ATTENDANCE
Attendance letters were sent home last week to parents of those children whose attendance has fallen below 95% this term. Pupils are expected to attend school for all of the 190 days in an academic year. Poor attendance can affect your child’s progress. If your child misses 19 days of school in a year (90% attendance), and this pattern was repeated throughout your child’s school life, they would miss a whole school year of education.
Did you know that of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school only 35% manage to go on and achieve five A* to C GCSEs including English and mathematics, compared to 73% of pupils with over 95% attendance.
Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good habits for later life and the working world.

Arriving at school on time.
It is also important that children arrive in school on time every day for a number of reasons. It is the legal responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that children attend school on time each day, but more importantly, if a child is late they miss important information about the day’s activities and it can be a disruption to staff and other children in class.
Please consider:
5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost p/school year
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost p/school year

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WELCOME BACK
This week we were delighted to welcome back Jenny Roberts, our SENCo. She will be in school on Tuesdays.

NETBALL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Last Tuesday, 10 of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in an afternoon of netball at Perins, along with children from Preston Candover and Cheriton Primary Schools.
They were mixed into teams with the children from the other schools and learnt how to improve their netball game before taking part in a mini tournament.
Well done to Caitlin, Hattie, Brandon, Lucy, Ava, Isobel, Jessica, Phoebe, Lilly-May, Laura and Charlotte who represented Ropley with excellent team spirit, determination and big smiles!

FOOTBALL NEWS
On Tuesday Year 2 students from four local primary schools, Ropley included, were invited to take part in a football workshop at Perins. With guidance from their coaches they began by practicing passing, dribbling, tackling and heading the ball among other things before taking part in friendly matches with the other school teams. The Ropley Rhinos and Ropley Rays played fantastically with great team spirit and determination.
They did our school proud by being polite and thanking their hosts at the end.
A big well done to Jacob M, Grace I, Ava A, Josh S, Ollie A, Lucy W, Amelia N and William G who did Ropley proud, and even won their first match!
A big thank you, also, to Mrs Irwin, Mrs Mahoney and Mrs Stroud who very kindly accompanied and supported the children on this trip. Without their help the children would not have been able to go.
BARNABY BEAR’S ADVENTURES
On Tuesday, Honey Bee class took part in this year’s Hampshire Music Service Giant Sing at Basingstoke’s Anvil Theatre. They followed Barnaby Bear’s adventure at sea along with over 1000 other children from Hampshire schools and an onstage choir. The children have been learning the songs over the last few weeks and really enjoyed the experience of singing in a large venue with lots of other children.
We asked some of the children for their feedback:
Thom said it was a bit scary because there were so many other children!
Rhona liked the part where the children pulled the bottle and Barnaby Bear appeared!
Freddie thought Barnaby Bear was very cute!
Henry liked the bit when Barnaby Bear wiggled his bottom!
Beau and Caitlin think Barnaby Bear is the hero!
Heidi liked it when the captain found his bear ‘Bertie’ in the treasure chest!
Sarah-Jane liked the girls singing!
Harry liked the acting during the ‘storm’!
Everyone liked the music!

KITCHEN ASSISTANT WANTED
HC3S are currently recruiting for an additional staff member to work in our school kitchen, Monday to Friday, 11.30am to 1.30pm. General duties will include washing up and serving lunches. A cheerful, can do attitude is essential but not previous experience required as all training provided. Please contact Jo Tierney on 07834 123157 for more information.

UNIFORM SURVEY
Thank you to the 78 respondents who took part in our recent uniform survey. The results are now being collated and analysed and we will update you soon.

NO NUTS OR EGGS PLEASE!
A reminder, please, that we are a nut free school and this extends to lunch boxes. Please do not include anything that contains nuts, for example - Bakewell tarts, tracker bars or Nutella!

Please do not include whole egg either, such as scotch eggs or egg sandwiches. Egg that has been included as an ingredient is fine.
We do have children in school that have severe allergies and their safety is paramount. Thank you for your support.

WEBSITE UPDATES
Our website is continually evolving - please take the time to have a look around and let us know your thoughts or suggestions!  www.ropleyprimary.co.uk

FROGS UPCOMING EVENTS
We have quite a few fun-filled events planned this year and a few dates to get into your diary ASAP. The Valentine’s Cafe will be on 14th February and World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March (details to follow soon). The Year 1 Race Night Fundraiser is taking place on Friday 22nd March so maybe time to book your babysitter!

We are also planning a Summer Event to celebrate 150 years of Ropley School on Saturday 6th July so please keep this date free as it should be a great occasion for everyone in the Community. Please speak to a member of the FROGS team if you are keen to volunteer to help with this milestone event.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS
Please log on and make any outstanding payments for trips where you have returned the slip but not yet made payment. Thank you.

VALENTINE’S CAFÉ AND GAMES
BUMBLE BEE (YEAR R) FUNDRAISER
Thursday 14th February at 3pm
School playground
Please join us and buy cakes, drinks, sweets and gifts to celebrate Valentine’s Day and the forthcoming half term break. There will also biscuit decorating, a lucky dip and treasure map game for the children to enjoy. If wet the event will take place in Bee Keeper Classroom.
**HAND WASHING**
With the onset of winter comes the inevitable sickness bugs. Can we ask for your support to encourage the children to ensure they are washing their hands with soap and water after visiting the bathroom. This will help to significantly reduce the risk of spreading any viral infections. Liquid soap is provided in both the girls and boys bathrooms. Also, a reminder that if your child has been physically sick they MUST NOT return to school until 48 hours after the last time they were sick. This is very important as sickness bugs, especially, are spread very quickly.

