

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - 25TH NOV 2022

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I wanted to begin by putting a spotlight on our superb Friends Committee and volunteers for planning and running such super events throughout the academic year to raise vital funds for our school. Any help that you can offer, I am sure, would be greatly appreciated.

You may be aware that Ripley School had an Ofsted monitoring visit recently which we will be able to share once published. We continue to drive school improvement daily across the federationand this is having a hugely positive impact on the schools and the quality of education your children receive.

Covid is still very real in school and so please continue to promote regular handwashing and hygiene especially at this time of the year with other, winter bugs also. If your child has a positive test, we now advise that they return after three days or two negative tests whichever is soonest. I wanted to share a website with you https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch.This is a website that makes suggestions for parents and children of books they might like to try. For example, if a child particularly likes one type of author, there are suggestions of other authors or books that children might like to try. I thought this would be useful to you in the run up to Christmas if you are looking for Christmas presents or stocking fillers - after all, reading is the foundation upon which everything else is built!

This is my favourite time of the year creating such special memories for our children: nativities, carols, Christmas dinners and parties, all of which we will be putting on this year and we very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next three weeks.

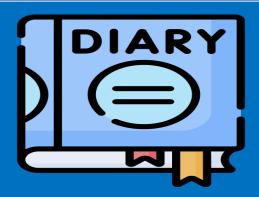
Wishing you all a peaceful, restful festive break and a very happy New Year!

Much love and God bless,

Miss Kirkman

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DATE	EVENT
02.12.22	Friends Christmas Fair in the Village Hall
05.12.22	IEB Meeting –All Saints Ripley
07.12.22	Nativity in the Village Hall
08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
13.12.22	Fun Session—Swimming
15.12.22	Christmas Lunch
15.12.22	Christmas Party
16.12.22	Last day of term
19.12.22 - 02.01.23	School Closed for Christmas Holiday
03.01.23	Staff Training Day - school closed
04.01.23	School Re-Opens







UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Pantomime Visit

The children had an amazing morning joining with our friends from Ripley School to enjoy Harrogate Theatres Aladdin Pantomime on Wednesday, oh yes they did! It was lovely to be able to be back at the theatre being immersed in the atmosphere. A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends committee who paid for the coach and the children's ice-creams at the interval.





Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that dressed up, baked, took part in our Pudsey games, and donated to last weeks Children in Need event, we raised a whopping £169.00 for this very worthy charity.

School Photographs

You will all now have your individual passwords for your child's school photograph. Please do take a look at these and if you would like to purchase any of the prints, this can be done securely via the School House website



House Point Tally

Fire—138

Earth - 140

Water - 136

Air - 137



Christmas At Kettlesing

Calendar of Events

Friday 2nd December:

Our incredible Friends committee will be holding their annual Christmas Fair in the Village Hall from 5.30pm. They have

some amazing stalls, a licensed bar and some incredible raffle prizes—please see the Friends page for further details. If you need any more raffle tickets please do let us know and we look forward to seeing you all there.



Monday 5th December:

We look forward to seeing all your best Christmas Jumpers. We would ask for a voluntary suggested donation of £1 for this event. All profits will go to the Save The Children charity.

Wednesday 7th December:

The children are all rehearsing hard and learning their parts for this years Nativity, which will take place in the Village Hall at 2pm. We hope you will be able to join us for this star studded event

Tuesday 13th December:

We shall be having our final swim sessions for the year. This will be the Christmas fun session, which the children love, so don't forget those swim bags!

Thursday 15th December:

To end the year we have our delicious Christmas dinner followed by our Christmas party. Please can we ask that the children bring their party clothes in a named bag, ready to change into after lunch.



It's Another Kettlesing Christmas

Here we all are again Christmas 2022,

And who would have believed I'd have another rhyme for you!

It's been quite a year, one way and another,

But it's Christmas now, nearly, so time to recover.

This year things changed direction with the Elevate dream,

But Miss Kirkman stayed on and stepped up for our team!

