



Here's to the weather



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The Court Circular

The Head's Lines

I think that nearly all of our families are now back with us—or will be after the bank holiday. We do have a full complement of staff now and so we can continue with what looks to be a busy term.

Payback for all those who spent afternoons last year helping in the gardens—we have had a stunning display of bulbs and crocuses, with more to follow.

Barracudas was a great success over Easter and they are looking forward to an excellent turnout in Summer. Go to www.barracudas.co.uk to book.

There are many things for your diary. The two “three-line-whip” events on a Saturday are the Summer fair/family day which is on Saturday 22nd May and Speech Day on Saturday 3rd July. The senior play is *Pride and Prejudice*, and it will be *Al fresco* on the Lawn on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th May at 7 p.m. Further details overleaf.

There are numerous other items in the green card and a huge number of trips planned for the end of term—you will thank yourself if you connect it to the family diaries soon rather than later. In general, too, please look out for the galas and sports days in the last few weeks of term, where parental support is always hugely appreciated.

You may have noticed the new-look hobbies format this term—Mr Cockerill has galvanised the staff and there is a super variety on offer. I do hope the children make the most of them.

After a number of very static years on the staff front we have a few changes in the offing. We have also taken the opportunity, with a new Deputy Head, to tweak the management structure. A separate letter detailing these is enclosed.

Following the arrival of the warmer weather, please would you ensure that your children come to school with a named sun hat (green caps are available from Reception), named sun cream and water bottles.

And finally...

Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the organ of the species.

Benjamin Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backwards.

The theory of evolution was greatly objected to because it made man think.

Cuckoos lay another bird's eggs in their nests.

Algebraic symbols are used when you don't know what you are talking about.

Headmaster's Commendations

Second badges have been presented to Hope MacMillan and Niamh Parker

First badge has been presented to Samuel Grainger

Certificates have been presented to Oliver Bradshaw, Michael Butler, Gwendy Davenport, Caitlin Duncan, George Duncan, Tommy Hurst, Katie Lee-Brown, Elliot Lewis, Emily Peyton, Alistair Sharman, Ben Shatz, Jake Thompson and Jasmin Walker

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 7 Matthew Boothby and Connor MacMillan

Level 3 Christopher Ballard, Oliver Cupis, Tom Portsmouth

Level 2 Mollie Casey, Murray Dare, Gwendy Davenport

ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to Year 5 on these excellent results

Distinction: Charley Locatelli, Christie Mills, Darius Panthaki, Niamh Parker, Owen Sears, Amelia Strike and James Woellwarth

Merit Plus: Ella Harvey, Tommy Hurst, Katie Lee-Brown, Scarlet Macdonald, Hope MacMillan, Cameron Morse, Sophie Palmer, Poppy-May Rickard, Finley Marks, Lucie Rutherford, William Scott, Elizabeth Singh, Dominic Steffen and Jake Thompson

Merit: George Griffiths, George Harry, Douglas Ollington and Kitty Raphael

Good Pass: Carly Johnston

An Open-Air Production of "Pride and Prejudice"

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 May at 7 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for the Ripley Court School Senior Production of "Pride and Prejudice"; £4 for adults, £1.50 for children, available from Mr Cockerill. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The School invites you to picnic on the Headmaster's Lawn from 6 p.m. Please bring your own drinks. The RCPA will be selling tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

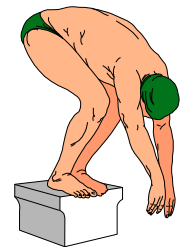
SPORTS NEWS AND REPORTS

SWIMMING—Congratulations to the following for qualifying for the IAPS finals:

U11 boys small school relay

Jamie Baudry U11 50m back

Guy Tucker U10 25m back



SUMMER FUN!!

12-23 July 2010

9.00 am to 3.30 pm

Reception to Year 8

See Mr Brunning for

further details

SAINSBURY and TESCO Vouchers

The school is collecting both Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers. Please hand in at Reception. Thank you.

A 17 year old Belgian (French speaking) girl is looking for an English family to stay with for 2 to 3 weeks between 1st and 23rd August. She will be delighted to look after your children and will improve her English in the process. Do contact Vinciane Ollington if you are interested: 01483 224 102.