# **RIPLEY ENDOWED**

## CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Growing Together, Guided by Love'

## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024

### **FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD**

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
RIPLEY	96%	96%	96%	97%
BECKWITHSHAW	98%	99%	95%	98%
KETTLESING	97%	95%	98%	98%

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, we come to the end of another successful half term. This first period of the academic year is where new beginnings commence; expectations embedded and where success is built upon. The theme of my message today is that of thanks: thanks and gratitude to all in the federation community. As our parents and carers, I have been blown away with your positivity and offers of some amazing opportunities. School asks, and before any time has passed, responses arrive in abundance - what a team!

Telling the world about our amazing federation and growing our school numbers/community is vital. Not only do we have our new website, but I am also delighted that we now have new marketing materials kindly created with the expertise of one of our parents, Mrs Fletcher. Please do let us know if you are able to 'leaflet drop' and these will be placed in your child's book bag upon return to school. This period in Autumn 2 is the 'golden window' for Reception '25 and so your support is vital. There is no doubt that this will have the desired impact and result in us growing together, guided by love with many more children's lives to be transformed.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to give thanks to our wonderful PTAs for whom without them, we would not have access to hugely vital, additional funding to provide resources and enrichment experiences. The on-going fundraising and Halloween events have been superb. Please do contact the Chair. Mrs Schiffmann-Rowinski and Mrs O'Connor if you would like to support further.

As a personal note to the staff, I thank them for sharing the vision and living out the focus of your children being first in everything they do. We now have a stable and outstanding staff body: students who have a desire to work in our federation; initial teacher training providers who want their

DATES FOR THE DIARY				
DATE	EVENT			
25th Oct	Last day of Autumn 1 half term and Halloween Disco			
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term			
4th Nov	School re-opens to all pupils			
8th Nov	Celebration assembly 8:50am in the Town Hall			
1th Nov	Remembrance - 10:50am at the cenotaph - All Saints Church Ripley			
WC 11th Nov	Anti Bullying Week			
15th Nov	Children in Need - SPOTacular			
18th Nov	Statutory assessment parent/career information evening			
22nd Nov	Walk to School			
26th Nov	Whole school cross country event			
1st Dec	Christingle service - All Saints Church Ripley			
1st Dec	Otley Victorian Fayre - Choir performance			
2nd Dec	Christmas post-box launches			
6th Dec	Celebration assembly 8:50am in the Town Hall			
7th Dec	Royal Hall Christmas Concert - Federation Choir			
8th Dec	Ripley Castle Christmas Market - Ripley choir performance			
12th Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas enterprise day			
13th Dec	Whole school panto trip			
19th Dec	Christmas lunch and party			
20th Dec	Nativity - 2pm All Saints Church			
20th Dec	Last day of term			
23rd Dec - 3rd Jan	Christmas holidays - school closed			

### Headteacher Update Continued.....

students to train under our model; those who worked in my previous settings who made the move with me; those who have been recruited by myself and senior leaders, and those staff who remained with the federation throughout its journey. I can assure you all – your children are incredibly lucky.

The Governors who have completed their first full term at the federation – an expert body with a forensic strategic overview who are wholly committed to their role and the future success and sustainability of the federation. I feel proud to be led by such an inspiring body of highly professional individuals.

You will be aware that another of our federation schools, Kettlesing received their Ofsted inspection recently. This was on the back of Ripley - November '22/March '23, Beckwithshaw – January '22/ July '23 and the SIAMS CE inspection of Ripley- October '23. As ever, we were more than prepared and the areas for improvement from previous inspections, completed effectively. Although we cannot share any judgement yet what I can say is that the continued progress of our federation and the tireless work of staff did not go unnoticed. We expect the report to be with us following the holidays and as a federation, we give thanks to all of you for your continued support as we navigated our way through a record number of inspections. And so, as we break for the holiday period, I leave you with this:

### 'The children are really, really lucky...they will be better people for being in this Federation.'

Have a peaceful and restful half term.

