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RIPLY COURT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Court Circular

Summer at last

The Head's Lines

Welcome back to a sunny Ripley Court. I am really enjoying the weather this week - let us hope it continues.



Staff news: Jacqui Hewett is retiring at the end of this term after nearly five years with us. Her replacement will be Lillias Griffiths, who has just retrained for teaching after a brief spell as a Barrister.

Congratulations to Lucinda Fenton who has returned this term as Mrs Edwards.

Catherine Kneller has decided that she won't return next term - Christine Townsend is fortunately available to stay on and will continue the excellent work in the Reception class.

Gill Kaile (former head cook) is retiring after 26 years of service. We wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Jo Smart (kitchens and Court Jesters) has also decided, after ten years and a variety of duties in the school, to move on to other things.

The fertility of the Ripley Court staff continues unabated. (I have instructed the kitchens to doctor the food accordingly.)

Mrs Barratt is expecting her second - she will leave us for a spell later this term. Next term, she will be replaced by Harriet Chubb. Sue Jerney is also expecting - Nicky Ward, who is of course as fully qualified, will replace her as 2IC in the Nursery.

I have seen most but not all parents of Year 5 children to discuss **future schools**. Please do come and see me for a chat if you have not yet done so.

There are many **events** happening this term, starting with the **ground-force** project this Sunday (26th April) afternoon. We also have the **Year 6&7 Ro-**

meo and Juliet being performed at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre on 7-9th May. Tickets are £4 for adults and £1.50 for children, so why not treat your family to a bit of culture?

The **RCPA ball** is on Sat May 16th - tickets will be available soon. It is always a sellout, so do keep your ear to the ground.

On June 20th we have the **RCPA family day**, and on Saturday July 4th at 11.00 am is Speech Day. This is a three-line whip affair - please do put it in your diaries now.

Little Court assemblies which had to be postponed last term will now take place as follows: April 30th—2SW, May 7th—2CC, 14th—1JN, June 4th—1JR, 11th—RCT and 18th—RSR.

Overall, with all the galas, sports and trips and activities, not to mention things like Common Entrance and exams, the term is very busy, and a little time with your diary and the green-card now will pay dividends.

Congratulations to Year 5 on a fantastic set of English Speaking Board results. See over for details.

And finally, some perceived wisdom gleaned from children...

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

When your Mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.

Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.

School lunches stick to the wall.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

YEAR 5 ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD RESULTS

Distinction: Jamie Baudry, Alex Cannell, Holly Denham, Ben Ford, Sam Grainger, Melissa Hayes, Jessica Morley, Eleanor Piper and Charlotte Rickwood

Merit+: Aamir Ahmed, Charlie Dickinson, Caitlin Duncan, Gary Hunter, George Kendrick, Mollie Kendrick, Archie King, Lara Martin, Lawrence Oldham, Isabelle Pelling, William Rawding, Henry Roberts, Alistair Sharman, Ben Shatz, William Stephen, Charlie Vaughan, Jake Ward and Mia Williams

Merit: Theo Alexis, Joe Chappelle, James Hughes-Morgan, Tomo Knowland and Jack Miller

Headmaster's Commendations

Second badge has been presented to Jessica Morley

First badges have been presented to Ella Harvey, James Large, Hope MacMillan, Poppy Rickard and Will Scott

Certificates have been presented to Joely Bonner, Taylor Burton, Olivia Harborow, Molly Kershaw, Katie Lee-Brown, Charley Locatelli, Scarlet Macdonald, Christie Mills, Darcey Oldham, Niamh Parker, Kai Robinson, Tadd Seymour,

Times Tables

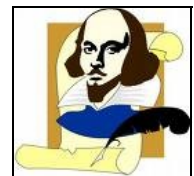
Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 6 Lucie Rutherford

Level 2 Ethan Barrow, Anya Devon-Berry, Tom Hanford, Alex Morley, Darcey Oldham, Laurence Piper, Luke Trimming

Level 1 Olivia Harborow, William Manuel, Amelia Strike, Guy Tucker

TICKETS FOR YEARS 6 & 7 PLAY "ROMEO AND JULIET" at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre on 7—9 May are available from Miss Tan at £4 for adults and £1.50 for children.



The Courtiers Need



Ripley Courtiers Cricket Club was formed some 20 years ago as a fathers team with the object of creating an environment for parents and families of the school to socialise.

Since then the fathers' connection has become a little removed but there are still strong school connections in the Club which is now comprised of parents, former (and sometimes current) pupils and members of staff.

We play about ten fixtures each summer and have achieved some notable success in recent years. We do however urgently need a new injection of members to supplement the existing band of diehards who form the core of the club.

So, if you are a former County player or had England (or better still Australia) Schoolboy trials.....no, seriously, if you've ever held a bat or ball, really enjoy village cricket and have a highly developed sense of humour, you will be very welcome at the Courtiers CC. First game is on Sunday 3rd May. If you're interested, please call Boris Porter (07986464019) or Paul Cope (07768718238).