**A TREAT FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY!**
Encore, an extremely talented Youth Theatre, present Return to the Forbidden Planet.
Theatre Royal, Winchester
Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd February. There will be an afternoon performance on 21st February.
Full details [www.theatreroyalsinchester.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalsinchester.co.uk)

**SKITTLES CHALLENGE SUCCESS!**
Ethan T and Laurence P took part in the Rotherfield District Beaver Skittles competition on 26th January. Over 70 Beavers took part and Ethan and Laurence led one of the smallest teams in the competition. 12 teams competed overall and after 5 rounds of a very close and exciting competition, our boys’ team took the trophy! Ethan is Head of Red Lodge at Four Marks & Ropley Tarzan Colony and Laurence is Deputy Head of the same Lodge. The boys showed excellent teamwork and commitment and lead by example. Well done to both boys, we are very proud of you!

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**DIARY DATES**

*New events or date changes in bold*

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| Tues 12th Feb | Yr R Vision & Hearing check  
Giant Sing, Cl 3/4 & 4/5 Basi Anvil,  
12.15pm—15.30pm |
| Thur 14th Feb | Yr R Valentine Day Café, 3pm  
Snow White Panto at Village Hall, 2pm  
Cross Country Trials, Perins, 3.30pm  
Break for Half Term |
| Mon 25th Feb | Inset Day                                                                 |
| Tues 5th March | Parents Evening 3.10pm-6.00pm  
World Book Day  
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| Thur 7th March | World Book Day  
Parents Evening 3.10pm-6.00pm |
| Tues 12th March | CI 3/4 & 4/5 Roman Day  
Hampshire Swimming Championships |
| Fri 15th March | Whole Governing Body, 6.00pm  
Open Box Theatre—Whole School |
| Mon 18th March | Open Box Theatre—Whole School  
Honeycomb Class Assembly, 2.30pm |
| Tues 19th March | Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night |
| Wed 20th March | Start of Summer Term  
Year 4 & 5 to The Grange Festival |
| Thurs 21st March | Mon 13th May  
Year 6 SATS Week  
Primary Music Festival - Singing Club  
Founders Day, 2pm  
Break for Half Term |
| Fri 22nd March | Inset Day                                                                 |
| Thur 28th March | End of Spring Term  
Start of Summer Term |
| Fri 5th April | Yr 4 & 5 to The Grange Festival |
| Mon 3rd June | Year 6 SATS Week  
Whole Governing Body, 6.30pm  
Primary Music Festival - Singing Club  
Founders Day, 2pm  
Break for Half Term |
| Mon 10th June | Inset Day                                                                 |
| Thurs 13th June | Year 1 Phonics Check Week  
Year 6 SATS Week  
Whole Governing Body, 6.30pm  
Primary Music Festival - Singing Club  
Founders Day, 2pm  
Break for Half Term |
| Mon 17th June | Yr R visit to Magdalen Hill Nature Reserve  
Provisional Area Sports Date  
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| Tues 18th June | Mon 17th June  
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| Thurs 20th June | Sports Day  
School Nurse Team  
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| Thurs 27th June | Reserve Sports Day  
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| **Lunchtime** | **KS2 Running Club**  
12-12.30pm  
KS1 Circuits with Alex  
12.30pm-1.00pm | **KS1 French Club**  
12.30-1pm | **KS2 Singing Club**  
12.30-1pm | **KS2 Computing Club**  
12.30-1.00pm | **KS2 circuits with George**  
12.10-12.30pm |
| **Afternoon** | **Piano/ Recorder Lessons** | **KS2 Giant Sing, Basingstoke** | **Katie Dog Guitar/Ukelele Lessons** | **Snow White Panto Village Hall** |
| **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 | **Valentine Day Café**  
3pm  
KS1+KS2 Multisports  
3.00pm-4.15pm  
KS2 French Club  
4.00pm-4.30pm | **KS1+ Yr 3 Football club**  
KS2 Drama Club  
(Mrs Day) |
Dear Ropley School,

My tutor group at Perins is collecting run out pens and sending them to a company who recycle the plastic to make new pens. If you have any pens which run out, please could you put them in the collection box in the Class 5-6 cloakroom and I will make sure that they get recycled! This is a great way to do our bit to help the environment. Thank you,

Emma Farrell

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CRAFT MORNING
Wednesday, 20th February,
10am-12pm at Ropley Coffee Room

A fun craft morning for the under 8’s (siblings welcome). £4 per child including a snack and all materials. Please email ropleypreschoolcommittee@outlook.com or go on the ticketsource website to purchase your tickets.

ROPLEY REAL ALE NIGHT
Saturday, 2nd March
7pm-10.30pm

Join us for a night of music, local ale and traditional pub games! Local band The Thermic Syphons will be playing, cash bar with ales, cider, wine, soft drinks and bar snacks. £10 per ticket which includes your first drink!

Please email ropleypreschoolcommittee@outlook.com or go on the ticketsource website to purchase your tickets.

Katie O’Sullivan is a mum of three and is currently having treatment for cancer. As an ex colleague I would be delighted if you could support her fundraising efforts.

Many thanks, Miss Vittle

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