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RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half term we've had!

The children have continued to work hard since they came back after Easter and our recent assessments have shown how much progress they have made in English, Maths, Science and Phonics. Thank you for all your continued support at home too. It really does make a difference. We continue to publish our learning plans and resources on our website under the remote learning tab; if you would like more information about what your child is doing in class you can find it there.

Despite the continuing restrictions we have also been able to offer our children some additional enrichment activities this half term. Year 2 completed Bikeability sessions, the whole school had the opportunity to have a go at the Ozzy the Octopus Obstacle Course and everyone also had the chance to try some freestyle footballing skills with Dan Magness. As always we aim to make learning fun!

Staffing

Mrs Broadbent will be temporarily leaving us part way through next half term as she is expecting a new baby. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her on this lovely news.

Next half term will be the last one at Ripley Infants for Ms Gerrard and Ms Worton as they will be leaving us in the summer. We wish them both the very best for the future.

Transition Arrangements

This year we will be having a transition week where the children will be working in their new classes with their new teachers for the next academic year. This will be the week commencing 5th July. Year 2 children will be at Ripley Junior School on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th that week and will be taught here, in their current classes, on the other days completing transition based activities. You will be informed of your child's new teacher and class prior to this date.

End of Year reports will be sent out on Friday 16th July.

Other News

- We have 1 INSET day remaining for this academic year. This will be on **21st June**. Confirmed INSET day dates for next academic year are **2nd & 3rd September, 23rd December, 28th February and 27th June**. All these dates are also available on our website.
- We continue to develop our outdoor learning provision and we now have some new playground markings ready for use with our bikes and scooters after half term. A new bike and scooter park is soon to be installed near the front gate. This will be a safe place to park scooters or bikes for those of you who are cycling or scooting to school.
- Year 1 teachers are busy planning a Pirate Day and a Seaside Day in school for the children to link with their topic Treasure Island next half term. More details to follow.
- Year 2 classes will be planning their own individual leavers performance. This will be recorded and shared with you in the same way as the Christmas performances. As you will have seen from the letter from cluster headteachers the schools in our cluster are restricting parents on site for the remainder of this academic year making any live performance impossible.

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

Many Thanks

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