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RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: Spring Term 2 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Back together again!

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back in to school after another period of lockdown. They have returned in such a positive way and have settled back into routine quickly. It is lovely to have such a lively, productive buzz about school and it has been great to see children learning together both inside and outside of the classroom.

I would also like to say a huge thank you once again for all of your support with the home learning during lockdown. I understand how challenging it has been but every activity completed and every Teams meeting attended has really benefitted the children. I hope that this is not something we have to return to but we now have the systems in place should remote learning be called for again.

In the first week back after the holiday, we ask that you keep to the current plan, wearing face masks, social distancing and following our current risk assessment protocols. We await further guidance about how the planned changes to the route map will affect life in school. We are hoping that, as everybody is able to mix more outside, schools will be able to plan further outside activities to enrich the children's learning experience. We are cautiously optimistic!

Governors

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we now have a full complement of governors on our governing body. Mr Stephen Foulkes and Mrs Mandie Beighton have been appointed as co-opted governors following our recent governing body meeting. They bring a wealth of experience in terms of finance and education respectively. On behalf of the school and governing body I would like to welcome them and we look forward to working together to continue the journey to make our school and even better place.

PTA

Our PTA did a fantastic job organising our Easter raffle. It was very well supported and raised a terrific £237. A huge thank you for the donations we received and a special mention for Mrs Skermer and Claire Pickering (Chair of the PTA) in particular for all their hard work to make it happen.

Absence Reporting

Please report absences by phoning school before 9am or by emailing info@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk. If the absence is related to Covid-19 please ensure you email our dedicated inbox covidreporting@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk. Please do not use Tapestry or email class teachers directly to notify us of any absence as this is not appropriate and is not accessed by our admin team who deal with attendance. Thankyou.

Comic Relief

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations for Comic Relief. Our Pyjama/non-uniform day raised a fantastic £169.50! This money will be used to help children and vulnerable families at home and abroad.

Other News

- This week has seen our Fun Phonics sessions taking place. Check out Tapestry to see all the different Phonics games children have been playing to develop their phonic knowledge.
- Year 2 have been designing their own chocolate bars as part of their work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The ideas were mouth-watering and I hope you got to share some of their tasty treats.
- Forest School sessions will begin again after Easter. Miss Salt will be taking Starlings children to Shaw Wood on Fridays starting on April 23rd.
- Our EYFS after school club with Miss Wilson has been very successful. Sessions will again be offered to Owls and Robins for the new club after Easter.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and hope that you enjoy a restful Easter break. See you all back again on Monday 19th April!

Many Thanks

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Headteacher