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RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful first half term!

As the mid-term break approaches, we are reflecting on what has been an extremely busy first term in school. All our new children have settled in extremely well and the classrooms have been a hive of activity.

Every class has been demonstrating a wonderful attitude towards learning, the children have been an absolute credit; working hard, trying their best and always giving 100%. They have certainly embodied our ASPIRE value of Achievement this term!

May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the term and look forward to continue working with you in the coming months.

Sporting Success

On Thursday 10th October our Athletics team went to Alfreton Leisure Centre to take part in the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership KS1 Sportshall athletics competition. The children competed in a range of athletic events and finished in an incredible 1st place out of 12 schools! We are very proud of their achievements and were also impressed by their wonderful sporting attitude. Our thanks go to Mrs Start for coaching the team and to Miss Saunders & Mrs Beighton for supporting the children at the event.

Harvest

Our Harvest celebration took place in church on Monday 6th October. It was lovely to be able to have the opportunity to share this with parents and the community. The children were, as always, an absolute credit to school. Many thanks to those parents who walked with us to church and for your kind and generous donations for our harvest baskets. These have been donated to the church for distribution in the community.

Macmillan Coffee Morning & World Mental Health Day

We would like to say a big thank you for the support we received for our Macmillan Coffee Morning and our 'Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day'. We raised £60.57 on the day for Macmillan with more donations made using the QR code, and £89 for World Mental Health. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

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 pavements, the zig-zag markings, blocking driveways or pedestrian access. Please try to reduce your speed when driving near to school and be considerate to our neighbours and pedestrians when parking. There have also been concerns raised about small children left in cars alone & car engines being left



running whilst waiting outside school. Please ensure that all children are appropriately supervised and turn engines off as it will help reduce pollution levels around school and not expose our children to increased fumes as they walk to and from school. Thank you.

Christmas Plays 2025

This academic year there will be 2 Christmas performances. Our EYFS children (Owls & Robins) will perform their Nativity on 2nd and 4th December and there will be a different performance by Year 1 (Ravens & Skylarks) on 9th and 11th December. Year 2 will not be taking part in a Christmas production as they have their own performance at the end of the academic year, however they will participate in the whole school carol service at church and other Christmas activities in school.

Tickets for the Christmas performances will be limited to 2 per family due to the capacity of the hall and health and safety regulations. Further details will follow after half term.

Vaping on school premises.

I have been asked to remind you that along with all Derbyshire County Council premises there is a strict No Smoking policy in place at this school; this includes e-cigarettes and vapes. Please ensure that you are not using vapes on the school site when dropping off or collecting your child. Thank you.

Governor Vacancies

We are looking to appoint a new parent governor and a co-opted governor - so please help us. You might be interested, or know someone who would be, if so please contact school and ask for details!

Being a school governor is a great way to support our school and community. You can find out more on the school website under governors or ask to speak to our Chair of Governors, Mr John Pearce, who would be more than happy to tell you about the role.

Other News

- Year 1 have a visit planned for next term. They are looking forward to visiting The Museum of Making to further support their learning. Years 1 & 2 also have the pantomime at Derby Arena to look forward to before Christmas.
- The ASPIRE day in EYFS was a great experience and it was lovely to see the children dressed as people they would like to be when they grow up. The emergency services were very well represented and we had plenty of doctors to check on our health too. They were also visited by the fire service with their fire engine on 14th October which was very exciting.
- Dates for your diary - November 14th is Children in Need Day. We will be taking part in fundraising activities on that day, more details will follow after half term. The 11th December is when the children have the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas Lunch in school and this is also Christmas Jumper Day. The annual Choir Christmas concert is on the evening of December 11th and our carol service in church will be on Monday 15th December.

I would like to wish you a very relaxing mid-term break, see you all back on Monday 3rd November.

Many Thanks

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Mrs P Doleman
Headteacher

