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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.
REMININDER - 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 Parentlile.
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
Fri 21st Dec  Carols Around the Tree, 12.30am
Mon 7th Jan  Start of Spring Term
Tues 8th Jan  CI 5/6 Viking Workshop
Thurs 17th Jan  Parents In Partnership, 8.45am
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
Tues 12th March  CI 3/4 & 4/5 Roman Day
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 lunchtime, 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.

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