



# Ripley Infant School

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## **RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:** **Autumn Term 1 2022**



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **What a wonderful first half term!**

As the mid-term break approaches, we are reflecting on what has been an extremely busy first term in school. All our new children have settled in extremely well and the classrooms have been a hive of activity.

Every class has been demonstrating a super attitude towards learning, the children have been an absolute credit; working hard, trying their best and always giving 100%. I cannot wait to see what more they will achieve in the coming weeks and months! May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the term and look forward to working with you in the coming months.

### **Sporting Success**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October our Athletics team went to Alfreton Leisure Centre to take part in the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership KS1 Sportshall athletics competition. The children competed in a range of athletic events and finished in a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We are very proud of their achievements and were also impressed by their wonderful sporting attitude. Our thanks go to Mrs Start for coaching the team and to Mrs North for supporting the children at the event.

### **Harvest**

Our Harvest celebration took place in church on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. It was lovely to be able to have the opportunity to share this with parents again after such a long time. The children were, as always, an absolute credit to school. Many thanks for your kind donations for our harvest baskets. These have been donated to the church for distribution in the community.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the support we received for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised a fantastic £136.10 for this very worthy cause but we couldn't have done it without your kind donations, attendance at the coffee morning and generosity with the after school cake sale!

### **Parking Issues**

We have been asked to remind you once again that, for the children's safety, it is important that cars are not illegally parked on pavements, blocking driveways or pedestrian access, or on the zig-zag markings outside of school. Please try to reduce your speed when driving near to school and be considerate to our neighbours and pedestrians when parking.



### **Jotter App**

Parents are able to download the jotter2 app to their phones in order to maximise our options for communication. The app links directly to our website and will help keep you up to date with newsletters, notices and updates. It is available for both i-phone and android. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff to assistance.

### **Welcome Mrs Richardson & Mrs McCourt**

We are delighted to welcome 2 new members of staff to our team. Mrs Richardson and Mrs McCourt are our new School Business team working in the school office. They are both looking forward to working with you all and getting to know you.

### **Christmas Plays 2022**

This academic year there will be 2 Christmas performances. Our EYFS children (Owls & Robins) will perform their Nativity on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December and there will be a different performance by Year 1 (Ravens & Skylarks) on 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. Year 2 will be taking part in a production of their own at the end of the academic year but will participate in carol singing and other Christmas activities in school.

Tickets for the Christmas performances will be limited to 2 per family due to the capacity of the hall and health and safety regulations. Further details will follow after half term.

### **Lunchtimes**

Our children continue to enjoy a wide range of activities during lunchtime and this year we have introduced a Forest School lunchtime session for those children who benefit from a focused activity. For those children who prefer a calmer, quieter lunchtime, from after half term there will be a range of indoor activities for example jigsaws, Lego, drawing & colouring, small world play etc. that they can do with Mrs Skermer in 'The Shed'. We really hope that this will result in a more enjoyable lunchtime for everyone.

### **Other News**

- All our children had the opportunity to take part in Road Safety workshops this term. We are sure they will be able to tell you all about keeping safe.
- The ASPIRE day in EYFS was a great experience and it was lovely to see the children dressed as people they would like to be when they grow up. The emergency services were very well represented!
- Year 1 enjoyed an amazing Dinosaur Day thanks to Dinostars. We now have quite a few budding palaeontologists!
- Year 2 had a fantastic time on their visit to The Deep. They learnt so much about the creatures that live in the sea and it was a wonderful way to end this term's topic.
- We will be selling poppy merchandise in support of the Royal British Legion after half term. Look out for further details of what is available.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> is Children in Need Day. To raise funds for this worthy cause we will be holding a 'Spotty' dress-up day. More details will follow after half term.
- Wake & Shake Club takes place on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.15-8.45am. Spaces are still available so if you are interested please call in to the school office.

I would like to wish you a very relaxing mid-term break, see you all back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Many Thanks**

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Headteacher