Much love and God bless,

Miss Kirkman Executive Headteacher

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### **Reminders, Updates, and Information**

### COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

A reminder that children should have a coat in school at all times, and a hoodie and joggers/navy or royal blue tracksuit for PE lessons. Children go out in all weathers and suitable warm/waterproof clothing should be provided.

#### JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND ITEMS FROM HOME

A reminder that children may wear small stud earrings and a watch to school, however these must be removed before PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please ensure they are removed before coming to school on PE/sporting event days. Hoop earrings, smart watches and all other jewellery, is not permitted in school.

### INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

A reminder that these are now available to order directly through the Yorkshire Schools Photography website.

### PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS

As we approach the end of the half term, please ensure all accounts are up to date and sessions/ meals are paid for in advance of them being taken. The admin team will be applying final charges on Friday 25th October. Please ensure all remaining balances are cleared in full before Monday 4th November 2024.

#### STATIONARY

From after half term, all children should have their own stationary in school. Please see communication sent out in Miss Kirkman's letter on the 06.09.24

### WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - 26.11.24

Please complete the coach permissions on ParentMail by Friday 8th November 2024.

#### CHILDREN IN NEED SPOTACULAR FUNDRAISER

For a donation of £1.00, children are invited to wear something spotty to school on Friday 15th November to raise money for children in need. Outfits can be as SPOTacularly creative as you wish. Payment is available via ParentMail or cash can be brought in on the day. If you wish to donate more than £1.00, you can do so by adding multiple donations to your ParentMail

#### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PANTO - 13.12.24**

We would like to say a very big thank you to our FORS who are very kindly paying for the whole trip this year. This includes the tickets, coach and an ice-cream/lolly for every child. Mrs Metcalfe will be providing a packed lunch on this day. Please complete the coach permissions, lunch choice and ice-cream selection available on ParentMail no later than Friday 8th November 2024.

As always, if you wish to discuss any financial matters in confidence, please contact a Mrs Randall in the school office.

### **Clubs for Autumn 2**

### Tuesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

### Wednesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Dodgeball Club with Mrs Neate from Sporting Influence

### Thursday 3.20- 4.20pm - Touch Typing Club with Mrs Sidley

Dodgeball will replace tag rugby, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

Both Football and Dodgeball have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

All Clubs will be charged at £6.00 per session and run for 6 weeks from WC 04.11.24 - WC 09.12.24. The full payment of £36.00 will be required to secure your child's place. Please note, there are no clubs on the last week of term.

Booking and payment for all clubs are now available on Parentmail, and will be on a first come first serve basis.

### BOOKING WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON FRIDAY 1st NOV 2024

### **Federation Choir**

For those children who secured a place in the Federation Choir, rehearsals will start WC 4th November, and take place every Wednesday lunchtime with Miss Holstein.

### House of the Half Term!

Congratulation Team **BRIMHAM!** Well done on being this half terms winning house. The children in Brimham will be enjoying a non uniform day and extra playtime on Friday 25th October 2024.



### **Forest School**

A reminder that Forest School will take place on Monday afternoons, in place of PE as follows:

Class 1 - 4th and 11th November

Class 2 - 18th and 25th November, and 2nd, 9th and 16th December

Please ensure Forest School Kit is in school every Monday. Kit lists are sent out prior to each class commencing their sessions. Children must have warm layers, waterproofs and wellies as they will be outside for a few hours in all weathers.

### What is the value of Forest School





Forest school is a child centred learning process, providing learner inspired, hands on experience in a natural environment. It encourages, promotes and develops independence; resilience; confidence; perseverance; risk management; problem solving and social skills. It enables individuals to reconnect with nature and place: developing awe and wonder in the natural world. Children find new skills, new talents, new passions, new friends and they have FUN!

As we watch seasons unfold, life cycles develop, weather impact surroundings, creatures go about their daily lives, we are learning inordinate amounts about ourselves, our world (and even our curriculum!), in an active, experiential way, through play.

Alongside this, we are developing practical skills like using tools, manipulating materials, building shelters, fire lighting, cooking, fire safety, tool safety and teamwork.