She's guiding our schools in the very best way,

I can't imagine she sleeps, she must work night and day.

She's right at the heart of our federation,

She's in this school, than that school, we have so much admiration.

She quickly became our federation hero,

Perhaps Santa will reward her with a trip to Rio De Janeiro?

She's here for the long haul, unlike Miss Truss,

And we truly are grateful that she is sticking with us.

So thank you Miss Kirkman for steering our ship,

We are so happy to have such great leadership.

Talking of which, Mrs Foy joined the leadership crew,

So you know what this means... a new lanyard for you!

A new photo you said, can't get David Bailey as he has the flu,

So with my photo skills you really will have to make do!



It's Another Kettlesing Christmas

We've seen lots of changes this year, as I say,

One being Miss Miller upstairs teaching away.

Now that she's up there we hear the children all say,

"Do we really, truly, have to work all day"?

She's spurring them on to do their very best,

In Miss Miller's class there really is no time to rest!

We welcomed Mr Farrimond into year 3 and year 4,

Not sure he realised what he was letting himself in for.

It's really not the children you see, they're an amazing bunch

It's that he needs to start the children dancing at the Christmas Party, after lunch.

Now the floss had been mastered for just such an occasion,

By Mrs Parkin, she really was born in the wrong generation!

So Mr Farrimond, we'll see what you can do,

Maybe you'll make up something brand new?

There's a lot to live up to, to fill those dancing shoes,

But we all have every faith in you!

What a truly busy year it's been,

We all sadly said our goodbyes to the Queen.

We visited Museums and the panto too,

The fire brigade came with their crew— Thank you Mr Gall!



It's Another Kettlesing Christmas

We've been swimming at Nidderdale every week,

It really is quiet when you are going off peak.

And we were all so proud that we got out the flags

As I only made 20 calls to parents for forgotten swim bags.

But when Christmas gets here you won't worry a bit,

Whether it's a school uniform day or they should come in PE kit,

You can take a deep breath, let those shoulders unhunch,

And stop worrying about whether you've paid for their lunch.

We can nearly relax and enjoy this time,

After the last few years that seems quite sublime.

We can gather with family and also with friends,

We can meet up with each other and enjoy till the end.

Once again it feels like Christmas should be

And our Christmas cards don't even need to go into quarantine! - remember, this is not my day job!

But we're not quite there yet, there's still work to do,

Miss Kirkman will be checking how much I've got through.

So I'll say my goodbyes until this time next year,

Sending you off with some Christmas cheer.

Just don't feel sad that this rhyme came to an end,

I'll be back in 12 months, I know, you can't comprehend!

Have a magical Christmas from all of us here,

And we really can't wait to see you next year!



IEB UPDATE

Update from Governors – w/e 25th November 2022

We will aim to update you regularly on the work that has been done by our IEB. This month we have:

- Continued discussions with the Regional Schools Commissioner, DFE and LA around Academisation
- Appointed a Class 1 teacher at Ripley
- Discussed feedback from Federation monitoring visits carried out by our school improvement advisor and by HMI at Ripley: we will share this with you as soon as we are able
- Confirmed our leadership arrangements until conversion: Victoria Kirkman and Rebecca Foy will be our Interim Executive Headteachers until August 2023
- Prepared our Parents Information Evening which will take place on 5th December at 6.00pm at All Saints Church Ripley; this is for all Federation parents



Safeguarding



Be Bright and Be Seen

Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and dusk when you're heading to and from school but remember it doesn't work well after dark!

Reflective gear is essential when you're out and about when it's dark to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work really well.

Are you ready for cycling in the dark? https:// www.leedsscp.org.uk/families/children/cycling

Bicycle lights It's important to have a good set of lights that work and to check them regularly. Its also illegal not to have lights on your bike when cycling in the dark. White lights for the front of the bike and red for the rear. We recommend at least 800 lumens. Ask your child to keep spare batteries in their back pack too, just in case.

