**CHANGE TO OUR MORNING ROUTINE**

From Monday morning children will go straight into class when they arrive at school in the morning.

The gate will open at 8.40am and children can arrive from this time onwards. The official start to the school day will remain the same with the registration period starting at 8.50am. All children should enter their classroom through the playground door, regardless of the weather.

This ‘staggered’ arrival time will give the children a calmer start to the day by having time to put their things away and settle into class. As usual, we politely request that parents do not accompany children into school but instead encourage their independence and organisation skills.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents who gave such positive feedback about the side gate. Keeping our children safe is a priority and it is reassuring to have such a lot of support from our parent community.

**THE BELL RING OUT**

Tuesday 11th December
2pm and 5pm, Ropley Village Hall

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to this years nativity production. A letter with full details has been sent home already and can also be found on our website under ‘Current Letters’. Can we remind you that although there are no tickets issued we do not have space for more than 2 or 3 members of each family. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis with standing room at the back. The children have been hard at work practising their songs and words and we are really looking forward to entertaining you with this years production.

**NATIONAL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

*Friday 14th December*

On Friday, the children will be able, if they wish, to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or simply something festive, in return for £1 donation to Save the Children. Normal school uniform should be worn along with a Christmas jumper.

**POP UP ADVENT**

On Tuesday the children all visited a ‘pop up’ prayer space arranged by Rev Clare Welham. The children learnt about why Christians celebrate Advent and were able to fizz away their worries, make a flower of forgiveness, write on the graffiti wall of hope and a balloon of wishes, as well as other activities based around positive thought and mindfulness. Thank you Rev Clare for running this lovely event.

**WHO WON THE VOTE?**

As a whole school we regularly support various charities throughout the year. Our Learning council discussed whether this should continue or if the school should vote on one main charity to support. They decided to ask the school community to vote for a short list of three charities - RSPCA, Tiggywinkles and Save the Children.

On Wednesday, every child was given a counter to vote with, which they put into the box of their choice. It was very close but the RSPCA won with 73 votes, followed by Tiggywinkles with 44 votes and Save the Children with 38 votes.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

On Sunday, *Lucy C* (year 6) competed at the Hart Hampshire Pre Prep Grades. This was at Grade 3 Level in Artistic Gymnastics and she won Gold! This was Lucy’s first competition since suffering a nasty ankle injury so this was a great way to come back. We are all very proud of you Lucy, well done.
VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK BUILDING WORKS

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Building work at the hall is due to start in early January and to accommodate this work, **most of the lower car park will be closed**, which will inevitably cause a certain amount of disruption. **Limited access will start from next Thursday, 13th December.**

There will be a signed 2 way in and out system to access and exit the top car park which will be along the Recreation Ground side of the car park.

This will obviously cause problems for the school run and the advice is to allow extra time for parking. We advise that the safest route for walking to school is via the footpath through Hale Close.

Please take extra care when using the car park and **under no circumstances should cars be parked in unmarked areas**. We would also ask that consideration be given to those who are hiring the hall, as it will remain fully operational, and that any spaces that might remain available in the lower car park be left for their use.

We apologise for the disruption and inconvenience that this work will cause but we very much hope that the new facilities will be an asset to the village.

Thank you for your help and patience.

*Tim Day, for the Parish Hall Committee*

As a continuation from this notice, can we please remind parents that children who arrive after the side gate has closed at 9.00am **must be signed in at the office by an adult.**

In addition we have received several complaints from residents in Hale Close about the inconsiderate parking of our parents. On several occasions emergency access has been restricted.

As a school we can not police the parking around the school, but we can, **once again**, ask all of our parents to put all children’s safety first.

If the difference between a short walk from the Parish hall to school means that the risk of serious injury to children is reduced then it has to be best option for parking.

Inconsiderate parking causes a danger to children and makes life very difficult for those who need to park close to school.

Thank you to those parents who always park considerately; it does not go unnoticed.

FROGS DISCO

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

KS1 - 5.00pm to 6.00pm
KS2 - 6.15pm to 7.30pm
£3.50 per ticket
(includes refreshments)

*Tickets on sale every day at morning drop off and at pick up*

COMMUNITY FESTIVE TEA PARTY

Wednesday 12th December

2.45pm until 4.00pm

Delicious cakes, scones, mince pies etc and most important , excellent company!