Through risk, challenge and adventure we develop our gross and fine motor skills: building muscles which will make us stronger and more capable humans. Many of the skills we learn at Forest School will help us back in the classroom, with physical elements like sitting straight and holding a pencil, but also: improved concentration levels, increased intrinsic motivation and improvements in behaviour, are regularly reported. In a fast pace world of never-ending technology and instant gratification, Forest School gives us the time and space to slow down, reduce anxiety, decrease stress, self-regulate, improve our mental health and BE HAPPY!





### LANGUAGES DAY

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrated the European day of Languages. We kick-started the day with an assembly listening to different children speaking in their native language. Each class worked hard with their speaking skills. Class 3 chose to create shape pictures filled with the word 'peace' in as many different languages.





### WATER SAFETY TALK

North Yorkshire Water came in to speak to us about staying safe in the water. We learnt all about the water cycle and its



different phases. We learnt why we should stay away from reservoirs which can reach freezing temperatures and have hidden machines. We also discussed how we would get out of difficulty if we were stuck. Thank you for this valuable workshop!

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

For World Mental Health Day on October 10th the children across the federation were invited to donate and wear something yellow to raise awareness. Throughout the day, children took part in various HELLO YELLOW activities.



HELLO YELLOW day is a day where we show young people that they are not alone when it comes to their mental health. As a federation we encourage togetherness – this year's Hello Yellow was about being loud and proud, as we all stand together to support young people's mental health. By taking part, we are encouraging our school community to come together and be proud of who they are.

We have also increased awareness regarding mental health– by getting our school involved with Hello Yellow, raising awareness among staff, students, and their families about how to look after their mental health, so that everyone knows they don't have to feel alone if things get tough.

### WELLBRING WORKSHOP WITH MRS PRESTON

A huge thank you to Mrs Preston for our well-being workshop! We really enjoyed our mindful breathing and talking about our emotions as we transition to secondary school.







### NORTH YORKSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

Children across the federation took part in a very special workshop where they were treated to some incredible music performances from North Yorkshire Music Service. They were shown a range of instruments that are on offer, and we had a lot of budding musicians keen to learn.

We hope this has inspired some children to take up lessons and very much look forward to seeing what instruments they choose, if this is something they/you choose to pursue.

### NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE SERVICE

A huge thank you to North Yorkshire Fire Service, who we were delighted to welcome back for our annual fire safety talk.

We learnt how to keep safe at home and to remind parents to check their smoke alarms. We even got to see an amazing fire truck!





### Class 3

Class 3 have had a wonderful start to the Autumn term! We have begun by reading the Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie, which has gripped our imaginations. We have absolutely loved learning the story of Daniel and his adventures to find the magical, mystical 'Nowhere Emporium' alongside the mysterious Mr Silver. In Maths, we have worked hard on our understanding of







place value, including: rounding, negative numbers and roman numerals too! A highlight of Class 3's week has been the amazing Forest School sessions run by Outdoor Adventures. Each week, the children have explored different crafts, built fantastic shelters and enjoyed yummy campfire treats.

Class 2

This half term, Class 2 have been fascinated with the Iron man by Ted Hughes. They have made creative predictions, deepened their understanding of vocabulary and made accurate summaries of the text. They have also created detailed character descriptions and have just finished their own narratives. We are now working on writing a persuasive letter, which will hopefully motivate the Iron





man to save the people from the space-bat-angeldragon!

The children have been working very hard in their place value topic in Maths. We have been rounding numbers up to 10,000 to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000! In Science, we have been learning about food and the process of digestion and the four different types of teeth and their roles. In DT, we investigated what makes a structure strong, stable and stiff so that we can begin to design and make our pavilions. In our French lessons, we have been learning how to greet people. We finished this with a theatre-masked performance!

The children have loved PE with Sporting Influence and during P.E with Mrs Bassitt the children have enjoyed learning the rules and playing dodgeball every Monday. In History, we have been studying how children's lives have changed from the Tudor times to Victorian times to present time, and in Computing we

### Class 1

Class One have had a great start, settling into school. We have been really focused on relearning routines as well as setting high expectations for our behaviour for learning.

