

WELCOME BACK



As our first week back into the new school year draws to a close there is already plenty to be proud of at Ropley CE Primary School. Class 5/6 have been on an adventure to St Lucia; getting there via 'Farrell Airways'! Class 4/5 have been finding ways to make their dreams come true with their Dream

Jars and Class 3/4 have been busy getting stuck into their new topic on materials. In Key Stage 1, Year 2 painted some happy memories from the summer and, as I write, Year 1 are enjoying a PE lesson on our fantastic new MUGA. We have welcomed our Reception children to school this week for afternoon visits where they have been painting, playing and making their own obstacle courses. They looked as if they had a great start to their Ropley journey.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week as Headteacher at Ropley CE Primary School and know that I will continue to enjoy getting to know the staff, children and parents. Your children have impressed me with their enthusiasm for learning, their confidence and passion to speak positively about a school they clearly care a lot about. I look forward to working closely with the children, staff, governors, parents and the local community to continue the excellent work of the school that caters for the individual needs of all your children.

I will be on the playground most mornings before school, but should you wish to meet me more formally, please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office. Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have already introduced yourselves to me for making me feel so welcome.

Miss Vittle

ROPLEY 'GROUNDFORCE' DAY

Saturday 15th September. 10am-2pm

We would like to invite as many grown ups that are available, to come along next Saturday to help us to refresh our outside space. We particularly want to lightly sand down all of our wooden furniture and re-paint them. Any help within the time would be gratefully received, whether that is for 1 or 2 hours or the whole session! Please just come along and we will allocate you a job to do. If anyone has brushes, sandpaper and any left over wood paint—whatever the colour—we would be delighted to make use of it as our resources are limited! Please let the school office know as soon as possible if you are available so that we have an idea of how many will be coming along. We can offer tea, coffee, squash and biscuits for all willing volunteers. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

NETBALL TRIALS

The High 5 Netball club trial will be next Wednesday, 12th September, beginning immediately after school and finishing at 4.00pm. The club is for girls in Years 5 and 6 and boys in Year 6 only; please complete the form in the school lobby if you plan to attend. Club will begin the following Wednesday, 19th September. Kit needs to be worn for trial and club: shorts or skort, t-shirt and trainers. For later in the year it is advisable to have a long sleeved sports top (sweat shirts are acceptable but preferably without hoods) and leggings or jogging bottoms.

INVITATION

You are very warmly invited to join us for a half an hour all age celebration of the New School Year

On Sunday 9th September at 10am

In Ropley Village Hall

A 30 minutes service with lots to see and do and a special welcome for Miss Vittle, followed by tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

Hope to see you all there

Revd. Clare

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MOLYNEUX

Just a short message to say thank you very, very much to all the parents, children, staff, governors and past parents for their kind and thoughtful words and very generous gifts at the end of the summer term. I have celebrated my retirement in style by running an ultra marathon mountain race across the Alps at the end of the summer holidays and am now looking forward to spending more time with friends and family and continuing with my running coaching. Ropley school is a very special place and I have very happy memories to take away with me. Thank you to everyone and I hope you all have a fantastic year.



Mrs Molyneux

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Online application system for Secondary schools opens on Monday 10th September and you can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for a school in another local authority. Application deadline is Wednesday 31st October.

NUT AND EGG FREE PLEASE!

Please remember that we are a nut free school and this extends to items in lunch boxes such as nutella, granola bars, bakewell tart and peanut butter! This year, we also have a child with a **severe egg allergy**. This means that we can no longer allow egg sandwiches, boiled eggs or egg salads to be included in lunch boxes. Please help us keep this child, and all our children, safe by NOT including nuts or eggs in your children's packed lunches.

DINNER MONEY

With immediate effect, school meals have increased in price to £2.30 per meal for all children in Years 3 upwards. This is still excellent value for money as children will continue to have a choice of 3 main meals and several dessert options every day. All of our school dinners are cooked fresh to order on a daily basis.

