



Welcome



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RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Court Circular

The Head's Lines

Welcome back, or welcome for the first time, to a thoroughly redecorated Ripley Court. Frantic work has been proceeding all holidays and, as well as a lot of paint, we now have the swimming pool changing rooms up and running (thanks to the RCPA), a new roof on Little Court, new fascia boards on the gym, a newly repainted nursery (now re-branded "**The Ark**" in case you get confused) and numerous other "invisible" projects such as rewiring.



One of the more major of these is the school network, which has now been extended throughout the site and provides internet access to all classrooms (see below).

Ripley Court, despite the recession, has started on its highest numbers since the early nineteen-nineties, which is very positive and bodes well for future investment in the school!

Many congratulations to Jo Denham and family for the superb **dog show** they ran at the Ripley Farmers' Market to raise money for the Tobago girls' netball tour, which is due to start next Thursday (24th September). We have had huge support for the tour - many thanks to all those involved and I am sure it will be great fun and very rewarding to all concerned.

With its usual brilliant timing, my **Heads' Conference** will be taking place next week from Wednesday and so I shall miss the first part of the tour. James Porter will, of course, be deputising in my absence but I am available in emergency via the school.

I look forward to the first of the RCPA parties, namely the **Hog Roast**, which takes place this **Saturday 19th September**. New parents are invited to a welcoming drink from the RCPA at 7pm, and the revelries kick off at 8pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there - tickets are available via your form reps.

As usual at the beginning of term there are some requests to make and some observations to put forward.

Firstly, I would be grateful, now the children have settled, if parents could not **linger**

in the car park. Traffic has been fairly heavy and it would be good to settle into the routine as soon as possible.

Secondly, I would be grateful if parents would not risk suicide by walking their children through the car entrance at the front of the school, but would instead use the "**door in the wall**" crossing straight across to the arch. That entrance is surprisingly busy.

Thirdly, please note that the quad does have children on it throughout the day - the back car park is safer at all times.

Fourthly, please consider **internet safety**. It has come to my attention that a number of parents have allowed their children to lie about their age in order to get them on social networks. Apart from the more obvious stranger danger, everything they say on these is public property. The school does take a very dim view of internet malfeasance.

In that regard, too, please be careful about sending items such as **class lists attached to emails** - they are easy to intercept and often end up in the wrong hands.

And finally...

There was an engineer, manager and programmer driving down a steep mountain road. The brakes failed and the car careered down the road out of control.

Half way down the driver managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment narrowly avoiding going over a cliff. They all got out, shaken by their narrow escape from death, but otherwise unharmed.

The manager said "To fix this problem we need to organize a committee, have meetings, and through a process of continuous improvement, develop a solution."

The engineer said "No that would take too long, and besides that method never worked before. I have my trusty pen knife here and will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it."

The programmer said "I think you're both wrong! I think we should all push the car back up the hill and see if it happens again."

Headmaster's Commendations

Second badges have been presented to Holly Denham and Lara Martin

First badge has been presented to Charlie Dickinson

Certificates have been presented to Eddie Brown, Zach Drennan, Samuel Druitt, George Duncan, Peter Gabriel, Olivia Harborow, George Harry, Adam Lee-Brown, Charley Locatelli, Alice O'Hagan, Cyrus Panthaki, Niamh Parker, Laurence Piper, Poppy-May Rickard, Owen Sears, Amelia Strike, Elizabeth Singh, James Singh and Jake Thompson

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 6 Hope MacMillan, Cameron Morse, Douglas Ollington, Elizabeth Singh, Jake Thompson,

Level 4 Ethan Barrow, Patrick Crowley, Tom Cupis, Tom Hanford, Lewys Marshall, Christie Mills, Alex Morley, Milly Young

Level 3 Jamie Baudry, Joe El-Majdoubi, Esme Holmes, Darcey Oldham, Kai Robinson, Jamie Stapleton, Dominic Steffen

Level 2 Joely Bonner, Alex Main, Finley Marks, Poppy-May Rickard

English Speaking Board Results

to last year's Year 3 on these excellent results

Distinction: Thomas Cupis, Alexandra Morley, Alice O'Hagan, Darcey Oldham, Milly Young

Merit +: Ethan Barrow, Ewan Baudry, Joely Bonner, Thomas Brunning, Thomas Crook, Patrick Crowley, Anya Devon-Berry, Zachary Drennan, Jemima Fife, Harry Main, Laurence Piper, Tadd Seymour, Jamie Stapleton, Luke Trimming, Guy Tucker

Merit: Taylor Burton, Luke Clegg, Joe El-Majdoubi, Olivia Goddard, Thomas Hanford, Olivia Harborow, Esme Holmes, Georgina Jacobs, Alex Main, William Manuel, Lewys Marshall, Kai Robinson

Good Pass: Mariné Coetzee, Antony Cova, Cameron Gow

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to **Oliver Bradshaw** on being named Most Improved Player of the Year by Woking Town Football Club in their Under 7 season 2008-09.

The **Second Hand Uniform Shop** run by the RCPA is currently stocking 16 girls' tartan tunics size 26 (suitable for Year 1 to 3 girls). We sell these at £14 or less (they cost £29 to £34 new). We also have a plethora of Tracksuit tops (mainly Year 5 to 8 sizes) sold at £15 (they cost £31.50 new).

Why don't you come and **buy from us on Monday 5th October** between 8:30 and 9:30 am? We are open the first Monday of every month as indicated in the Ripley Court Calendar.

We are, on the other hand, very short of blazers so do drop the one your child has grown out of so we can sell it for you (you get 80% of the £25-£30 we sell it for, just pin a label with your name to the blazer).

You can **drop all your old uniform items at the school reception at any time.**

Many thanks
Vinciane Ollington