walker will also become the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads following the above weekly working pattern.

Additionally, Mrs Lorna Scott will be joining the team from September 2021. She will work Monday to Thursday afternoons, supporting the Ducklings' from lunch time through to the Comet Club.

Regards

Mrs Jackson-Ward

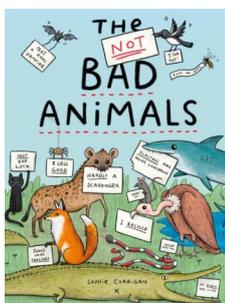
## AUTUMN DINNER MENU'S

The deadline for the return of the Autumn menus is today, however we appreciate that many of the children are now not in school to return them. Therefore, please can you ensure that all menus are either emailed to the admin address, or paper copies dropped off at school (either in person or through the letterbox) by the end of **Monday 12th July**. If posting your menus, please clearly write on the outside of the envelope 'Autumn Menu Return'. Many thanks.

# Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Week's Recommended Read is *The Not Bad Animals* by Sophie Corrigan

Recommended by Marcus Year 2



'I recommend this book because it is hilarious and there are interesting facts about animals. The pig page is my favourite' Marcus Yr2

We all have a certain creature that makes our skin scrawl and give us the 'heebie jeebies'. Spiders that make us scream, mice that make us jump on top of furniture until the coast is clear, or bats that make us shudder at the thought of them flapping around our hair. There are creatures big and small all over the world that make us squirm and wriggle in our seats just at the mere thought of them.



Reading gives you  
wings.

But what did these animals ever do to deserve such a bad reputation? Most of the time it's humans that have labelled them ugly, dangerous and downright gross. But it's one false

acquisition too many for these little guys. They've had enough of being called scary, slimy, nasty and ewwy. They're here to dispel these false acquisitions and set the record straight once and for all!



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## EUROS 2020!

Can you believe it. England are in the finals!

Did you guess last weeks where in the World? Well, it was in fact the Sistine Chapel in Rome! Fun Facts about Rome: The

Romans had built a road network of 53,000 miles by the early fourth century. Each Roman mile was about 4,800 feet and marked by a milestone, giving birth to the saying "All roads lead to Rome." Also Rome has a museum dedicated entirely to pasta.

Where in the world are we?

Look at the sunny, blue sky and beautiful architecture. Where in Europe can we be?

## WHERE IN THE WORLD?



## SAFEGUARDING

### Have You Downloaded the All-New Online Safety App Yet?



The National Online Safety mobile app is now available! We know that making training and resources accessible and convenient for busy members of the school community brings its own challenges. Our app addresses that by offering **free access** to our award-winning resources through any smartphone. It's a simple, flexible way for staff and parents to get

#### BRAND NEW

#### National Online Safety Mobile App

It's time to get **#OnlineSafetySavvy**.

Children are spending more time than ever online. As adults, we need to do everything we can to keep them safe in the digital world. But with new apps, games and platforms emerging every day, how can you stay in the know?

Say hello to the new National Online Safety mobile application. Created by experts, developed by us. With all online safety knowledge available at your fingertips, the NOS app empowers parents and teachers to understand and address online safeguarding risks - any time, anywhere.

The world's most comprehensive online safety app, it's packed with insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect the kids you care about when they're online.



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.