



APPRECIATION ♥ **BELONGING** ♥ **COMPASSION**

Every child is gifted, they just unwrap their packages at different times

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

It was a pleasure to meet with parents on Thursday morning at our first 'Parents in Partnership' meeting. This initial meeting was to find out if there is interest in running such a group and to see what sorts of topics we could cover. It was agreed that a Parents in Partnership (or PIPs) group would be beneficial to the school and we will therefore schedule more of these meetings in over the course of the year. At Thursday's meeting we discussed how the school communicates with parents and ways that this could be improved. This included feedback on how useful the weekly newsletter from year R is, making sure text information always includes a reference to the class, class pages on the website, class rep information on the website and an information pack for children who join Ropley after year R. We also discussed increasing the level and breadth of adult volunteers across the school, open afternoons and a future topic of sports day.

Thank you to the parents who attended this meeting. Look out for the next meeting date and come along if you can!



BAGS2SCHOOL

THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY

Collection in aid of Ropley Pre-School will be by 9am at the front of the Parish Hall. A list of accepted items is on their Facebook page. There will be an additional collection point on Wednesday 30th January in Ropley Coffee Room from 6.30pm at their local history evening.



CLASS NAMES

After much discussion with the school council, classes and teachers, this week I was finally able to announce the new class names. Our theme for our class names is Bees! Legend has it that William the Conqueror used bees from Ropley to make his mead which gives us a good historical basis for the name choice. Not only that we also have a swarm of protected honey bees in the roof of our hall.



Let's not forget that our badge is in the hexagon shape of a honeycomb!

From now on

Year R are: *Bumble Bee Class*
Year 1 are: *Honey Bee Class*
Year 2 are: *Carpenter Bee Class*
Year 3 & 4 are: *Nectar Class*
Year 4 & 5 are: *Honeycomb Class*
Year 5 & 6 are: *Bee Keeper Class*



Just as bees do, we are working hard together to get used to our new names!

WORD MILLIONAIRE

Congratulations to our first Word Millionaire's of this academic year! Eleanor Pritchard and Jessica Brandt have both read over 1 million words since September. A fantastic achievement, girls, well done. They wore their Chocolate Golden Medals with pride!



Warmly invites you to an audience with

Jane Goodall PhD DBE

British primatologist and anthropologist

She dedicated her life to helping our closest cousins from becoming extinct



Jane with young chimpanzee at Gombe Stream National Park by Michael Neugebauer ©

Book Signing and Afternoon Tea
4.30pm - 5pm, Tuesday 12 March 2019
School, Winchester College

Opportunity to purchase [Jane Goodall's book 'The Chimpanzees of Gombe'](http://www.jane-goodall.com)
Book signing will be available after the lecture
For further information about the work of the Jane Goodall Institute visit www.janegoodall.org.uk
for the Roots & Shoots Programme www.rootsandshoots.org.uk

Parents, pupils and colleagues are most welcome to attend. Email clt@wincoll.ac.uk to reserve tickets (free of charge).

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

A friendly evening of social history and getting to know more about your village. Bring photos, share memories, learn about the history of buildings, events people and more! Entry by donation, cash bar for soft and hot drinks.

For more information please email :
ropleypreschoolcommittee@outlook.com

DIARY DATES

New events or date changes in bold

Tues 22nd Jan	Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Trials
Tues 29th Jan	Yr 5/6 Netball Dev Day, Perins, 12.45pm
Mon 4th Feb	Whole Governing Body, 6pm
Tues 5th Feb	KS1 Giant Sing, Year 1, Basingstoke Anvil 12.15pm-3.45pm
	Yr 2 Indoor Football , Perins, 12.45pm
Tues 12th Feb	Giant Sing, Cl 3/4 & 4/5 Basi Anvil, 12.15pm—15.45pm
Thur 14th Feb	Yr R Valentine Day Café, 3pm
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	Cl 3/4 & 4/5 Roman Day
Fri 15th March	Hampshire Swimming Championships
Mon 18th March	Whole Governing Body, 6.00pm
Tues 19th March	Open Box Theatre—Whole School
Wed 20th March	Open Box Theatre—Whole School
Thurs 21st March	Honeycomb Class Assembly, 2.30pm
Fri 29th March	Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night
Thur 4th March	Nectar Class Assembly, 2.00pm
Fri 5th April	End of Spring Term
Tues 23rd April	Start of Summer Term
Mon 13th May	Year 6 SATS Week
	Whole Governing Body, 6.30pm
Fri 24th May	Founders Day, 2pm
	Break for Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day
	150 years of Ropley School, Celebration Month begins
Mon 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check Week
Thurs 13th June	Yr R visit to Magdalen Hill Nature Reserve
Mon 17th June	Provisional Area Sports Date
Tues 18th June	Provisional Area Sports Date
Thurs 20th June	Sports Day
Thurs 27th June	Reserve Sports Day

W/C 21st January 2019	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<i>Dougie Dog</i> Piano/Recorder Lessons	<i>SwimingTrials</i> Yrs 5 & 6		Drum Lessons	
Lunchtime	KS2 Running Club 12-12.30pm	KS1 French Club 12.30-1pm	KS2 Singing Club 12.30-1pm	KS2 Computing Club 12.30-1.00pm	
Afternoon	Piano/ Recorder Lessons		Guitar/Ukelele Lessons		
After School Activities	KS2 Football club 3.00pm-4.15pm	Little Bookworms (Mrs Day) Yr 5/6 Netball Club 3pm-4pm KS2 Chess Club 3pm-4pm Board Games Club KS1 3pm-4pm		KS1+KS2 Multisports 3.00pm-4.15pm KS2 French Club 4.00pm-4.30pm	KS1+ Yr 3 Football club KS2 Drama Club (Mrs Day)