



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Growing Together, Guided by Love'*

## NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

### FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLEY	95%	95%	96%	96%	NA
BECKWITHSHAW	96%	95%	94%	96%	98%
KETTLESING	96%	97%	96%	96%	NA

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,

What a busy half term we have had already; packed with events, guest speakers, and the amazing Royal Hall Rural Schools concert which, I am delighted to say, will be lead by the federation moving forward. In addition, the remarkable achievement of both Beckwithshaw and Kettlesing Schools being awarded the Service Children Friendly School Award 2024.

As our federation goes from strength the strength the next focus for us is to increase pupil roll. With this in mind, we will be launching our new federation website with links to each school site along with a marketing strategy to support. Please do let us know if you would like to be involved and we can work as a team to ensure future success and sustainability in our wonderful, small, rural schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
2nd May	Change to Dinner Menu
2nd May	FORS Bags to School
6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
WC13th May	KS2 Y6 SATS
16th May	Mini Food Fest Special Dinner Menu
20th May	FORS Spring Bake Sale
21st May	KS2 Maths Quiz
24th May	Last Day of Summer 1 Term
27th - 31st May	Half Term - School Closed
3rd June	Summer 2 Term
WC 3rd June	Y4 Multiplication check (2 weeks)
WC 10th June	Phonics Screening Check Y1
11th June	KS2 Countryside Day
17th June	School House Photography
18th June	Y1-4 Dodgeball Competition
19th June	Royal Celebration Special Menu
19th - 21st June	Y6 Residential
21st June	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

### GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

We held our first Governing body meeting on 15th April where we came together to welcome new governors to the Federation Governing Board and enable them to meet other members. Explanation of the role and responsibilities of governors was given along with background material on the federation's strengths and areas to develop further. Our governing body has a strategic role in the development of the school, helping to set and maintain the broad framework within which the Executive Headteacher and the staff should run the schools. They will provide support and offer advice and information but also to provide some challenge. The governing body is there to monitor and evaluate the school's effectiveness and to ensure accountability.

As stated in my previous communications regarding our newly formed Governing Body, we have highly skilled members who are experts in their own fields representing a wide range of industries. This a an exciting time for our federation as we go from strength to strength in our journey to 'outstanding.'

### Harrogate District School of Sanctuary

This month saw the SMSC Committee host a flag day which takes our running total to



£968.55



## Reminders, Updates, and Information

**ITEMS FROM HOME** - A polite reminder that children should not bring items from home into school. This includes, but is not exclusive to, items such as toys, electronics (including smart watches), crafting, stationary, swap cards, cosmetics/toiletries including lip balms, hand cream and sanitisers.

**MEDICINES** - If your child requires medicine in school, a request to administer medicine must be completed before leaving any medicine with a member of staff. Please note we cannot administer non prescription medicines, and items such as topical creams and throat sweets are not permitted in school.

**SNACKS** - We welcome KS2 children to bring a healthy break time snack in from home. A polite reminder that sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks and fruit juice, are not permitted in school.

## YEAR 4/5 Residential

We are delighted that so many children have signed up to the Year 4/5 Federation Residential. Please be advised that payment is now available on ParentMail.

As always, if you wish to discuss financial matters in confidence, please do not hesitate to call Mrs Randall on 01423 770160

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Sean Perkins Author Visit

This month we were visited by Sean Perkins. He is an author and illustrator, who specialises in children's picture books. Sean has written and illustrated the second instalment in the Oscar and Ben series entitled 'Oscar and Ben - The Birthday Party.' During his visit on 'The Oscar and Ben Roadshow', Sean spoke about his working life as an author and what inspired him to start reading and eventually write his own books. Sean read his story (along with sound effects and props!) and the children absolutely loved his visit.



### SMSC Committee Flag Day Fundraiser for Schools of Sanctuary



Another fun fundraiser for Schools of Sanctuary. The children looked fabulous in their flags, and spent some time researching and sharing facts about their countries, as well as listening to music from around the globe.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Class 1 Harlow Carr

The children in Class 1 had a fantastic trip to Harlow Carr. They learnt about how plants grow, investigated different types of plants and did some of their own planting. They explored the gardens and of course, thoroughly enjoyed their time in the playgrounds. What a great day! A big thank you to Mrs Allen for volunteering her time to come on the trip with us.



### Forces Special Assembly and Service Award

A huge thank you to Mrs Carr for her military and forces introduction assembly. Mrs Carr is one of our federation parents and one of our Governors. We absolutely loved hearing about her journey and experiences, and the children had so many fantastic question.

Huge congratulation to our sister schools, who were both winners this month, and awarded Service Children Friendly School 2024.





## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Scholastics Book Fair

What a fantastic response we had to the Scholastics book fair. We have such enthusiastic readers at Ripley, and thanks to the purchases you made, school will be able to buy some new books from the proceeds for next year. Congratulation's to our token winners too!



### ROYAL HALL CONCERT

What a fantastic evening raising money for the Robert Ogden Cancer Centre and Road Safety Lauren Doherty. We are immensely proud of the children across the federation that participated, and to all the families that supported this wonderful event.





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### Class 1

April has been a very exciting month for class 1, looking at our wonderful world and growing.

The children had an amazing day at Harlow Carr exploring the plants and grounds.



We have had an exciting delivery of caterpillars that the children have loved investigating.

I'm sure you have heard all the children signing the 7 continents song we have learnt in Geography. We look forward to exploring this more throughout the rest of this half term.

### Class 2

Class 2 are learning about schools in history and have been looking for similarities and differences in schools of the past and present. There were lots of discussions about electronic devices and the history of them being used in schools.

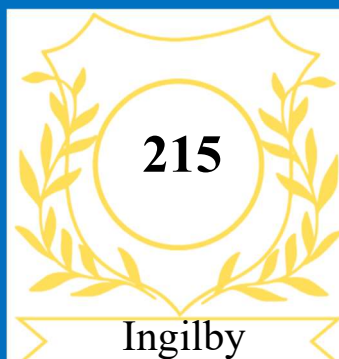


### Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed beginning their new Art topic exploring expressive drawing techniques. We linked this with our History topic, looking at Mayan artwork in particular the work by Diego Rivera. We enjoyed then using his drawing and painting as inspiration for our own sketches.



## House Point Tally



# Safeguarding



Keeping children safe online

## A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.**

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

**What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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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

## Community Events

HHCC's

It's a

Knockout  
2024

Harrogate Hospital  
& Community Charity  
Registered Charity Number: 1050008



TEAMS OF 10!

SUNDAY  
30 JUNE 2024

10AM - 3PM

HARROGATE RAILWAY  
ATHLETIC F.C.,  
HG2 7JA

Join HHCC for an action  
packed, fun filled day to  
remember!

This inflatable games  
arena is full of wacky  
games, inflatable  
obstacles and not  
forgetting the foam!

**£25 per person**

Or set up a virtual donation page on  
the HHCC website!

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# HHCC's Summer Extravaganza featuring It's A Knockout

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30 JUNE 2024

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**FREE  
ENTRY!**

**It's A Knockout**

**Bouncy Castle • Kids Rides**

**Food Stalls • Face Painting**

**Donkeys**

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