GOODBYE

Today we bid a fond farewell to the lovely Mrs Julia Beaumont. Many of you will know Mrs Beaumont, especially our KS2 children and parents, as she has run our very popular netball club for some years and has led many of our worship assemblies, as well as working with most of our older children and our SEN children. She has an energy and enthusiasm to match her permanent smile and we will all miss her greatly. Good luck, Julia, in all that you do and enjoy your well deserved retirement.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

As this term draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our lovely school. In my first Collective Worship in September I showed the children a wish bracelet that had a wheel on it - rather like the Ropley Wheel. I explained to the children that I made a wish that we would all make progress in friendship and learning this term. Throughout the last 15 weeks I have certainly seen plenty of progress. From taking their first steps in writing, finally cracking their times tables, having a boost in confidence so they can present their learning with their class mates or demonstrating the purest of compassion to help a friend in need the evidence is clear. The children at Ropley have grown from their starting points in so many different ways and should be proud of their achievements. I sincerely hope to see as many of you as possible at our ‘Carols around the tree’ this afternoon and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Peaceful Christmas

From Miss Vittle

DISCO

Thank you to everyone who came to the school disco last Friday. The children all had a great time and the event raised a fantastic £304! A very big thank you to FROGS and their volunteers who worked tirelessly to set up the event, run the event and then put the school back together again afterwards!

THANK YOU

Every child in school came home with a ‘toy cone’ or a ‘sweet cone’ after their key stage party this week. These were donated by our school cook - Mrs Kemp - to say ‘Happy Christmas’ to all of the children. We would like to say a very big thank you to her for being so incredibly generous and thoughtful.

PERINS CAROL CONCERT

On Thursday, all of our Year 5 children were invited to Perins Christmas Carol concert at St John’s Church, Alresford. They joined Year 5 children from all of the 7AS schools and enjoyed performances from Perins choir, chamber choir, jazz band, orchestra, Acabellas, Acafellas, and solo/ensemble numbers, as well as joining in with a Year 5 Christmas singing competition of ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’. A wonderful, festive treat that all of our Year 5’s enjoyed, bringing this term to a close.
**DIARY DATES**

*New events or date changes in bold*

- **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

**SCHOOL MEALS**

Next half term, there are 6 weeks = 30 days at £2.30 per day = £69.00. Please ensure your child’s school meal account is up to date and, more importantly, in credit! Payments can be made weekly, monthly or half termly in cash or cheque to the school office (in a named, sealed envelope please) or by using our secure online payment portal. If you haven’t yet set up your account please see the ladies in the office who can issue your unique log on ID code.

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