HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and were able to spend time with friends and family. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with renewed energy. When I see children arrive in the morning with a skip in their step and a smile on their face (as I do most mornings - even in the cold weather) it makes me feel proud and privileged to part of the Ropley family.

I would also like to say a very big thank you for all the lovely gifts that the teaching staff, support staff and office staff received for Christmas. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 17th January
8.45am - 9.15am

I will be holding a ‘Parents in Partnership’ meeting in the school hall from 8.45am - 9.15am. This informal gathering is an opportunity for parents to suggest ideas, voice any concerns and share their views. It is not, however, a place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual staff members. Parents who wish to discuss such concerns should initially talk to their child’s class teacher. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

PARKING

With the building work on going at the village hall, parking is even more difficult than usual at school drop off and pick up times. Can we please ask:
- remember to park sensibly and not leave large gaps between cars as space in top car park is at a premium.
- please appreciate that sight lines around vans and 4x4s are difficult when leaving a space... so drive slowly through the car park.
- those using Hale Close to park and turn around in should also be reminded to drive considerately - there is a lot more footfall using that route and no pavement in many places.

VIKINGS INVADE ROPLEY!

On Tuesday, Class 5/6 was taken over by a Viking invasion! The children are learning about Vikings this term and as a start to the topic, Mike from Portals to the Past took them back in time to experience life as a Viking.

Tom B reports:
‘We spent the day learning about the Vikings and their life. Mike showed us some weapons which we were able to handle. We also looked at some Viking artefacts like a pair of horse shin bone ice skates, silver and gold Viking coins and animal skins. My favourite part was learning about the weapons.’

Harry K reports:
‘We learnt about how the Vikings went from country to country and eventually settled in Greenland before coming to the UK. We re-enacted the Viking story about Ragnarok, which the Vikings believed would be the end of their world. I played the part of the Squirrel Ratatoskr who lives on the Tree ‘Yggdrasil’. His job was to carry messages from the Eagle at the top of tree and the serpent who lived in the roots of the tree. This was my favourite part of the day’

Theo B reports:
‘My favourite part of the day was learning about and re-enacting Ragnarok which means Twilight of the Gods. We had to develop our own battle cry and we learnt that we could only wear certain helmets depending on our role in the army. It was a brilliant day!’
CLASSLIST
A reminder to parents that Classlist is the main form of communication between reps and their classes, parents and FROGs etc. If you haven’t signed up then you can via classlist.com - its very easy to do and is a GDPR compliant way of keeping up to date with things and communicating with your class and other parents. Please contact Georgie Nicoll if any queries.

EASYFUNDRAISING
A reminder to activate your easyfundraising donation when shopping, or to sign up if you haven’t already. Funds being raised are down on previous years as less people are using it. Its an easy way to raise funds for the school. Please contact Georgie Nicoll if any queries.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS
All staff led clubs will be starting from next week. Many children have already signed up, if your child hasn’t yet indicated they would like to join please let us know and we will find out if there are any spaces left. Please check the timetable below to remind your child when the club is happening. French club will not start until the following week, Tuesday 22nd January for KS1 lunchtime club and Wednesday 23rd January for KS2 club.

LEFTOVER CURRENCY APPEAL
Georgie Nicoll is still collecting foreign notes and coins (current & obsolete) in aid of the Ropley church rebuild. Monies collected so far have raised an amazing £740 after conversion to sterling - thank you to everyone that has supported this fundraiser. For any further donations please contact Georgie directly or via the village shop collection point. Thank you!

100 CLUB - SWIMMING POOL FUNDRAISING
£24 gets you entry to 6 draws over the year. The first draw is on Monday 21st January. Please contact Andy Penhaligon for a form and return it to the school office by Wednesday 17th, 3pm. Better odds than the lottery!

DIARY DATES
*New events or date changes in bold*

**W/C 14th January 2019**

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**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS**

- Board Games Club
- KS1+KS2 Multisports 3.00pm–4.15pm
- KS1+ Yr 3 Football club
- KS2 Drama Club (Mrs Day)

**DIARY DATES**

- Wed 20th March **Open Box Theatre—Whole School**
- Fri 29th March **Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night**
- Mon 13th May **Year 6 SATS Week**
- Fri 24th May **Fathers Day, 2pm**
- Mon 3rd June **Inset Day**
- Mon 10th June **Year 1 Phonics Check Week**
- Mon 17th June **Provisional Area Sports Date**
- Tues 18th June **Sports Day**
- Fri 28th June **150 years Open Afternoon**
- Mon 8th July **Whole Governing Body, 6pm**
- Tues 9th July **Musical Extravaganza, 1.30pm**
- Thurs 13th June **Yr R visit to Magdalen Hill Nature Reserve**
- Mon 17th June **Provisional Area Sports Date**
- Thurs 20th June **Reserve Sports Day**
- Fri 8th June **150 years Open Afternoon**
- Mon 8th July **Whole Governing Body, 6pm**
- Tues 9th July **Musical Extravaganza, 1.30pm**

**CLASSLIST**

- Dougie Dog Piano/Recorder Lessons
- Drum Lessons
- Guitar/Ukelele Lessons
- Netball Club 3.00pm–4.00pm
- KS1+KS2 Multisports 3.00pm–4.15pm
- KS1+ Yr 3 Football club
- KS2 Drama Club (Mrs Day)