



# Ripley Infant School

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## **RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:** **Autumn Term 1 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Thank you!**

We are nearing the end of a very unusual first half term; we have had a very different start to a very different year for all of us. It has been wonderful to have all of the children back in school and they have all settled back into the routines of daily school life so well. As you know the situation locally and nationally has been constantly changing and I cannot thank you enough for all of your support and cooperation throughout this time.

### **Contacting School & Parent Consultations**

In order to remain Covid secure visitors to school are being kept at an absolute minimum. We appreciate that this can be challenging at times and it is important that communication between parents and school is effective. If you have any concerns or queries you can:

Telephone school on 01773 743354,

Email the school office: [info@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk),

Email myself : [headteacher@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Email your child's class teacher or communicate using Tapestry.

Mrs Skermer and I will continue to be at the school gates at both drop off and pick up times if you need to pass any messages on.

Unfortunately our usual parent consultation evenings will not be able to go ahead but we will be offering telephone consultations after half term, details to follow.

### **Remote Learning**

In the event that your child has to isolate or a bubble needs to close our remote learning resources can be found on our website. Please post any completed work on Tapestry and staff will feedback to you. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact school and a printed home learning pack will be made available to you.

### **Reading Books**

Thank you to everyone who has been using the Big Cat online reading resource and recording all the reading that is being done at home on Tapestry. From after half term we will be sending a phonetically decodable book home plus an additional challenge text each week. These will then be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back into circulation. Big Cat books will still be available online to supplement the books sent home.



Don't forget our bookworm loyalty cards. If your child reads 3 times a week over a five week period, they will receive a free book to keep as a reward.

## **PTA & Fundraising**

During these challenging times our PTA have been looking at a range of ideas for fundraising in a Covid secure way. Please see the PTA autumn competition letter for more details of their latest activity.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our Cauliflower Cards fundraising this year.

## **Christmas Plays & Performances**

Although we are not able to do our usual Christmas performances this year your child will still be taking part in a Christmas Performance. Each bubble will perform their own Christmas Play which will be recorded and uploaded to Tapestry. Miss Saunders is also planning an outdoor socially distanced Carol Concert which will be video recorded and hopefully available on DVD.

## **Other News**

- Cool milk deliveries will begin again after half term. If you would like your child to receive daily milk, and haven't already signed up for Cool Milk please contact school for further details.
- Year 1 will be enjoying a 'Virtual Royal Visit' after half term. We are looking forward to seeing all of your amazing costumes on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- Year 2 children will be required to undertake the Phonic Screening Check before the end of the Autumn term. A letter giving further details will follow after half term.
- We will be conducting a survey to collate information from parents regarding their views about the school response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you a very relaxing mid-term break.

**Many Thanks**

*P Doleman*

Mrs P Doleman  
Headteacher

