



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Growing Together, Guided by Love'*

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

### FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLLEY	96%	96%	96%	97%	NA
BECKWITHSHAW	95%	94%	95%	98%	95%
KETTLESING	96%	98%	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 Parent and Carers,

As we come towards the end of the Spring Term I would like to share some wonderful highlights with you and reflect on what has been another, outstanding term.

Children have experienced a wealth of enrichment activities: Railway Museum, Leeds City Museum, Leeds City Art Gallery, Zoom calls with NASA Astronauts, Zoom calls with famous authors and illustrators, life-saving Mini-Medics, chicks, dance competitions, Easter bonnet parades and much more! These valuable experiences lift our curriculum off the paper and give your children the most memorable life experiences. You can follow all our activities on our social media accounts.

In addition to the above, we have again been successful with gaining awards: all schools receiving national attendance awards -Beckwithshaw and Ripley in the top 25% and Kettlesing in the top 10%! Kettlesing and Beckwithshaw have also been shortlisted for the Service Children's Friendly School Award 2024 (we find out on 22.03) and the Kettlesingers sang beautifully in the Harrogate Competitive Music Festival 2024. As you can see, even though a short term, we have done so much!

Thank you so much to all those who filled in our Spring Term Questionnaire, as you will see from the above, trips, visits, clubs, staffing, and experiences post pandemic were key points raised from Autumn along with help for homework to support yourselves and increased communication channels. The questionnaires are a super way for us to support you and to action your ideas and thoughts. Thank you so much for all the wonderful responses to this term's. Highlights being that your children are telling you all about their learning when they get home; communication continues to be much improved; staffing is settled and children learning well; your children have access to more clubs and trips and the competitions they now take part in build that team spirit . 100% feel their child is kept safe at school; that your child does well in school and that 'staff are working well together and are happy and fulfilled in their job. They all know the children even if they are not in their class.' All these comments really do shine through.

Of course, there are always things for us to reflect on and this is why we hugely value not only termly questionnaires but the conversations we have with you. The feedback regarding teacher/TA support if staff are redeployed for behaviour support; increased usage of school fields, even more whole federation events; FORS, FOBS and FOKS targeted fundraising ; cooking and baking (life skills) and even more clubs on offer will all be discussion points as we transition after Easter from an IEB to a Full Governing body: another hugely exciting and positive move forward for our federation.

I continue to be proud of all stakeholders and to lead this wonderfully successful federation of schools - I know you are too as 100% of those who completed the questionnaire felt proud that their child attends our federation. How delightful!

Wishing you all a restful, Easter break and on behalf of all staff, thank you.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

### DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
25th March - 5th April	Easter Holidays - School closed to all pupils
8th April	Staff Training Day - School Closed
9th April	School Re-Opens to all pupils
9th April	Royal Hall Rehearsal - 3.45pm at Kettlesing
10th - 15th April	Scholastics Book Fair
12th April	SMSC - Flag Day
12th April	Forces Assembly - pupils only
15th April	Sean Perkins Author Talk
18th April	Class 1 Harlow Carr Trip
19th April	Owl Adventures
19th April	Royal Hall Rehearsal - 3.45pm at Ripley
25th April	Healthy Schools Workshop
26th April	Royal Hall Concert
6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
WC 13th May	KS2 SATS
24th May	Last Day of Summer 1 Half Term

### Harrogate District School of Sanctuary

We are delighted that due to a very kind donation of £71.00 this half term, our total now stands at

**£926.55**



School of  
**SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

## Reminders, Updates, and Information

**PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS** - Please ensure all outstanding balances on your child's ParentMail accounts are settled in full by the end of the Spring term/Easter Holidays.

A polite reminder that all school dinners, and wraparound care bookings should be paid for in advance of the meal/session being taken. Where dinners or wraparound care fall into arrears, letters will be sent home in line North Yorkshires policies, and the T&C's of Club.

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

## CLUBS FOR SPRING 2

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

**Wednesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Athletics Club with Sporting Influence**

**Thursday 3.20- 4.20pm - Tuition Club with Miss Lear and Miss Holstein**

**Friday 3.20- 4.20pm- Tuition Club with Miss Lear**

**Friday 3.15 - 3.45pm - Choir with Miss Holstein**

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

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

All Clubs will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 7 weeks from WC 09.04.24 - WC 20.05.24. The full payment of £31.50 will be required to secure your child's place.

