



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER— 27th November 2020

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Our Christmas Celebrations get underway next Friday with our Christmas Movie Night. We are so pleased to see that so many of you have signed up for this. As always, we have no doubt that the children will have a fantastic evening. Thank you to Mrs Foy for organising this event, and to all the staff that will be giving up their time to help out.

There is still time to sign up via Parent Mail. Can we also remind parents that payment for this event should be made via our school bank account—details will be attached with this weeks Newsletter.

We would also like to remind you that Christmas Cards can be brought into school from next week, ready to be quarantined, and handed out on Monday 14th December. If your child would like to bring their cards, we would just ask that they are in school no later than Friday 11th December.

Friends Tea Towels

Friends still have a limited number of tea towels for sale. If you would like to purchase one, please speak to Rachel Parker in Nursery. Thank you to Rachel for organising the tea towels, they make a lovely gift for family, or to keep for yourselves. Can we just remind parents that have already purchased a tea towel, if you have not yet made payment, please do so either into the Friends bank account, or Rachel is also happy to accept cash payments.

Forest Schools Afternoon

The children all had a super time on Tuesday when KS2 joined up with KS1 for a Forest Schools afternoon. It was lovely to see them all enjoying the fresh air and working together in the field. The afternoon concluded with a cup of Hot Chocolate, which warmed everyone up! We look forward to a joint Forest Schools afternoon again very soon. Just a reminder that next term KS2 will start Forest Schools, this will not impact on our PE sessions, which continue to be Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Good Work Certificates go to...

Rufus, Samuel and Eliza, Isla and Barney

ATTENDANCE

	Snowy Owls	Kestrels	Red Kites
Week	98.3%	98.7%	100%
Year	96.63%	95.79%	98.76%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. **Congratulations to Red Kites for 100% attendance this week**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
09-11 20-	Christmas Baking Club—
11.11.20-16.12.20	Christmas Craft Club - 3.30-4.45pm
10.12.20	Virtual Christmas Nativity
14.12.20	Virtual Panto
17.12.20	Xmas Lunch/Party

Stars of the Week

Ben

For listening and following instructions.

Lucy

For a good week's work

Alexander

For approaching everything with a positive manner

Introduction to Governors:



David Hall

Although a native of Edinburgh my wife and I have lived in or around Ripon for the past 25 years. We have two children - Kirsty, who is a primary school (year 6) teacher in Leeds, and Magnus, who is a software designer with Siemens in Cambridge. I was a Chartered Antiques and Fine Art Surveyor by profession, and spent much of my working life in auction rooms north and south of the border. Twenty years ago I established and subsequently ran my own valuations practice which I combined with related consultancy work. My wife and I both retired last November and one of the things I very much wanted to do was to become involved again in Governorship: previously I was a member (and latterly Chair) of the Governing Body in the village primary school near Ripon that our children attended. I am a passionate supporter of the rounded, holistic environment that smaller rural schools can offer our children whilst recognising the challenges (financial and otherwise) that this presents."



Georgina Coe

I became a Co-opted governor in November 2018. I currently teach part time at Ripley Endowed CE Primary School in Year 3/4. I am married to Jonathan and have 3 boys who all thoroughly enjoy attending Ripley School. I am passionate about helping the school community and am Secretary of the Friends of Ripley School. Alongside my teaching career I also work as a part time Property Manager for our family business. In my spare time I enjoy watching and playing sport, crafting with my children, gardening and looking after our hens and family dog. I feel truly fortunate to be part of the Federation of Kettlewell, Beckwithshaw and Ripley Endowed CE Primary Schools.

Other News From The Governing Body:

This Weeks Activities:

This week we had our first full Governors meeting of this term. The whole Governing body attended (virtually of course). We do thank them all for the time and dedication involved in this voluntary role. We are fortunate to have such a fully engaged Governing body. During the meeting we had a number of subjects to discuss, which included: new Governor election, finance report, capital spend approval, budget monitoring , policies, safeguarding, health and safety and marketing. So a lot going on in the background....we will bring you more information as and when we are able. Thank you so much to our lovely schools who are working so hard to make December and Christmas as special as it can be for the children.

Best Wishes,
Helen White and Helen Smith Co-Chairs