Reflectors Most bikes come with reflectors fitted to the front and back of the bike, and on both wheels, however these aren't sufficient on their own. Check that they are big enough, aren't obscured by clothing when riding, and are not cracked or covered with mud so they can reflect headlights effectively. As with lights, reflectors should be red at the rear and white at the front so people know which direction you are travelling in. Wheel reflectors should be white.

Bright clothing

jackets or vests are ideal, but your child might be against wearing fashionable. Therefore a hi vis them as they're not the most reflective back pack for their school bag might be an option. If you buy a cycling jacket it is likely to already have as on it. Hi vis gloves are also another way to add some extra safety.

It's important for your child to always wear a helmet when cycling. Reflective strips can be added to the helmet if it doesn't have them already. Help your child get excited about their own safety by suggesting that they deco-

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact:

rate their helmet and bike with reflective stickers.

Miss Victoria Kirkman Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Rebbeca Foy Deputy Safeguarding Lead Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 Beckwithshaw 01423 504642



Useful Links

Safety First: Cycling at Night

https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/ cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/ safety-first-cycling-at-night/

Teaching Road Safety Guide for **Parents**

https://www.rospa.com/media/ documents/road-safety/teachingroad-safety-a-guide-forparents.pdf

Bright Kidz Activities

https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/ be-bright-be-seen/

Road Safety Resources for Chil-

https://www.think.gov.uk/education -resources/

Safeguarding

This May Help



This May Help is a fantastic resource available to parents on YouTube, covering various topics such as mental health, family life, internet safety and much, much more:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiFnIJj3rXS5BfVcQ4m-C9g/videos



How to build family resilience



How to support your child's mental health



A parent's guide to understanding teenagers



How to be prepared for a mental health emergency

5 views • 4 months ago



How to establish trust and boundaries with a teenager

172 views • 4 months ago



How to help someone who self harms 405 views • 4 months ago



How to moderate your child's video gaming 320 views • 4 months ago



How to prepare for your child's first CAMHS appointment

53 views • 4 months ago



How to protect my child on the internet 91 views • 4 months ago



How to support a child who doesn't want to go to school



Self care tips for parents of children with mental health problems



How to find support for parents of a child with mental illness

You can also visit their dedicated website to learn more about This May Help:

https://thismayhelp.me/



Friends of Kettlesing

Thank you again for all the support for the Friends of Kettlesing this is greatly appreciated. The Friends of Kettlesing help organise events and raise funds that are used for the benefit of all the children at school.

In terms of events for this term the Disco was a great success and the children all had a fantastic time. Funds were also raised selling refreshments at the Harvest Festival. The last event for this term is the Christmas Fair arranged for Friday 2 December (please see below for further details!).

We appreciate all the support for Friends and we will be issuing an update in a newsletter each term detailing how the funds raised have been used.

This term Friends have supported:

- Funding the bus for swimming lessons
- Purchasing 5 laptops to be used in classrooms
- Virtual Elf visit and gift for Christmas visits
- Funding the bus and ice creams for the Pantomime
- The cost of the new outfits for the Christmas Nativity

Thanks again for all the support and donations.

Christmas Fair

The next event is the **Christmas Fair at 5.30pm on Friday 2 December at the Village Hall** and we look forward to seeing you there. There will be a fantastic raffle with many prizes so please support if you can by selling as many tickets as possible.

Raffle prizes include:

- 1 nights stay in a Shepherd's Hut in Haystack's Country Retreats
- Tickets for 2 for a Whitaker's Gin Distillery Tour
- Family ticket for the Great Yorkshire Show
- Plus many more!

There will also be a bake sale so any baking donations would be gratefully received on Friday morning at school.

Next meeting and match funding

If anyone works in an organisation that have match funding available as part of their own charity support to potentially match the donations raised by Friends we would love to hear from you!

All parents, guardians and carers are very welcome to come along to Friends meetings and it is a great way to have your say, be involved and meet others involved in the school. The next Friends meeting will be on 12 January – time and venue to be confirmed."

Best wishes

Sarah