This half term will be **33 days @ £2.30** per day which is **£75.90**. Please ensure you have paid IN ADVANCE either weekly, monthly or half termly either by cash, cheque or online. School uniform orders and school trips are also available to pay online. If you haven't yet signed up for our secure, online system please ask the school office for your unique log on ID. If you pay in cash please ensure it is in a named, sealed envelope before you hand it into the office - there are brown money envelopes and a pen pot by the leaflet rack in the entrance lobby.

A FEW REMINDERS!

Can we remind you that children should not be on the playground unaccompanied before 8.30am. If you need to drop your child at school before this time they must be booked into breakfast club. Please leave all scooters and bikes in the bike rack at the top of the drive and not left hanging over onto the drive. They must not, under any circumstances, be ridden onto the playground!

Please also remember not to park in Hale Close, the taxi bay or in the disabled bays at the entrance to Hale Close. These bays are for use by authorised blue badge holders and the school bus only and really makes the journey to school particularly difficult for those children that need them if somebody else has used these spaces.

Children should not bring money or valuable items to school, long hair should be neatly tied back (this really does help prevent the spread of the dreaded head lice!) and all items must either fit on your child's coat peg or in their locker/tidy tray, including pencil cases, back packs, PE kit and coats!

A local resident has also asked us to remind you to drive slowly through the village as there are many blind corners, often with children walking in the road! She had a near miss with a driver who was on the wrong side of the road and driving faster than the 30mph limit through the village! As there is no path and the road is narrow please watch your speed at all times. 20 is plenty!

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Did you know that if you live in catchment, or we are your closest school with a space, but you live more than 2 miles away on a route that is unsafe to walk (such as Monkwood, West Tisted or Bramdean for example) your child may be entitled to free school transport. More information and a link to complete an online application form can be found at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport>

FRENCH CLUB

This term, French club will run on Wednesday lunch time from 12.15pm-12.45pm for Years 1 & 2 and after school for Years 3-6 at 3.10pm to 3.55pm. There will be a FREE taster session next Wednesday 12th September for any child who would like to try the club. Please just go along at the right time and meet Alice and have a go!

For further information about French club, please contact Alice Dickens on 07958 918616 or email her at alice@aliceslanguageland.uk

ROPLEY MUSIC NIGHTS

HEAD NORTH!

6th October 2018 at 7.30pm, Ropley Village Hall

Tickets are £10. Buy tickets online at www.ropleymusic.co.uk or email info@ropleymusic.co.uk for more info

Head North is an 8 piece band playing a mix of traditional and progressive Celtic music, with some Transatlantic additions and original tunes. Traditional reels, jigs and marches are reinterpreted with a driving edge complemented by slow airs and songs sung in 3 part harmony. This gig is seated so why not bring a picnic? Drinks are available from the bar. If you would like to book a table please email Tracey Knight on tracey@traceyandjon.com and all profits will go towards St Peter's Church.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Perins will be holding their open day on Thursday 20th September, 9am to 10.45am and again at 5pm to 7pm. To register your interest please visit their website at www.perins.net

Amery Hill will also be holding open mornings on 18th and 19th September, 9am to 10.30am.

If you intend taking your Year 5 or 6 child to either of these open days please ensure that you let the school office know in advance and also, more importantly, that you let them know if your child wants a school dinner!

ALRESFORD FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Girls do you LOVE playing FOOTBALL, want to have FUN, meet new FRIENDS, keep FIT and all at a LOCAL football club? If so, then come and join us at Alresford Town Youth FC. We have girls teams from U10's through to U16's. For more information please contact our club coach GARETH COTTRELL by email at garethcottrell@hotmail.com or call him on 07760 275746.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WITH GEORGE

BRAND NEW KS2 Football After-School Club

Monday Afternoons
3:00-4:15pm

FRIDAY FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

KS1 & Year 3 Football ASC
Friday Afternoons
3:00-4:15pm

Multi-Skills (KS1 & KS2) ASC

Thursday Afternoons
3:00-4:15pm

To register please follow the link below to our on-line booking form. Once completed, you will be contacted by a member of our team.

