

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will already know your son/daughter has been working to achieve the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award. The award has three components: a personal volunteering challenge, a school based project and a community action project.

Earlier this term the pupils completed their personal volunteering project which is aimed at enabling them to be a force for good in their local community. For their school based project, each tutor group has led a year group assembly during which they have encouraged their peers to think about how they may serve those around them.

The final part of the award is the community action project and this will take place on Thursday 28th June. On this day all Year 7 pupils will be out of school all morning working on various community projects in our local area. The activities, which have been risk assessed, are varied and pupils will be working alongside volunteers from the various organisations to 'make a difference'. They will be supervised by school staff at all times.

Your son/daughter will be able to come to school in non-uniform on that day. Please send them in **old clothes** which you are not worried about them getting dirty as they will be gardening and cleaning. Please can you ensure that they are **not in shorts**, and that they have a **long sleeved jumper** and a **pair of gardening gloves** with them as they will be weeding areas which are covered in nettles and such vegetation. As the good weather looks set to continue please can you ensure your son/daughter has a **drink** with them, a **hat** and **sun cream**.

In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we would normally ask for a contribution of £1, or 50 pence if you have more than one child in school. However, on this occasion we would ask that you send them with either a packet of pasta or a tin of food. These gifts will be donated to the local 'Olive branch' which provides support to local families in times of need.

When we return from our community projects we will have lunch together. Please could I ask that you send your son/daughter with a packed lunch, as the canteen may not be open when we return. If your son/daughter is entitled to a free school meal then a packed lunch will be provided for them.

We look forward to an enjoyable day in which 'Team Ripley' will make a significant difference in the local community.

Kind regards

Mrs H Ballard
R.E. Department

Mrs R Burr
Progress Leader Year 7

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