

**Ripley Church of England
Primary School**

NEWSLETTER

Week Ending 5th February 2009

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Happenings

It appears that this term is fated to be disrupted! On Wednesday the power failed at 9.30am. We had been warned by a parent in Wentworth Close that their electricity would be off on Wednesday and Mrs Lomax spoke to EDF who assured her that the school would definitely not be affected. When the power went off they said it must be another fault as we were not part of the “switch off”. Eventually, at 11.30am they said a decision had been made the previous day to include the school and the power would be off until 5.30pm. Unfortunately, despite having **four** emergency contacts for the school, no-one bothered to tell us! Mrs Henderson managed to arrange for hot lunches to be brought in from other schools and Mrs Lomax went home to send a message via Parentmail asking for the children to be collected after lunch if possible as it was getting extremely cold in school. We are sorry if anyone was inconvenienced.

P.S. Power was restored at 2.30pm!

Andrew Morrison presented Year 2 with a trophy for winning the PE virtual challenge in December. They competed against Boxgrove, Merrow, Bushy Hill and Burpham schools. The Trophy is on display in the School Reception area.

Mufti on Friday – Wear Something Red!

On Friday the PSA are holding a Valentines Disco for the children. It will be in school time and children have been asked to make a donation of 50p towards the Haiti disaster fund. Please remember that mufti clothing must be suitable for school so no party clothes, dressing up clothes, makeup or jewellery and the children must wear sensible shoes and bring a coat so they can go out to play. Thank you.

Happy Birthday!

Saffron Durbridge on 3rd February

Zac Middup on 4th February

Certificates of Achievement

Megan Middup for reading with such enthusiasm and expression.

Rhys Durbridge for being a numeracy super star.

Robert Wood for listening and thinking so hard during RE.

Samuel Scoble for a wonderful story related to a Constable painting.

Karine Wells for writing great extended sentences in literacy using ‘because’ and ‘also’.

Thomas Wilson for making a noticeable improvement in his handwriting.

Henry Moxon for his interest and enthusiasm in French lessons.

Elizabeth Doherty for understanding how to read *o’clock* times.

Louis Attwater for writing clear instructions in Literacy and working hard on telling the time.

Mia Legge for excellent behaviour and hard work in every subject, all week.

Tallulah Durbridge for careful counting in her number work.

Nicky Coutts for making such good progress in his reading.

Reuben Knowles for making such good improvement with his colouring in.

NSPCC

On Monday a representative from the NSPCC came in to collect the sponsor money. She talked to all the children in their classes and has said if anyone has not yet sent in their money please do so as soon as possible and she will come in and collect it next week. Extra forms are available at the School Office.

Well Done

Congratulations to Helen Masters and Joshua Brown for getting their swimming badges. Helen swam 25 metres and Joshua swam 10 metres.

Dates for your Diary

February

- 12th Valentine disco 1.30pm – wear something red
- 12th School closes at 3pm for half term holiday
- 13th Farmers Market – Pre-School & Red Class
- 22nd School reopens

March

- 1st Whole school visit to the National Gallery
- 4th Messy Church at St Mary Magdalen
- 13th Farmers Market – Junior 1 & 2 (small classes)
- 24th – 27th Ripley School pantomime
- 31st School closes at 1.30pm for Easter

April

- 1st Messy Church at St Mary Magdalen
- 10th Farmers Market – no stall as Easter Holiday
- 19th School reopens for Summer Term
- 26th-27th Junior 1 Residential Trip to Bentley Copse

May

- 3rd Bank Holiday – school closed
- 6th Messy Church at St Mary Magdalen
- 8th Farmers Market – Blue Class
- 28th School closes at 3pm for half term holiday

June

- 3rd Messy Church at St Mary Magdalen
- 7th School reopens
- 12th Farmers Market – Yellow Class

July

- 1st Messy Church at St Mary Magdalen
- 10th Farmers Market – Red Class
- 21st School closes at 1.30pm for Summer holiday
- 24th Ripley Event

PSA News

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PSA meeting on Wednesday.

Don't Forget the Cakes!

Red Class and Pre-School are asked to bake cakes for the Farmers Market on Saturday, 13th February. Please bring your cakes in on Friday morning. Thank you.

Pre-School News

Our telephone number is 07807703002
Our Email annahealey24@msn.com

The children have been using their hands to make pictures (no brushes!) and have made some wonderful pictures to take home.

Happy 21st Birthday Jess!

Jess will be 21 on Sunday so we wish her a very happy birthday. Thank you to everyone who donated towards her gift.

The Gruffalo and Changes to the Easter Holidays

The Gruffalo is showing at Woking Theatre on Friday, 16th April at 2pm. So that we can take the children we are changing our Easter holiday dates. We will be closing on the same day but reopening on **Thursday, 15th April**. As we are starting the summer term early we will now be closing on **Wednesday, 21st July** for the Summer Holiday. Tickets for the Gruffalo are £8.50 each and parents must accompany their child. Siblings welcome. Please make cheques payable to REYA. Permission slips will be sent out shortly.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who sent questionnaires back. If you haven't sent yours yet please send it in as soon as possible. Following feedback from the questionnaire we have changed our signing in procedure. Signing in books are now on a table outside the classroom door to save congestion in the classroom and make it safer for the children.

Bookstart Treasure Chests

Bookstart Treasure Chests have been delivered and will be sent out according to the child's birth date which is 1st September 2006 to 31st August 2007.

Farmers Market 13th February

Don't forget to bake a cake for the Farmers Market and bring it in on 12th February.

Email

Anna is having problems with her email at the moment. If you have an urgent communication please telephone.

Final Reminder - FEES!

Well done -we have received nearly all of our fees. Would the last few parents please send in payment on Monday. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary-Our term dates are different from the school's so please be aware!

February

- 12th Chinese New Year Party-details to follow
- 12th Pre-School closes at 3pm for half term holiday
- 15th Pre-School reopens

March

26th Pre-School closes at 3.00pm for Easter

April

15th Pre-School reopens for Summer Term

May

- 3rd Bank Holiday - school closed
- 28th Pre-School closes at 3pm for half term holiday

June

7th Pre-School reopens

July

21st Pre-School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holiday

