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RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: **July 2025**



Dear Families of Ripley Infant School,

Staffing

At the end of this academic year Mrs Ottewell will be leaving us temporarily as she will be joining the Local Authority Inclusion Team on secondment. Mr Leach, a teacher who has been in school regularly over the last 2 years, will be teaching in Skylarks Monday – Wednesday in September. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Martin, who has been working in our EYFS unit and Mrs Proctor who has been working in Starlings Class. I am sure you will join with us in send our best wishes as they move on with their careers.

In other happy news, Miss Boddy is currently preparing for her forthcoming wedding. In September she will be known as Mrs Young. We all send our congratulations to the happy couple!

Parking Issues

We have been asked to remind you once again that, for the children's safety, it is important that cars are not illegally parked on the pavements, blocking driveways or pedestrian access, or on the zig-zag markings outside of school. Please also be considerate to our neighbours and pedestrians when parking.

It has been lovely to see so many of you making use of our bike and scooter parking when you are cycling and scooting to school. We hope this will continue next year and maybe even increase the number of you finding active ways to come to school.

Summer Reading Challenge

Derbyshire Libraries would like to invite all pupils to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors. The Story Garden theme will provide plenty of opportunities for children to explore their imagination and experience adventures in nature and the great outdoors through the power of reading. The challenge is delivered in partnership with libraries and designed to ensure that primary school children keep up their reading skills over the summer, as well as providing much-needed entertainment.

Children can sign up at their local library any time throughout the summer, from Saturday 5 July 2025, with the challenge being to read 6 or more library books. They will collect up to 6 stickers and once they have collected them all they will have completed the challenge and receive a medal and certificate.

PTA

We extend a huge thank you to the PTA committee for organising the Sports themed Summer Fayre event on Wednesday 25th June. It was very well attended and lots of fun was had by all. There were a wide variety of activities to try and Mrs North and I got well and truly soaked; ours seemed to be an extremely popular stall with a very long queue! The total amount raised was a fantastic £783.

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a school crossing patrol on Maple Avenue which serves both Ripley Infant and Ripley Junior School.

Details of the School Crossing Patrol vacancy for potential applicants are as follows:

Hours of Work: 08.25 to 09.05 and 15.10 to 15.50 (1 hour 20mins per day) 6 hours 40 mins per week. Term time only

Rate of Pay: £12.23 / hour

Provision: Full training on site upon starting and continuing until the trainee feels confident to stand alone. 1 day annual training, (various topics including Safeguarding) at a local venue – paid. (Usually in November at a venue close to the SCP and between approx. 10am and 1.30pm)

Full Uniform/Kit for all seasons provided.

Contact for Further Information: Pat Sallis 07796 997573

Other News

- The Owls and Robins thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Sherwood Pines. They had lots of fun, their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to our school.
- The whole school enjoyed our Sports Activity Day on Wednesday 25th June. This was followed by a PTA summer fundraising event. Well done to everyone for taking part so enthusiastically and we hope you enjoyed it.
- Our school choir performed a wonderful concert for their parents on Tuesday 16th July. They treated us to their version of some fantastic songs, it was a fabulous event enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Miss Saunders and Mrs Beighton for all their hard work with the choir this year.
- Our Year Two children performed beautifully at The Ripley Music Festival on Friday 11th July. They joined with other cluster schools to put on a great show and made us very proud.
- The new academic year starts with two INSET days on **Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September**, children return to school on **Monday September 8th**.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you a wonderful summer break! See you in September.

Many Thanks

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Mrs P Doleman
Headteacher