During our core subjects, Reception have started learning all about numbers. We have explored a number each week and the children are doing a great job at applying



these to their learning. Year 1 and 2 have been focusing on number and place value exploring the value of numbers up to 100. We have practised lots of our maths skills through songs - which is a real hit! English learning with Reception children has focused a lot on writing their name as well as forming letters correctly that we learn in Phonics. Year 1 and 2 children have written a character description and are learning how to write letters.

### **Royal Hall Charity Concert Update**

#### 24 September 2024

#### Dear Victoria,

#### A Huge THANK YOV for supporting Harrogate Hospital & Community Chariti

It is with great pleasure to be writing to you on behalf of Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity (HHCC) to express our gratitude for your incredible donation of £3287.00 raised at the Rural Schools Concert on Friday 26 April 2024. Your generous charitable gesture will have an amazing impact across the services provided to all under the care at the Sir Robert Ogden Centre (SROMC) at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT).

As you know, HHCC is the registered Charity for #teamHDFT, our aim is to enhance the facilities and environment for patients, their families and colleagues. The dedication of our donors is integral towards our cause and ongoing support. The HHCC and Volunteer Team and I had a wonderful time at the concert, thank you so much for inviting us along, we were delighted to be part of your event.

This vital work of going above and beyond the necessities and enhancing experiences within the NHS would not be possible without the incredible generosity of individuals such as yourselves. Your ongoing kindness is creating a lasting legacy towards those who access our SROMC for many years to come.

HHCC celebrate the impact our donors create by providing updates on the latest HHCC news, events and information. Please find our Keeping in Touch and Gift Aid form on the next page for you to complete and hear about how we are using donations such as yours to help do more for service users and their families.

Thank you once again for your invaluable and immense support. The regular and meaningful giving from all who choose to donate contributes greatly towards the longevity of HHCC and champions our purpose.

Yours sincerely

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Becca Collings Charity and Volunteer Officer



Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Hospital, Planning, 3rd Floor, Lancaster Park Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SX Tel: 01423 557408 or Email: <u>hdft.hhcc@nhs.net</u>



### Safeguarding

### **Halloween and Bonfire Night**

#### Halloween

 Clothing – while it's great for children to dress up, most Halloween costumes are highly flammable so focus on using LED light candles. When trick or treating, children should be supervised at all times and par-

ents aware of the dangers of naked flames in Halloween decor (pumpkins/lanterns) and bonfires.

- **Pumpkin Lanterns** don't use real candles in them, get the led t-lights they are brighter than a real candle.
- **Door knocking** go with parents to people you know. Only knock-on doors where there is a clear sign they want you to, e.g. a lantern on the doorstep. Many people are vulnerable and don't really want lots of people knocking.
- **Treats** always ask a grown up before eating any of the sweet treats you collect. Never accept or eat any homemade treats form people you don't know. Only eat treats that are securely sealed in individual shop brought wrappers.
- **Parents** think, where are your children? Try to encourage children to have a sensible approach to the

#### **Fireworks & Bonfire**

- Attend- organised displays where possible.
- **Sparklers** wear gloves and put each sparkler into a carrot. This makes it much easier for little hands to hold safely. Have a bucket of water to put sparkler sticks in as they are very hot even when out. When at a display, stick them in the ground to cool them and make sure children are in a good space when using sparklers so they don't accidentally burn someone else.

#### If an accident does happen and clothes catch on fire the advice is to STOP, DROP & ROLL

#### **ALWAYS**

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable seller, every firework should have a CE mark on them to state they have passed the required safety standards.
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Always light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Always keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Always direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators or flammable objects such as bushes and trees.

#### **NEVER**

- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket and never throw them.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Never let children play with fireworks.





### Safeguarding

### Halloween and Bonfire Night Cont...

### **Bonfire Questions Answered**

**Q) What is proposed to be burned on the bonfire?** All material should be clean and safe, no treated wood, tyres, plastics, rubber and oil should be burned. Only burn small amounts of paper, leaves, wood and cardboard and ensure the waste is kept secure before burning. If the waste can harm health or pollute the environment it should not be burned.

