



The end of a busy half



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RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Court Circular

The Head's Lines

I very much enjoyed meeting parents on Saturday last at the **staff-parents' conference** to discuss the progress of the children, and am looking forward to seeing those from Little Court later this week. I am pleased to report that there were very few problems and that most children are making excellent progress.

Many thanks to those who joined Claire Brown for **Groundforce 2** last Friday afternoon. We can look forward, next spring, to a splendid display from the hundreds of bulbs that were planted.



Congratulations, too, to the RCPA for the successful film night and for the production of the **calendar**, which should be available for purchase soon. The RCPA have recently donated an outdoor table tennis table which is receiving heavy usage.

Please remember that Friday is an RCPA **mufti day** - they are asking for bottle donations for the tombola at the Christmas fair.

We are all looking forward to a short break. It is apparent that people are tired - even I am finding getting up in the morning to be a bit of a burden!

The car park has been awkward this term - although this will improve as the weather worsens and people feel less chatty. One request from a parent is for people not to park selfishly on the **yellow lines in Rose Lane** - it means that the passing distance becomes huge, and this can have a knock-on effect all the way round to the car park. On match days, weather and use of pitches permitting, Court Meadow will be open both for visitor parking and as an overflow car park for pick up.

Please also note that **Newark Lane** is due to be closed for a new gas main from the end of October until Christmas.

Whether it will be completely blocked, or merely operating as a contraflow I do not know, but you may wish to have some alternatives lined up.

In that regard, the school will be continuing its programme of **refurbishment** next week. There will be some painting and we will be replacing the floor tiles in the gym. Please take everything you need from the changing rooms before half-term.

We will also be starting the construction of a new **outdoor classroom**, mostly for the reception classes, outside Little Court.

And finally...

A few terrible one-liners courtesy of Mark King:

"She was only a whisky maker but he loved her still."

"Two silk worms had a race but it ended in a tie."

"I was wondering why the baseball was growing bigger. Then it hit me."

"Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a banana."

"A backward poet writes inverse."

GIFT WRAP REMINDER

Please could I have all orders by the end of Friday 23 October. Additional order forms can be found in the Bus Shelter, Reception and also on the Little Court and Barrington Notice Boards.

Vanessa Gough



Headmaster's Commendations

Second badge has been presented to Louis Rickard

First badges have been presented to Jack Miller, Cameron Morse, Darcey Oldham, Henry Roberts, Mia Williams and Milly Young

Certificates have been presented to Christopher Ballard, Joely Bonner, Tom Brunning, Gwendy Davenport, Joe El-Majdoubi, William Farnsworth, Ben Ford, Cameron Gow, Tomo Knowland, Scarlet Macdonald, Hope MacMillan, Elisabeth Peak, Charlotte Rickwood, Elliott Rickwood, Ed Scott and Owen Sears

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 5 Patrick Crowley, Tom Cupis, Tom Hanford, Lewys Marshall, Laurence Piper, Milly Young

Level 4 Ewan Baudry, Anya Devon-Berry, Joe El-Majdoubi, Esme Holmes, Darcey Oldham, Tadd Seymour, Jamie Stapleton

Level 3 Mariné Coetzee, Cameron Gow, Luke Trimming

Level 2 Antony Cova, Zachary Drennan, Olivia Goddard, Olivia Harborow, Georgina Jacobs

SPORTS NEWS AND REPORTS

Ripley score first

Football

Friday 9 October

v Belmont 1st XI 10—0, 2nd XI 9—0

Tuesday 13 October

v Denmead U9A 1—0, U9B 2—1, U9C 3—0

Wednesday 14 October

v Burys Court U10A 8—3

Thursday 15 October

v Lanesborough U8A 1—3, U8B 0—6, U8C 0—0

v Longacre U9A 2—0, U9B 3—0

Netball

Wednesday 30 September

U11 v St Andrew's 12—5

U10 8—7

Tuesday 13 October

U9A v Longacre 14—0

Girls' Football

Monday 12 October

U9A v Danes Hill 3—2



NEW YEAR FUN!

DATES: 4—8 JANUARY

TIMES: 9.00—3.30

EARLY BIRD 8.00—9.00

All pupils, siblings & friends
from Year 1 upwards welcome

Further details from Mr Brunning

