



The Ark
AT RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

Wedding's over - back to work!

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The Court Circular

The Head's Lines

With all the razzmatazz over we can now look forward to a few short weeks of summer. It will be a crowded and busy term thanks to the late Easter (the latest until 2038!) although we do have a late-ish one in 2014. Those watching will have noted that we actually had an extra week last term as a result - I personally like to have extra weeks in summer where possible.



In that regards, please do consult your green-card calendars. There are several "three-line-whip" events, including sports days and galas, and parents are very welcome to support. Speech Day will be on Saturday, 2nd July and I am delighted to announce that Dr Anthony Seldon, historian, biographer of Prime Ministers and Master of Wellington College, will be the Guest of Honour.

Some may have noticed that Cathie Nicholson, music teacher to Little Court, has now become Mrs Wall! Our congratulations to them both.

Staff news - Lillias Griffiths has decided for personal reasons to leave us for pastures new at the end of this term - I am delighted to announce the appointment of Briony Marks to teach French in her place. Briony has strong sporting credentials too and so will be much involved in girls' games. Mr Van den Brandt will be taking a consulting brief to oversee the smooth development of the French department for the next year.

The highly experienced Julia Hatfield will take over the brief for watching out for girls' interests, and Alison Barratt will organise the girls games and fixtures.

Due to the number of girls staying to Year 8 next year I have also just pressed the go button on sorting out the changing room for the senior girls.

The new senior jumpers for Years 7 and 8, boys and girls, are now available for next year - they are black with green trim and look very smart. We also have new rucksacks and sports bags, which are on sale now for delivery in August, and which will run alongside the existing bags for a few years until the old stock is worn out.

The children have prepared a considerable quantity of material for the time capsule - which we will be burying at a date and time to be announced shortly.

And finally, some non-PC wedding material...

Man is incomplete until he is married. Then he is really finished.

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying for it."

A perfect wife is one who helps the husband with the dishes.

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." And the husband replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice it."

A happy marriage is a matter of give and take; the wife gives and the husband takes.

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car or the wife is new.

BOOK AMNESTY Please check the book shelves at home and return any Ripley Court books to school. Thank you.



Headmaster's Commendations

Second Badge has been presented to Alice O'Hagan.

First Badges have been presented to Zachary Drennan, Tom Hemsworth, Alex Main.

Certificates have been presented to Sophie Grainger, Daniel Price, Elizabeth Singh, George Trueman.

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 3 Charlie Parker, Louisa Piper, Harvey Turner.

Level 2 Frederica Buxton, Mia Cavanagh, Ethan Cox, Lynette Huo, William Hurford, Max Romero, Harry Young.

SPORTS NEWS

Ripley Court scores first

Rounders

Wednesday 27 April

U11A v Edgeborough

U10A

12.5—9.5

9.0—9.5



Congratulations to Emily Peyton on being selected for the Surrey U10 Hockey Squad

Sainbury's and Tesco Vouchers—Please continue to hand these in to school. Thank you.



SUMMER FUN!!

11–22 July 2011, 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

(Early Bird Session 8.00–9.00 am)

Reception to Year 8

See Mr Brunning for further details

RCPA round up. A huge thank you to everybody for your generous contributions to the Royal Wedding Quad Party last week and also for the great response to the last minute request for books. We delivered hundreds of books to the children from the Burukungu Community to take back to Kenya with them. On behalf of Touraid—grateful thanks.

Saturday 21 May—Summer Fair, 12 noon—2.30 pm. Stalls, games, ice creams, BBQ—a lunchtime gathering for the whole family!

Save the date—looking ahead

Friday 10 June—Children's Discos

Friday 24 June—RCPA Summer Party—our last social gathering of the year, BBQ and bar. 7.30 pm

The Courtiers Need Ripley Courtiers Cricket Club was formed some 25 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 over 40 diehards who form the core of the club.

So, if you are a former County player, an Oxbridge Blue or had England (or better still Australia) School-boy 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. If you're interested, please call Boris Porter (07986464019) or Paul Cope (07768718238) or visit our website at www.ripleycourtiers.co.uk