



# Ripley Infant School

Kirk Close

Ripley

Derbyshire DE5 3RY

Headteacher: Mrs P. Doleman BEd Hons, MA(Ed)

Telephone: 01773 743354

Fax: 01773 512638

## RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

### What a busy half term we've had!

The children have been working very hard this half term and have been making some super progress. It has been wonderful to celebrate their achievements each week in Golden Assembly too. Our Year 2 children will certainly need to continue in this manner after half term, they will have an extremely busy final term where they will prepare for junior school and the continuation of their learning journey in Key Stage 2.

As part of their learning this term the children in Robins and Owls visited White Post Farm and Year One visited The Tropical Butterfly House. Both groups had a wonderful time exploring and finding out about the animals they saw. As always, their behaviour was excellent.

Ozzy's Obstacle Course visited us for a fun-filled day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This activity was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Thank you AVSSP for providing this experience for us.

I also need to say a huge 'Well done!' to our fantastic footballers who played so well in the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership competition at Sleetmoor United FC on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. They finished the competition in 2<sup>nd</sup> place only losing one match by a single goal. Their sportsmanship was excellent and they were a credit to our school. Thank you to Mrs Start for all the hard work she has put in with the children and to Mrs Riley for being there to support them.

### Parking around school

Following a number of complaints from neighbours and members of the public I 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 pavement, parked in or blocking neighbours' driveways, restricting pedestrian access, or on the zig-zag markings outside of school. Please be considerate to our neighbours and pedestrians when parking. The local PCSO has been patrolling the area and will continue to do so.

We have also been advised that unsafe driving has been witnessed, including driving at speed down Kirk Close and surrounding street. Please drive safely and mind your speed for the safety of our whole school community.

As the weather improves it would be good to see more children walking, scooting or cycling to school. It would also be a great way to boost your health and fitness.



## Transition Arrangements

This year we will, once again, be having a transition week where the children will be working in their new classes with their new teachers for next academic year. This will be the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June (although the Monday will be an INSET day). Year 2 children will be at Ripley Junior School on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and will be taught here for the rest of the week, in their current classes, completing transition-based activities. They will have a second morning visit to Juniors on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

You will be informed of your child's new teacher and class prior to Transition Week. End of Year reports will be sent out on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## PTA

The PTA will be holding their Summer Fayre after school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. There will be more information about this event to follow. If you are available to help us run this event, or make any donations, please let a member of the PTA committee know. We hope that as many families as possible will be able to attend.

## Other News

- Mrs Ottewell, our SENDCo has confirmed that she will not be returning to Ripley Infants following her secondment as she will be continuing to work for the Local Authority Inclusion Service. I'm sure you will join with us in wishing her well. From September we will have a new SENDCo in school, Miss S Ives. We look forward to welcoming her to our school.
- We update our attendance data on a weekly basis on our website. I would like to remind you that it is important for children to be attending school regularly and arriving on time. This has a huge impact on their learning and ability to reach their potential. We ask that you always notify school by 9am if they are going to be absent.
- We have 1 INSET day remaining for this academic year. This will be on **29<sup>th</sup> June**. Confirmed INSET day dates for next academic year are **4<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2027 and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027**.
- Year 1 Phonic Screening – This will take place during the week beginning **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** and your child will be assessed at some point during that week. Information about this has been sent home but if you have any questions please speak to Mrs Palmieri-Kaye or myself.
- We will be holding a Sports Activity Day on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. On this day children will get the opportunity to try a range of new sports and there will also be a chance for parents and children to take part in some fun activities after school too. More details to follow.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you a very relaxing mid-term break.

**Many Thanks**

*P Doleman*

Mrs P Doleman  
Headteacher

