



Together We LEARN (Learning, Enjoyment, Achievement, Respect, No Negativity)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 11th December 2020



Christmas Schedule

We can hardly believe that the last week of term is approaching and we are delighted to tell you what a fun packed week it will be. On Monday the children will be taking their seats in the Kettlesing Theatre to watch our Virtual Panto, Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men, Oh yes they will! Sherwood Forest is coming out of quarantine and even Ye Olde Tesco is now open with a one-way system and a plentiful supply of toilet paper! This promises to be a laugh a minute. There will be another opportunity for those children that are unwell/self-isolating to watch the performance later in the week.

On Thursday the children will be tucking into their Christmas lunch, followed by our world famous Christmas Party, obviously with a slight twist this year. Please don't forget to send in their best party clothes in a named bag for the occasion. We have also been informed that if the children are really good, we may even get a special visitor—socially distanced of course. Finally we have the class virtual performances to look forward to, with some very special outtakes and bloopers from Mrs Foy and her year5/6. All performances are now live on SeeSaw.

Thank You!

As this is the final newsletter of the year, we wanted to end by saying a huge thank you to all our Kettlesing families and our amazing staff. This has been a long and sometimes difficult year and we have been so grateful for your support. Getting through these last few months really has been a team effort so thank you to each and everyone of you. We hope that you all have a very happy, healthy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 5th January 2021!** **Just a reminder that school closes at 2.20pm for KS2 and 2.30pm for KS1 + siblings next Friday**



Good Work Certificates go to...

Joshua, Freya G and Elijah Rosie and Chloe

ATTENDANCE

	Snowy Owls	Kestrels	Red Kites
Week	92.26%	100%	91.72%
Year	96.51%	95.44%	98.24%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
14.12.20	Virtual Panto
17.12.20	Xmas Lunch/Party
18.12.20	School Closes at 2.20/2.30pm
04.01.21	Training Day School Closed
05.01.21	School Re-opens at 8.45am

Stars of the Week

Ellie

For always being a great friend.

Oscar

For being the only Kestrel in school and still trying his best in everything he does.

Sebastian S

For his great leadership skills.

Introduction to Governors:



Gary Williams

I'm a relatively new member of the board of governors, having joined in September in the role of staff governor. I became base leader and year 5/6 teacher of Ripley in 2019, so it's been quite an eventful time since I joined, but I'm very much enjoying working within the federation.

On a personal level I'm the proud father of 2 boys aged 14 and 17, who go to St Aidan's, and also the proud husband of my wife Jo, currently in her final year of her midwifery training at Harrogate hospital. In my spare time I enjoy following Fulham Football Club (much to the chagrin of many of my pupils!), and also play drums in a local rock band who, pre-covid, played all kinds of venues from small, local beer festivals to Elland Road and Headingley Stadium. I can't wait to get back playing with them again, when rules allow.



James Randall

I just wanted to tell you a little about myself, for the majority of my career I have been in Retail. I started out in stores and have progressed into Brand Marketing working for various companies like the British Shoe Corporation, Topshop/Topman, Jacques Vert Group and more recently Ralph Lauren and the Nbrown Group. I am married to Samantha and have two children Jack who is 19 and Ava who is 6. I live in Ripley and love the amazing variety between country and town we have here. I hope to meet some of you soon at the various events and activities (hopefully) but for now take care.

Other News From The Governing Body:

Positive Message Week:

Can you share positive messages about your experiences in our village schools? It would be great to grow our school pupil numbers and tell the world about our wonderful village schools and our dedicated teachers and school staff...help promote our schools. Thank you

Helen White and Helen Smith Co-Chairs