



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER— 25th March 2022

Message from the Head

We have had another busy week with Stuart Reid the author in all three schools of the federation, to generate ideas for our budding authors. Using various activities, they came up with different settings, characters and plots, and clearly enjoyed the whole experience. Stuart commented that our children are clearly avid readers, with a wide knowledge of different genres, authors and plots. Children had their books signed by Stuart; if children would still like to order any of Stuart's books, they can do so by contacting the office.



To support our EYFS classes going forward our Early Years Adviser will be in supporting Reception staff from next week. This will build on our new EYFS curriculum and support staff to develop the curriculum offer including enhancing areas of provision.

This week we will be recruiting for a teaching assistant to support the Y1/2 class at Beckwithshaw primary school. This post will support all children in class as well as small group activities and 1:1 interventions.

Enjoy your weekend.

Miss H Whyte

Safeguarding

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

**Miss Holly Whyte Designated Safeguarding Lead,
Mr Mathew Atkinson—Deputy Safeguarding Lead,
Mr James Routh—Deputy Safeguarding Lead,
Rebecca Foy—Deputy Safeguarding Lead**
Kettlesing 01423 770576

ATTENDANCE

	Snowy Owls	Kestrels	Red Kites
Week	90.34%	95.38%	98.75%
Year	90.41%	91.84%	92.05%

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
31st March 2022	Federation PSHE afternoon
4th April 2022	Bags2School Collection
7th April 2022	Easter Tea in the Village Hall—2.30pm
8th April 2022	End of Term. School Closes at 2.30pm
9th-24th April 2022	Easter Holidays
25th April 2022	School Re-Opens
9th-13th May 2022	SATs Week

Stars of the Week

Snowy Owls: Camryn

For being a helpful and kind member of our class.

Kestrels: Jemima

For being super helpful around the classroom.

Red Kites: Rosie

For being a superstar in everything she does.



Choir Winners!

Over the weekend the Kettlesing School Choir, 'The Kettlesingers', performed at the annual Ashville Choir festival and won! Congratulations to all those children that took part.

We would also like to congratulate Lily, who came second out of seven in a solo competition last week. What incredible musical talent we have within our school.

Thank You!

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Puckrin who came into school this week to talk to the children about Down Syndrome, in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day.

We would also like to thank Friends for organising today's Mother's Day shop, and to Mr Blackburn, Mrs Topham and Mrs Crabtree for running this event, the children had a lovely time selecting some beautiful gifts.

Health and Wellbeing

Anyone for cricket?

Ripley Cricket Club are now recruiting new players at under 9 (**school years 3 and 4**) and under 11 (**school years 5 and 6**).

Training starts on Friday 22nd April and continues every Friday from 6.15-7.30pm until the end of the summer term. Matches will take place weekly, also until the end of summer term.

Training is led by ECB qualified coaches, and all coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have attended ECB Safeguarding training.

Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded: Match shirt, Training shirt, Cap



To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.

For children in school **years 1 and 2**, Ripley are delivering the ECB All Stars Cricket programme. All children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

All Stars starts at Ripley Cricket Club on Friday 20th May and runs every Friday for 8 consecutive weeks, from 6.15-7.15pm.

To book, please visit the ECB website and follow this link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/580d6597-6100-436f-9dca-136ef8f11460>

Help Anxious Children Feel Calm & in Control

This free session will help you to understand the cycle of anxiety and the simple steps you can take to help your child feel like together, you are taking control of their anxiety rather than letting their anxiety control them.

<https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/help-your-anxious-child-feel-calm-in-control/>

Governor Updates and Information

Dear all

The Governors agreed at our latest meeting that we would aim to update parents regularly on our progress. Please see our current plans below.

Update from Governors – w/e 25th March:

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

- agreed arrangements for Headteacher recruitment: interview dates 26th and 27th April
- discussed feedback from Parents' evenings at Ripley and Beckwithshaw: actions agreed
- planned Parents' meeting for Kettlesing:
- discussed feedback from Federation monitoring visits carried out by three Governors: informed improvement plan
- reviewed improvement plan: next steps agreed
- moved forward on interim leadership arrangements: to be shared with parents at earliest opportunity:
- investigated wrap around care arrangements: further work to be done here: findings to be shared
- reviewed income management systems: action agreed

