



# Ripponden J&I News

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Dear parents/carers,

Here we are at the final newsletter of 2024!

We have had a super Autumn term, which has ended beautifully with Christmas Nativities, carol singing, parties and festivities.

I would like to thank you all for your support over this term and thank you as always, for your support with the events that we have put on. We work really hard to put things on for families and it means the world to the children and staff to have so many of you as parents, and extended family come to support for these events.

As we go into the Christmas holidays, it is just left for me to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas, full of joy and love and I hope you make lots of memories together. We come back together on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for the Spring term and I look forward to seeing you all then.

With kindest regards

*J Bamforth*

Headteacher



## **Thank you, Mrs Thompson!**

After 25 years at Ripponden, Mrs Thompson is retiring this week. Mrs Thompson has worked across school in that time, supporting lots of children and up until recently, led all computing across school. In more recent times, has supported the Year 6 classes, not only academically including many groups and interventions, but with their residential every year and has also been the brains and creativity behind all of the props and backdrops for the leavers' productions. What will we do without her?!

While she has now officially left, it was too short notice to do anything for her in terms of an assembly, so we will be inviting her back in January for a 'proper' send off. In the meantime, I am sure you will join me in wishing Tracy the happiest of long retirements and thank her for everything she has done over the past 25 years.

### **PTFA Fundraising Success!**

Our wonderful PTFA are a small group of very dedicated Mums and Dads who selflessly give up their time to meet and organise events to enhance the children's educational experiences. Christmas is always a very busy time for them, as they run Secret Santa, serve teas and coffees for nativities, organise a raffle and host Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree. They are a small but mighty group!

However, they are limited as to what they can do with the small group. If you have any spare time, please consider joining the committee – you don't have to have lots of time, but if you could spare, we would be most grateful. I will advertise the date and time of the next meeting as soon as it is confirmed.

The PTFA raise money for the things that our school budget just can't stretch to, to provide things that all children will benefit from. With all of the events around Christmas, they have managed to raise an incredible **£2107** profit! Just outstanding! Thank you so much to the PTFA for their hard work and those not on the PTFA, please consider joining!

### **Cross Country Results**

You may remember we had a team at the Calderdale Finals of Cross Country a few weeks ago? Well, the results are in!

We have 19 through to West Yorkshire finals in March, which will be in Leeds. The children through, to represent Calderdale are: Sophia, Evan, Harry C, Willow and the Year 4 girls team, Year 5 girls team and Year 6 boys team. What a fantastic achievement and I will update you all following the West Yorkshire finals in March.

### **Christmas Festivities**

Things like this are what makes primary schools really special! Below are a selection of pictures from our festivities, including singing in the village, Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree, Lights, Camel, Action! and The Magical Christmas Journey. Enjoy!



Ripponden Christmas Market





Christmas Dinner Day!



Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree





Lights, Camel, Action!





A Magical Christmas Journey

### Diary Dates

***Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.***

### January 2025

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Busy Bees Open

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School reopens

### 2024/2025 Calendar of main events

This is a summary of main events. Please keep looking at the half-termly diary dates section on the newsletter, as they get updated regularly.



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	January	February	March
1			
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4			Parents Evening
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6	School reopens		World Book Day Parents Evening
7		KS2 Celebration Assembly	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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13	Clubs restart		
14		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly Break up for half term	KS2 Celebration Assembly
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17	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		
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21			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
22			
23			
24	KS2 Celebration Assembly	School reopens Young Voices	
25			
26			
27			
28		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Clubs finish for Easter KS2 Celebration Assembly
29			
30			
31	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		Rock Steady Concert

	April	May	June	July
1				
2		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	School reopens	
3				
4	Close for Easter			Clubs finish for summer Transition Day – TBC R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
5		BANK HOLIDAY		
6			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
7				Rock Steady Concert
8				
9		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Sports Week	
10			Sports Day	
11				KS2 Celebration Assembly <u>Reports Out</u>
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
14				
15				
16		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	Y6 Residential all week	Year 6 Production
17				
18				School closes for summer
19				
20			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
21	BANK HOLIDAY - EASTER			
22	School reopens			
23		KS2 Celebration Assembly Close for half term		
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27			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
28	Clubs restart			
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