**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 MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024**

### **SATS CLUB - Year 6**

**Miss Lear will be running a Year 6 SATS Club every Thursday after school from 3.20 - 4.20pm - this club is free of charge**

## SUMMER TERM - SWIMMING

A reminder that children will need with them in school every Thursday:

- Girls: One piece costume (no bikinis or tankinis) towel and bag.
- Boys: Trunks or swimming shorts (thigh length, not fashion shorts), towel and bag.
- All children with long hair must wear a swimming hat or have hair tied back.
- Jewellery is not permitted to be worn during swimming lessons.
- Goggles maybe worn and remain the responsibility of individual children. Children may be asked to remove their goggles for some elements of the lesson programme.
- Children may on occasions be asked to bring clean clothing or pyjamas to wear for water safety lessons. This should be light weight clothing which can be removed easily and worn over the top



**Payment for the full term is available to pay on ParentMail +Pay**

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Class 3 Queen Ethelburga's - Samba Drumming Workshop

Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip out to the Samba drumming workshop at Queen Ethelburga's this week. They played as part of a huge ensemble (bateria) and had such fun learning different rhythmic patterns.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, our federation celebrated all of the wonderful words found in the amazing literature we read. The day started by reading our key text 'The Barnabus Project' and sharing our fabulous word costumes. Classes then created different elements from the Barnabus Project to make a wonderful display, and took part in a vocabulary parade. What an amazing effort from everyone!



### KS1 DANCE COMPETITION

Mrs Bassitt and Mrs Regan had the pleasure of taking Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the KS1 dance tournament at Ashville College. Ripley won the 'style' award!



### SCIENCE WEEK

What a fabulous week exploring Science and bringing the curriculum to life! A real highlight for classes 2 and 3 was our mini medics day, where children learnt how to be life savers! In the morning they learnt how to put people in the recover position and CPR, and in the afternoon they learnt about choking, as well as how to bandage a wound. Congratulations to our new mini medics! They will all be receiving a certificate in due course.



### COMIC RELIEF



Thank you to all who donated. We raised £34 for this amazing cause, and the children learnt all about how their money will help.

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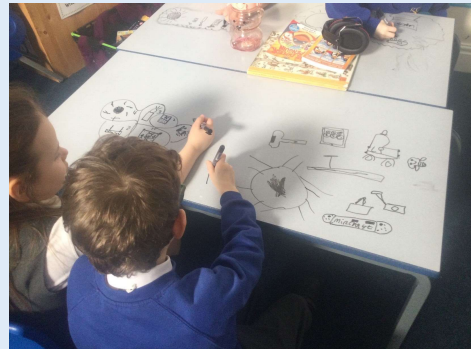
### Class 1

In class one, reception have been looking at our local area in more detail, drawing maps and finding out what Ripley is famous for. Year one, have been writing setting description from the book Meerkat Mail, describing the Kalahari Desert, where Sunny lives with his family. The children enjoyed the dance festival and we are so proud of their performance. Have an amazing Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone in the summer term.



### Class 2

Class 2 have been learning all about the Amazon rainforest. We have explored what makes up a rainforest as well as what a rainforest is like. We have also discussed what is happening in the Amazon at the minute and the impact that humans are having on our natural world. Class 2 have enjoyed learning about Light this half term. We have learnt about different light sources and how light reflects into our eyes. We also know that light travels in straight lines and when it is blocked, it forms a shadow.



### Class 3

This half term, Class 3 are learning about monitoring devices in Design Technology. We thought carefully about different animals that would use these. They have accessed cross curricular learning by linking with Computing and exploring how to write a program to monitor the ambient temperature, including an alert. Class 3 used our new BBC micro:bits to programme this themselves so that if the temperature dropped too low a sad face would appear and beep noise would sound. Fabulous coding Class 3!



## House Point Tally



**LIVE  
FOR  
TODAY**

*Disc Golf @ Ripley Castle*



# You're Invited!

**Saturday 30th March 2024**

**10am - 3pm | FREE**

Ripley residents are invited to join Live For Today to celebrate the launch of our latest activity on the castle grounds, Disc Golf.

**RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**



# COMMUNITY

## Woodland Wellbeing Forest School Sessions



**For children aged 6-12yrs**

**Saturdays 9.30-11.30am beginning Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**In the Grounds of Moorside Primary School and Nursery,  
Ripon, HG4 1SU**

**Ratio- 1 leader: 4 children (total 8 places)**

**This is a programme of 6 sessions aimed at supporting children with their  
physical, social and emotional wellbeing**

**Forest School in a small group environment, where individuals can be supported  
and have the space to flourish in nature**

**Our leaders play and explore with the children; side by side using a therapeutic  
approach, to build their confidence, resilience, independence and self-esteem**

**Sessions include natural craft, tools, fire lighting, campfire cooking, den building,  
mud play, tree climbing, hammocks and more....**

**£25 per session including snacks**

**For more information or to book:**

**Email- [outdooradventuresbookings@gmail.com](mailto:outdooradventuresbookings@gmail.com)**

**Call- 07739420136**

**Join our Facebook page- Outdoor Adventures Forest School**

# Safeguarding



Keeping children safe online

## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



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



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**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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[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

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