STAFFING NEWS
Last week Mrs Farrell was successful at securing a teaching post at another school. From September 2019 she will be Phase Leader with responsibility for assessment at the Westgate School in Winchester. Mrs Farrell has been an integral part of Ropley Primary School for 16 years. Her dedication and creativity have been influential in making Ropley the school it is today. Although we are delighted for her success and know that she will relish the challenges that lie ahead for her, she will also be sorely missed. Over the coming weeks we will be advertising posts to meet our teaching requirements at Ropley and will keep you informed.

PARENTS EVENING
Thank you to everyone who came along to meet with your child’s class teacher this week. We hope you found the meetings of value. If you didn’t manage to make an appointment please let the school office know and we will try to arrange and alternative time to meet.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the book fair. Sales generated commission of £95 which we will use to buy more books for the library. Thank you also to Mrs Day, who ran the book fair for us and looked after several children while parents met with class teachers.

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Jones, our kitchen staff, also offered some very tasty samples from the new summer menu which will be introduced after Easter. There was very little left and we have received lots of positive comments this morning. Updated menus will be sent home in book bags before the end of this half term, please watch out for them. Picnic boxes will again be on offer for KS2 children as the weather will (hopefully) be warm and sunny which will mean lunches can be regularly eaten outside.

WORLD BOOK DAY
What an amazing day we all had on Thursday. There was a splendid array of costumes which the children proudly showed off in our parade and we enjoyed a wonderful morning of sharing stories with adults. Thank you to the many parents who came in to read, it was lovely to see so many children enjoying listening to the stories.

At lunch time, many of our children enjoyed a ‘Big Booky Breakfast’ thanks to Mrs Kemp and Mrs Jones in the kitchen. It proved to be a popular choice and the children really enjoyed the novelty of having breakfast for lunch!

We have taken lots of photos which we will share with you on our website. Please look out for them in the photo gallery.

RED NOSE DAY
On Friday 15th March the whole country will come together to support Comic Relief’s Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to wear ‘something red’ but normal school uniform must also be worn please. A donation pot will be in all classrooms - we suggest a donation of £1 but any amount is welcomed.
ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE AND CHILDREN’S CHURCH
10am Sunday 10th March, Ropley Parish Hall
Please join us on Sunday morning for a service with a difference! This really will be a service for everyone which will include a special short activity session for the children in the small hall. Everyone is welcome, do come along, we would love to see you.

CRICKET
This week, children in years 1 to 6 all took part in a cricket session with Chance to Shine Cricket who are a national charity that works with schools to ensure all children have the opportunity to try cricket. The children all had a great time and really enjoyed the sessions. If your child would like to continue to play cricket, Chance to Shine will be offering sessions every Thursday from May 16th at Ropley Recreation Ground from 6.30-7.30pm.
To register, and for more information, please contact ropleyallstarscricket@hotmail.com or visit their website at allstarscricket.co.uk

PARKING
We are aware that there have been some issues with heavy traffic bringing materials into the village for the church re-build and also difficulties with access for lorries via Hale Close due to parents parking along the grass verges and in the disabled bays. Whilst we continue to liaise with the site manager to resolve these issues, can we please ask - again - that you do not park in the disabled bays if you are not entitled to, nor in areas that are not designated parking spaces. Please direct your concerns regarding the works traffic towards those who are directly responsible. As much as we share your concerns we are not in a position to manage traffic on the public roads.

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**DIARY DATES**
*New events or date changes in bold*

- Tues 12th March  Cl 3/4 & 4/5 Roman Day
- Fri 15th March  Red Nose Day
- Mon 18th March  Hampshire Swimming Championships
- Tues 19th March  Whole Governing Body, 6.00pm
- Wed 20th March  Open Box Theatre—Whole School
- Thurs 21st March  Honeycomb Class Assembly, 2.30pm
- Mon 26th March  Mothers Day Lunch KS2
- 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
- Thrus 23rd May  Primary Music Festival - Singing Club
- Fri 24th May  Founders Day, 2pm
- Mon 3rd June  Break for Half Term
- Thu 15th June  Inset Day
- 150 years of Ropley School, Celebration Month begins
- Mon 10th June  Carpenter Bees visit to Birdworld
- 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
- Fri 27th June  Reserve Sports Day
- Fri 28th June  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
- Mon 22nd July  Leavers Assembly, 9.15am
- Year 6 Leavers Party, 5pm-7pm
- Tues 23rd July  Yr 6 Character Parade, 9.15am