



**APPRECIATION** ❤️ **BELONGING** ❤️ **COMPASSION**

*The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it*



### THE BELLS RING OUT

We hope that you enjoyed our performance of The Bells Ring Out as much as the children enjoyed performing it. They have practised very hard for several weeks now and we think that their hard work really paid off with wonderful singing, clear readings and perfect acting out of the traditional Nativity story.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this performance one to remember - it really was a team effort. Our retiring collection this year was in aid of the RSPCA, the charity chosen by the children. We are pleased to tell you that we raised £247.83, thank you for your generosity.



### MORNING ROUTINE

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to stop at the gate this week, or emailed me, to support the change the morning routine. I have been pleased to see the children coming into their classes calmly and settling promptly enabling them to start their learning at 8.50am. The teachers have reported that this calmer start to the day is beneficial and they have enjoyed being able to take the time to chat with the children as they arrive into class. Hopefully the traffic flow in and out of the car park will also benefit with this new routine, especially now that work has started on the village hall renovations.

*Miss Vittle*

### PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

On Thursday 17th of January I will be holding a 'Parents in Partnership' meeting in the school hall from 8.45 - 9.15am. This informal gathering is an opportunity for parents and carers to suggest ideas, voice any concerns and share views.

It is not a place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual members of staff. Parents who need to discuss such concerns should initially talk to their child's class teacher. I hope to see you there.



### FESTIVE THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated a gift to our Wave 105 Mission Christmas collection. Our box was overflowing with presents thanks to your generosity. We will drop them all off to the collection point this weekend and I know they will be very well received. Thanks to you, children in our area who are living in poverty will have a happy Christmas with presents under their tree.



### POPPY APPEAL FEEDBACK

We were delighted to hear this week that we raised £181-19 from our Poppy Appeal collection. This contributed to a total of over £26,000 which was raised by Alton and district area alone, the most the area has ever raised! This is wonderful news and we would like to thank you all for supporting this worthy cause.



### PHONICS CONGRATULATIONS

We were delighted to receive a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating us on our outstanding achievement in the 2018 Phonics Screening Check. With 96% of our children achieving or exceeding the pass mark, this places us in the top 7% of schools in the country, a result we are rightly proud of.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

What a wonderful array of colourful, festive outfits around school today! All of the children have taken part and have enjoyed showing off their festive wear to each other. As you know, Christmas Jumper Day is an annual fundraiser for Save the Children and we are pleased to share with you that we raised £122. Thank you to everyone who donated.



## **REMINDER - 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](mailto: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.

Thank you to all those who have already sent in their email addresses.

## **NETBALL CLUB**

As you know, Julia Beaumont will be retiring at the end of this term. She has managed our popular netball club for several years and we are pleased to now let you know that Miss Richards and Mrs Burrows have agreed to take on netball club. This does mean that it will be run on a Tuesday night instead of a Wednesday (as Mrs Burrows does not work on a Wednesday). It will start on Tuesday 15th January, 3pm to 4pm and will be open to Years 5 and 6 girls and boys. Sign up sheets will be available in the first week of the Spring term.

## **OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

With the end of the autumn term rapidly approaching please ensure your lunch and trip accounts are up to date. Invoices are going out today for outstanding lunch debt and if you have indicated that you will pay for a trip online, please make sure you have logged into your account and made the payment. Thanks.

## **DIARY DATES**

**\*New events or date changes in bold\***

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
<b>Tues 8th Jan</b>	<b>CI 5/6 Viking Workshop</b>
<b>Thurs 17th Jan</b>	<b>Parents In Partnership, 8.45am</b>
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
<b>Tues 12th March</b>	<b>CI 3/4 &amp; 4/5 Roman Day</b>
Mon 18th March	Whole Governing Body, 6.00pm
Fri 22nd March	Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night
Fri 5th April	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

## **EXTRA CURRICULUM CLUBS**

After Christmas, Mr Noyce will be starting his ever popular **Chess club** for the Spring Term. This will run on Tuesdays, 3pm to 4pm and will start on Tuesday 15th January. Miss Vittle and Miss Richards will also be starting **Singing club** which will run on Wednesday lunch time, Miss Richards will be starting **running club** on a Monday lunch time and Mrs Farrell will be starting a **computing club** on a Thursday lunchtime. Mrs Mitchell will be starting a **KS1 board games club** on a Tuesday after school. Sign up sheets will be available once we return to school.

W/C 17th December 2018	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Piano & Recorder Lessons			Drum Lessons	
Lunchtime					
Afternoon	Piano & Recorder Lessons		Guitar/Ukelele Lessons		
After School Activities		Board Games Club KS2 3pm-4pm	Netball Club 3.00pm-4.00pm		