

# Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors



## January 2023

Happy new year to everyone, thank you for all your cards and presents. We hope everyone had a lovely time over the festive break, we have been thinking of those that have been poorly and hope everyone is feeling better.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL DATES: There will be no Riding or ASDAN Sessions 28th, 30th Jan and 1st, 2nd Feb.

Welcome to our new group members joining us from Acorn and Squirrels Exeter group that have now merged with us. We are also looking forward to Sue Veale joining us when she can and continuing Tea with a pony. This activity is specifically dementia friendly.

Thank for all those that took part in this years Christmas challenge. We are still receiving money in from those we didn't see before Christmas but at the moment we are at £1500 - fantastic effort well done. The Christmas raffle raised £270, the Christmas cake made £50 and a massive thank you the Cadburys Trust for £5000.

We are really aware of the big pot hole outside the gate which we are initially hoping to patch and then resurface the whole area when funds allow. Particular thanks to the two outside organisations that use the school that have put in £100 each.

The new regulations for hats have now changed as of 1st January. This has meant we have had to replace 17 hats. The cheapest of which is now £70. **If you ride in your own hat these must checked and tagged before being used.**

The horses have had a lovely holiday. Tic Toc, Buddy and Bobby have been out arena eventing and had a lovely time.

There are still some DBS checks outstanding, please speak to the office if you think this may be you. Also please update any contact details if they have changed.

As we come into the period of unknown weather conditions, it is up to individuals to contact us if they are uncertain. In the event of cancellation we will post on facebook. With weather in mind please make sure you drive slowly and carefully on the lane down and on the yard, there are children, dogs and young horses on the yard. When parking please make sure not to block access to the gate and shed at the end of the yard.

Contact details:

Peggy - 07882286421 (Text on day)

[peggydouglasrda@gmail.com](mailto:peggydouglasrda@gmail.com) (Email in advance only please)

**Dates:**

4th Jan - first session back

Friday 13th Jan - Claire Dethrick Para and RDA dressage training (invite only)

Sat 28th, 30th Jan and 1st, 2nd Feb. - No Sessions

9th Feb - Final ASDAN session

Friday 10th Feb - Claire Dethrick Para and RDA dressage training (invite only)

11th Feb - 17th Feb - Half Term

1st April - Last session before easter (TBC)

Wednesday 19th April - First session back

Tuesday 25th April - Show jumping at the Brook

29th, 30th April 1st May - ICC at Bicton

Tuesday 9th May - Dressage and countryside challenge @ Lakefield

Thursday 18th May - No sessions

14th 15th 16th July - Nationals @ Hartpury

**Items always needed:**

Cleaning stuff

Sponges

felt tips

scissors

Paper