Why not use this event to distribute Christmas cards, you may even find people willing to pop cards through neighbours doors!

This is a very special way of meeting up with friends, saying hello to those you may not know and just being a part of the Community, it really is for everyone!

There is no charge, just a donation bowl to help cover expenses.

Please come, it won’t be the same without you.

*Norma Day*

SWIMMING

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last week-end Year 5 *Isobel J* and Year 6 *Ava K* from Alton Swimming Club competed in the Peter Bull gala at Waterlooville. Isobel competed over 2 days and won a bronze in 100m breaststroke and silver in 200m breaststroke. Ava competed on the Sunday and won bronze in the 50m breaststroke. Both girls also had personal bests in their other races, so a very successful week-end for them and their club. Well done, girls we are very proud of you!

FROGS FAIR UPDATE

We are delighted to tell you that after all the money raised was accounted for, the actual amount raised was **£3097.65**. This is a fantastic amount and almost £400 more than last year! Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event and to all the hard work by FROGS. Please see the Frogs Newsletter update, attached to this newsletter, for a detailed report on the event.
MISSION CHRISTMAS
This year, we have signed up to be a gift donation point for Mission Christmas, a Wave 105 FM initiative to ensure local children living in poverty have a Christmas Day that they will remember. It is a heart breaking thought but there are thousands of children living right here in our community who are in danger of waking up to no presents on Christmas Day, as for some families Christmas is a luxury they just can’t afford. If you can, please buy an extra present this year and bring it in to put in the box in the entrance foyer, gifts should be new and either wrapped or unwrapped. There is a poster at the front and back of school with suggested gift ideas. Please spread the word, we would like to collect as many gifts as possible. Thank you for your support, the last day for donation is 13th December at morning drop off.
Thank you for all the donations we have received so far, the box is filling up!

EMAIL ADDRESSES
As part of our transfer of data collection becoming GDPR compliant we will no longer be sending home paper data collection sheets. Please email the school office—adminoffice@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk as soon as possible so that we have your current email address as we will shortly be inviting all parents to sign up to Sims Parentlite. This will enable parents to keep children’s details up to date by electronically sending us a notification. Mum’s and Dad’s both need to email us if both parents have parental consent, please.
A simple email stating your child’s name and class and your name is all we need. Once our database is updated we will send out the invites to join Sims Parentlite.

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DIARY DATES
*New events or date changes in bold*

- Tues 11th Dec: Whole School Nativity Performance Village Hall, 2pm & 5pm
- Thurs 13th Dec: Drum Performance to parents, 9.10am School Xmas lunch day
- Fri 14th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day FROGS School Disco
- Wed 19th Dec: KS1 Xmas Party, 1.30pm
- Thurs 20th Dec: Year 5 to Perins Xmas Concert 11am KS2 Xmas Party, 1.30pm
- Fri 21st Dec: Carols Around the Tree, 12.30am End of Autumn Term at 1.15pm
- Mon 7th Jan: Start of Spring Term
- Tues 8th Jan: CI 5/6 Viking Workshop
- Mon 4th Feb: Whole Governing Body, 6pm
- Tues 5th Feb: KS1 Giant Sing, Year 1, Basingstoke Anvil 12.15pm-3.45pm
- Tues 12th Feb: Giant Sing, CI 3/4 & 4/5 Basi Anvil, 12.15pm—15.45pm
- Fri 15th Feb: Snow White Panto at Village Hall, 2pm Break for Half Term
- Mon 25th Feb: Inset Day
- Tues 5th March: Parents Evening 3.10pm-6.00pm
- Thur 7th March: Parents Evening 3.10pm-6.00pm
- Mon 18th March: Whole Governing Body, 6.00pm
- Fri 22nd March: Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night End of Spring Term
- Tues 23rd April: Start of Summer Term
- Fri 24th May: Break for Half Term
- Mon 3rd June: Inset Day
- Tues 23rd July: End of Summer Term

END OF TERM
A letter was sent home in book bags this week asking you to confirm if your child will need a school picnic bag on 21st December and if you will be collecting your child at 1.15pm or 3pm. Please note, After School Club will NOT be running on this day and all children MUST be collected by 3pm. It is essential that you return the slip on the letter indicating your child’s lunch choices and pick up time. Cut off date for returning slips is WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER please.