

APPRECIATION ❤️ **BELONGING** ❤️ **COMPASSION**



A friend is a nice thing to have, but the best thing to be!

MID YEAR REPORTS & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Today you will receive your child's mid year report. I hope that you will find the information given and targets set both relevant and useful in understanding the progress your child has made this year. It has been a pleasure reading through each report. I was especially impressed with each child's own reflection on their progress this year; from improving in their writing, knowing how to form their letters, getting faster at running or being a kinder friend they were all honest and thoughtful.

GDPR regulations mean we cannot now hand reports to your child to bring home as there is a chance it could get forgotten and so opened by someone else. If you are not able to collect the report today then please call into the school office to pick it up.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent consultations on **Tuesday and Thursday of next week**. If you haven't yet managed to call into school to sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher, please call the school office between **9.30am and 2.00pm** to arrange a time.

Mrs Day has kindly volunteered to run the Book Fair alongside the Parent consultations and is happy for you to leave your children in her care while you meet with the teachers. The book fair is an excellent opportunity to buy some of the latest books and generate a generous commission for the school which we use to purchase books. This is a really valuable way of ensuring our library reflects the interests of our children and is a very welcome source of income for the school.

MRS BURROWS

It is with mixed feelings that I am informing you that Mrs Burrows has secured a teaching position in Swindon, with effect from the summer term. The post that Mrs Burrows has accepted is in a school that is very close to her home and will mean that she no longer has to commute from Wiltshire to Ropley. Mrs Burrows has been teaching at Ropley CE Primary School for 5 years and is very much part of our team. We will miss her and wish her every success in her new venture. We are currently recruiting for a replacement for Mrs Burrows to teach in Nectar Class for the summer term and will inform you when this vacancy has been filled.



CHURCH RE-BUILD UPDATE

As I'm sure many of you will have already seen the long wait is finally over and our village church is being rebuilt! We've agreed with the contractors that there should be **no lorries arriving on site at either drop off or pick up times** so I hope that this will keep the impact on the school community to a minimum. We're really excited about what this new building will bring to the village and to the school - a warm, welcoming space which the children can use for all sorts of events and activities. In the meantime, thank you for your patience as work begins and if you have any concerns or questions please do drop me an email or give me a ring.

Rev Clare

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THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Valentine's Café and games fundraiser by Bumble Bee class. A fantastic amount of £429.45 was raised!

DISCO FREESTYLE COMES TO ROPLEY!

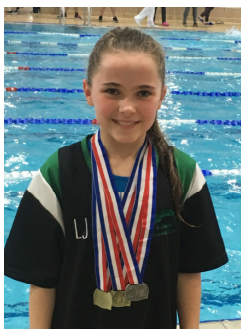
On Wednesday, Ropley was dancing to the sounds of disco music all day! We welcomed Fusion Dance Academies who delivered workshops to every class throughout the day. The children all had a fabulous time and took part with real enthusiasm and some seriously impressive moves. Look out for the photos which will be on the class pages of our website soon! A very big thank you to FROGS for funding the day as part of our Year of the Arts.

WORLD MUSIC WORKSHOP

In the 2nd of our music workshops, we again welcomed Jim Bernadin from World Music Workshops, who worked with our younger children to learn and perform different styles of music throughout the day. KS2 children had enjoyed a similar workshop at the beginning of the year and this time it was the turn of our younger children. Each class visited, via music, the countries of China, India and Mexico in fully immersive, hands on workshops. At the end of the day the children performed to the whole school, with each class focusing on a particular country. The children all really enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank FROGS for funding this workshop as part of our Year of the Arts.

CONGRATULATIONS!

During half term Isobel Jordan represented Alton and District Swimming Club at Waterlooville where 12 clubs and 260 children from across the south competed. Isobel won gold medals in the 100m and 50m breaststroke and silver in the 200m freestyle as well as achieving pb's in 3 other races. Well done Isobel !



CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 15th February, several of our KS2 children took part in a cross country event at Perins, along with children from other schools in the area. The children had to run a 2000m course around the Perins sports field and the top 12 boys and girls would form an East Hants team to take part in the Hampshire Cross Country on 7th March. All of our children performed exceptionally well and we are delighted that **Oli L, Isobel J, Hattie L and Lucy C** all qualified. Well done to them and to everyone who took part. We will let you know how they get on.

LITTLE BOOKWORMS

If there are any Key Stage 1 children who are interested in joining the Little Bookworms Group on a Tuesday we currently have two spare places. Our sessions run from 3 pm when we collect the children from school, until 4.30pm and are held in the village hall. The aim of the group is to enhance a love of books through stories and a range of fun activities which include crafts, cooking, drama and games. If you would like more information please contact Norma Day at tramonto@hotmail.co.uk

CLUB CANCELLATION

Due to parent's evening on Tuesday 5th March, there will be no Netball Club or Chess Club. There will, however, be KS1 Board Games Club as normal.

DIARY DATES

New events or date changes in bold

Tues 5th March	Cricket Taster Day Yrs 1-5 Parents Evening 3.10pm-6.00pm
Thur 7th March	World Book Day Big Booky Breakfast for Lunch! Parents Evening 3.10pm-6.00pm
Tues 12th March	CI 3/4 & 4/5 Roman Day
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day 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
Tues 26th March	Carpenter Bees Class Assembly, 2.30pm
Thur 28th March	Nectar Class L2Me Performance to parents, 1.45pm
Fri 5th April	End of Spring Term
Tues 23rd April	Start of Summer Term
Fri 26th April	Yr 4 & 5 Mini Mozart Concert
Sat 11th May	Year 1 Fundraiser—Race Night
Mon 13th May	Year 6 SATS Week Whole Governing Body, 6.30pm
Thur 23rd May	Primary Music Festival - Singing Club
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
Fri 28th June	150 years Open Afternoon
Mon 8th July	Whole Governing Body, 6pm
Tues 9th July	Musical Extravaganza, 1.30pm
Tues 16th July	Year 5's Perins Taster Day

W/C 4th March 2019	Monday	Tuesday <i>Chance to Shine Cricket Taster Day Yrs 1-5</i>	Wednesday	Thursday <i>World Book Day</i>	Friday
Morning	<i>Dougie Dog Piano/Recorder Lessons</i>			Drum Lessons	
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		<i>Katie Dog Guitar/Ukelele Lessons</i>		
After School Activities	KS2 Football club 3.00pm-4.15pm	Parents Evening 3.10pm-6pm Board Games Club KS1 3pm-4pm	KS2 French Club 4.00pm-4.30pm	Parents Evening 3.10pm-6pm KS1+KS2 Multisports 3.00pm-4.15pm	KS1+ Yr 3 Football club KS2 Drama Club (Mrs Day)