<http://www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking/>

LITTLE BOOKWORMS

Enhancing a love of books through stories and fun activities, which include crafts, cooking etc. for Key Stage 1 children.

Tuesdays from 3.00pm until 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.

We do have one or two spaces this term.

For further information or to book a place please contact:

Norma Day on tramonto@hotmail.co.uk

ROPLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE GROUP

Friday's from 3.00pm until 5.00pm in the Parish Hall for Key Stage 2 Children

For further information or to book a place please contact:

Norma Day on tramonto@hotmail.co.uk

KARATE CLUB

Four Marks Martial Arts Academy are offering a 6 week Beginners Karate course starting on 13th September, from 4.15pm until 5.00pm. Price for the 6 weeks is only £48 and includes a Gi, belt and mini grading at the end of the course! For more information and to book your place please contact Caroline on 07557 655933.

DIARY DATES

New events or date changes in bold

Mon 10th Sept	Meet the Teacher, Year 1, 2.30pm
Tues 11th Sept	Meet the Teacher, Year 2, 2.30pm
Wed 12th Sept	Meet the Teacher, CI 4/5, 2.30pm
Thur 13th Sept	School Nurse to present NHWM to Year 6
	Meet the Teacher, CI 3/4, 2.30pm
Fri 14th Sept	Meet the Teacher, CI 5/6, 2.30pm
Wed 18th Sept	Amery Hill Open Morning, 9-10.30am
Thur 19th Sept	Amery Hill Open Morning, 9-10.30am
Thur 20th Sept	Perins Open Day, 9-10.45am, 5-7pm
Fri 21st Sept	New Parents Coffee Morning, 9am, Ropley Coffee Rooms
Mon 24th Sept	Whole Governing Body Mtg, 6.30pm
Thur 27th Sept	World Music Workshops, Whole School
Fri 28th Sept	World Music Workshops, Whole School Individual Portrait Session
Mon 1st Oct	Bikeability Year 5 and 6 all week
Fri 12th Oct	FROGS AGM 7.30pm CI 4/5 Quiz Night Fundraiser, 8.00pm Ropley Village Hall
Tues 16th Oct	Parents Evening, 3.10pm-6.00pm
Thur 18th Oct	Parents Evening, 3.10pm-6.00pm
Fri 19th Oct	CI 5/6 to Archaeological Dig Break for Half Term
Mon 29th Oct	INSET Day
Wed 31st Oct	Dance Workshops, Whole School
Thur 1st Nov	Flu Immunisations, Year R-5
Mon 6th Nov	Avon Tyrrell—Year 6
Sat 24th Nov	FROGS Xmas Fayre, 12noon—2pm

MUSIC LESSONS

There are now spaces for anyone who would like to take up violin, drum, flute, guitar, recorder or piano lessons. Please pop into the school office for the contact details if you are interested.

If anyone has a spare flute they would be willing to lend to a sensible Year 3 child so she can have a taster lesson please call the school office. Thanks

W/C 10th September 2018	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning			<i>Herald Newspaper to Photo Yr R Guitar Lessons Ukelele Lessons</i>	Drum Lessons	
Lunchtime			<i>French Club Taster Years 1 & 2 12.15pm -12.45pm</i>		
Afternoon	<i>Year 1 Meet the Teacher, 2.30pm</i>	<i>Year 2 Meet the Teacher, 2.30pm</i>	<i>CI 4/5 Meet the Teacher, 2.30pm</i>	<i>CI 3/4 Meet the Teacher, 2.30pm Flute Lessons Violin Lessons</i>	<i>CI 5/6 Meet the Teacher, 2.30pm</i>
After School Activities	KS2 Football club 3.00pm-4.15pm	Little Bookworms KS1 (Mrs Day)	<i>French Club Taster 3.10pm-3.55pm Netball Club Trials 3.00pm-4.00pm</i>	KS1+KS2 Multisports 3.00pm-4.15pm	KS1+ Yr 3 Football club KS2 Drama Club (Mrs Day)