

Ripley Church of England  
Infant School

# NEWSLETTER

Week Ending 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008

Issue No. 249

## Happenings

Time has flown by this term and we only have two weeks left to the half term holiday. Red Class managed to complete their string of 25 beads and had a Teddy Bears' Picnic today. Those who remember Miss Shawyer may like to know that she is very happy living in London and is sculpting and writing children's stories. We are all still doing our "wake and shake" each morning which is just as well as we have been unable to go out to play a couple of times this week due to very heavy rain at break times. Despite the horrible weather signs of Spring are showing in our grounds. Daffodils are sprouting in our lawns and will be in bloom in no time. Our pupils know not to tread where our bulbs are planted but we would be most grateful if you would ensure little brothers and sisters do not tread on the shoots. Thank you.

## Certificates of Achievement

**Hannah Mohammed** for being so caring and thoughtful in the playground, looking after insects and putting them in a safe place where they won't be harmed.

**Olivia Goddard** for making such fantastic progress with her handwriting and joining her letters so carefully.

**Lauren Barry** for being so quick in mental arithmetic activities and answering so confidently.

**Sam Smitheman** for his super effort in Numeracy this week.

**Holly Burton** for great writing this week.

**William Dell** for being such a helpful pupil and always remembering the milk for Mrs Bennesch.

**Jessica Gibbs** for becoming more confident and independent out in the playground.

## Congratulations

Lucas Ward in Yellow Class has a new baby half sister, Isabella.

## Dates for your Diary

### February

4<sup>th</sup> Return date for PSA voting slips

10<sup>th</sup> Education Sunday service 10am in school

14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Ball at the Talbot

15<sup>th</sup> School closes at 3pm for half term

25<sup>th</sup> School reopens

29<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day Service 2pm at St Mary Magdalen Church – everyone welcome

### March

12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty

20<sup>th</sup> School Network Conference – school closes at 11.30am

21<sup>st</sup> Good Friday – school closed

24<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday – school closed

### April

4<sup>th</sup> School closes at 1.30pm for Spring Holiday

21<sup>st</sup> School re-opens

### May

5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed

23<sup>rd</sup> School closes at 3pm for half term

### June

2<sup>nd</sup> School re-opens

### July

6<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair

18<sup>th</sup> School closes at 1.30pm for Summer Holiday

## Through School Update

Well done everyone. We have raised £56,500!

Only £23,500 to go. Thank you for all your support and hard work.

Our planning application has been submitted and surveyors and other trades people have been visiting the school to measure up for our first three classrooms.

## Welcome

Welcome to Mrs Ball (Alex's mummy) who has joined Mrs Henderson in the kitchen.

## School Link Books

We have received some orders for books from the School Link brochures but have not reached the £50 order requirement for free delivery. If you would like to order books, please return the completed form and payment to the School Office on Monday morning. Thank you.

## Don't Forget!

Our network of schools is meeting on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March for a conference so school will close at 11.30am on that day.

## Red Class Request

We would be most grateful for spare girls knickers and socks for use after little accidents in school. Thank you.

## Small Ads

**FREE** - Single divan bed in good condition. Please contact Mrs Bennesch at the school.

## PSA News

### Pantomime 2008

Tickets for this year's pantomime are selling well and the Saturday Matinee is almost sold out! There are performances on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and two performances on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and see children from Blue Class singing and dancing. Hiss and boo the evil witch and cheer the heroes! Buy your tickets soon either from the School Website or from the School Office. Book now to avoid disappointment!

### Join us!

Anyone who would like to join the pantomime but doesn't want to speak any lines is welcome to come along and sing in the opening and closing numbers. If you would like to join in come along to rehearsals on Thursday at 8pm in school.

### Valentine Ball

There are only 10 tickets left for the Valentine Ball at the Talbot! Price includes a buffet and disco and £10 donation to the through school fund. It is going to be a lot of fun so join us. If you would like to go contact Pia Coutts on 07970811841 or Kellie Smitheman on 07939108350.

## Pre-School News

### Pre-School Dates for your Diary

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