**Q) Where has that material come from?** Don't be a victim of waste crime, do not accept waste from a business, commercial or industrial setting, it should be waste that has originated from your domestic property only. If you suspect illegal waste activity report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or if waste is being burned contact North Yorkshire Council (Harrogate area) on: 0300 131 2 131 or report it online via this link Environmental protection enquiries and issues - About this form - Section 1 - SRT - My Harrogate or send an email to environmentalprotect.har@northyorks.gov.uk.

**Q) Is it appropriate, safe and legal to burn?** Follow the above advice and that stated in the documents below and ensure you position the bonfire in a safe area where there is no risk of other buildings, land or trees catching fire, or people being hurt. Manage the fire to ensure flames and smoke are controlled, and ensure the fire is never left unattended.

If you decide to have a bonfire or fireworks at home make sure you are fully aware of the information above and that stated in the following useful documents.

Remember Bonfire Night but make it legal and safe: Remember remember bonfire night but make it legal and safe - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Burning waste on campfires and bonfire: GOV.UK

Garden Bonfires: The rules: Garden bonfires: the rules - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

A community guide to celebrating with bonfires and fireworks: Celebrating with bonfires and fireworks - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

RoSPA: https://www.rospa.com/policy/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety



If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

### **Online Parenting Support**

### **Online parenting support for a variety of issues**

Parents and carers | ERIC - Free helpline: 0808 169 9949 Mon to Thur, 10am - 2pm ERIC offers a range of support and information for parents and carers

Potty training Constipation and soiling Daytime bladder problems Bedwetting

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### Body image | YoungMinds

What is body image? How can body image affect my mental health? What to do if you're worried about how you look Body positivity How you can support a friend struggling with body image Get help now

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### Keeping children safe online | NSPCC - Online safety advice

Teenage drinking | Drinkaware

What are the reasons that some teenagers drink, what are the risks, and how can parents and carers help keep them healthy and out of trouble?

Teen Vaping Stats, Facts, How to Spot and How to Help Them to Stop | Allen Carr

Teen Vaping Statistics, Facts, How to Spot and How to Help Teens to Stop Vaping

Worried about your teenager? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

If you're worried about your teenager's behaviour or general wellbeing

Home - Stop.Breathe.Think (stopbreathethink.org.uk)

Stop.Breathe.Think gives young people, aged 21 or younger, access to free 1-1 counselling sessions. No wait times and available nationally, we provide vital support to those who need it right now. Stop.Breathe.

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### **Information and Community Events**

# RIPON Cathedra



# Join us this Autumn

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - 12pm

During October half-term join us for a fun and creative children's activity morning with an Olympic theme!

Everyone is welcome. Price per child is  $\pounds 3$ , which includes all craft materials and refreshments.

To book your place and for further info please email BethWickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk

IPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK



### Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

d Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test? Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

#### How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians use this link for local practices Find an optician - NHS.

#### What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

#### Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to avoid or prevent longer-term eye problems.
- Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- They are no longer tested in school.



How can you tell if your child has an eye problem? Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to take your child for an eye test.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- · having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them

An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

#### Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including screen use. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by managing screen use and encouraging them to get outside often (this helps their eyesight).

#### More Information:

- NHS information: nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/
- · Find an optician: Find an optician NHS
- Information on Vision/Eye tests Humber and North Yorkshire ICB
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in Craven, West Yorkshire ICB
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes College of Optometrists
- Children's eye health Association of Optometrists

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### **Community Events**



# 29TH AND 30TH OCTOBER

LIBRARY GARDENS

10AM - 4PM

FIND OUT MORE: HARROGATEBID.CO.UK/HALLOWEEN

COLLECT A TRAIL SHEET FROM EVERYMAN CINEMA, COMPLETE THE TRAIL AND RETURN YOUR SHEET ON 29TH OR 30TH OCTOBER TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH AND COLLECT YOUR FREE PUMPKIN!

PUMPKINS ARE AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST



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