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RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: **Autumn Term 2 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ripley Infants are Xmas superstars!

The children put on two amazing Christmas plays this year and really showed what fantastic performers they are. The EYFS performance of 'Cockadoodle Christmas' set the standard and really got everyone in the festive mood, and that was followed by the Year 1 performance 'The Inn-spectors'. Sadly we had to postpone the 2nd performance of the Year 1 play due to high levels of both staff and pupil absence but I am sure those of you who will hopefully see it next week will enjoy it! I am so proud of each and every child who worked so hard to learn the songs, actions and individual parts for both of the Christmas plays this year; your children are a real credit to you and the school. A special thank you also needs to go to the staff for all their hard work and dedication, preparing the children and creating the staging and props. We will be going to All Saints church for our annual Carol Service on Monday 19th December. You are welcome to attend and staff will be looking for volunteers to walk to church with us.

Sporting Success!

On Thursday 17th November we took two Handball teams to compete in the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership competition at Alfreton Leisure Centre. Our first team finished as fabulous runners-up, losing out on first place by goal difference, and our second team finished in a well-deserved fourth! Special mention goes to Ruby who was spotted as not only playing brilliantly but also showing the perfect example of sportsmanship. Well done to both teams, we are very proud of you.

Thank you to Mrs Start for coaching the teams so successfully and to Miss Saunders and Mrs Clayton for giving their time and lending their support.

Parking Issues

We have been asked to remind you once again that, for the children's safety, it is vital that cars are not illegally parked on pavements, blocking driveways or pedestrian

access; you will have noticed that we have now coned off the zig-zag markings outside of school to ensure that they are kept clear. Please try to reduce your speed when driving near to school and be considerate to our neighbours and pedestrians when parking. The relevant authorities have been informed as there is becoming a real danger to the safety of our children on a daily basis!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our established governing body. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact the school for an informal chat about the role or for an application pack.

Other News

- Christmas Party Day is Tuesday 20th December. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes for that day.
- Our Children in Need fundraising raised a total of £197.71! Our Christmas Jumper Day raised a total of £106.51 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone for the generosity shown.
- As part of their 'Fabulous Festivals' topic our EYFS children visited All Saints Church to take part in a 'Wedding' and 'Baptism'.
- Key Stage 1 had a wonderful time at 'Aladdin' the Derby Live pantomime at Derby Arena. The children's behaviour was excellent as always.
- Our Wednesday After School Sports Club will be Dodgeball next term. This is open to children in EYFS & Year 1.
- 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 the school office.
- We break up for Christmas on Wednesday 21st December and return to School on Monday 9th January.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many Thanks

P Doleman

Mrs P Doleman
Headteacher

