OPEN BOX THEATRE
This week, the whole school enjoyed fantastic theatre workshops. It was wonderful to see the children come to life and deepen their learning through drama. This is another initiative linked to the ‘Year of the Arts project’ that was generously funded by FROGS. Our younger children have been telling us what they enjoyed the most:

Bumblebee class learnt all about Fairytale Castles.
- Oli C said ‘We did about Jack and the Beanstalk, the best bit was finding the giant at the top of the clouds’
- Leo F said ‘It was good when we climbed the beanstalk’
- Ivy B said ‘I did like all of it’
- Ayanna NC said ‘ Pretending to be Jack was the best!’

Honeybee class enjoyed a space workshop
- Jack C said ‘I liked the bit when they told us Buzz was the first one to wee on the moon!’
- Zac C said ‘I liked the bit when they told us astronauts wear nappies!’
- Lillie-Grace M said ‘I learnt that Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon’
- Xander O said ‘I really liked learning about G force and we had to lie down straight’
- Evan G said ‘It was the best thing ever because we learned things I didn’t know about space’

Carpenter Bee class learnt about Grace Darling. They really enjoyed their workshop and hope to do it again soon!
- Sonny said ‘I enjoyed learning about Grace Darling and how she lived in a lighthouse’
- Eli said ‘I learnt how to tie knots in ropes and practised throwing and catching it’
- Amelia said ‘We enjoyed acting as people from the shipwreck’

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH
We look forward to welcoming those mum’s that are available to join us for lunch on Tuesday or Thursday next week to celebrate Mother’s Day. This will be a lovely opportunity for adults to enjoy lunch with their child and for those children whose mum’s are unable to join us, to enjoy the celebration in a group. Please arrive at 12 noon on your selected day. **Meals for adults cost £2.76 and child meals cost £2.30.** If your child is in KS1 they automatically qualify for a universal free school meal. Please bring cash with you on the day and hand into the school office.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP
The next meeting our Parents in Partnership will be on Thursday 4th April at 3.15pm. This is an opportunity for any parent to come along and meet with Miss Vittle to discuss any ideas, voice concerns and share views. It is not a place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual members of staff. Parents who need to discuss such concerns should initially talk to their child’s class teacher. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

RACE NIGHT
**Saturday 11th May**
Save the date, book your Babysitter and grab some friends as one of last year’s biggest fund raisers returns. A great social evening, where you bring your nibbles and spare change ready to win on the horses and we supply a fully stocked bar and an evening of entertainment.
- Tickets £10 each or tables of 8 people £70.
- Contact Carol Peters on 07795005666

COMIC RELIEF—THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Red Nose day appeal.
We collected just over £130 which is brilliant!
SWIM TEAM CONGRATULATIONS

Last Friday two swimming teams for Years 5 and 6 competed in the 25th Hampshire Primary Schools Relay competition at Hart Leisure centre in Fleet. Ropley compete in the small schools category, which is always the most fiercely contended, being made up of 13 teams. Both of our teams swam 2 relays, firstly they all swam freestyle and then a medley of backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. All swimmers swam amazingly and for most of them it was the first time they had swam in a competitive environment where they had to learn all the swimming association rules of starting, takeovers and finishing. Both teams smashed their training times and our A team finished 2nd in both events and our B team 10th. The top 2 teams qualify to represent Hampshire in the South East Regional finals that take place on 11th May in Guildford.

This s a fantastic achievement for our swimmers. Well done and thank you to Ava K, Lucy C, Alex R & Isobel J who made up our A Team and Oli L, Laura B, Charlotte P and Gabriel W our B Team, not forgetting the injured Sophie R who trained so hard but was unable to swim although she was a great team mascot. Thank you, also, to Mandie Jordan, Françoise Kingsland and Gill Richards for arranging, transporting and supporting the teams.

We will let you know how they get on in the Regional Finals.

CHURCH REBUILD - DROP IN SESSION CONTINUES

SATURDAY MORNING

If you missed the “handover to the builders” ceremony and drop in session at the coffee rooms on Friday afternoon, please do come along this Saturday morning (23rd) 8.30am to 1pm. The plans will be on show and other general information about the rebuild. The rebuilt church will be a great asset to the village and to the school. We’re also hoping to arrange some educational visits for the children over the course of the build. Please come and show your support, find out a bit more and enjoy tea, coffee and cake!

HEADLICE IN SCHOOL

We have had a reported instance of head lice in school. Please check your child’s hair and, if necessary, treat your child and the whole family! Long hair should be neatly tied back as this really does help to stop the spread of these pesky critters! Regular combing through with conditioner also helps to spot anything early.

SHED AVAILABLE

We have a shed in the courtyard which is now surplus to requirements. It is a 10 x 8 standard wooden shed. If anyone would like to come and dismantle it and take it away please let the school office know. A small donation to school funds would be gratefully received.

DIARY DATES

*New events or date changes in bold*

- Tues 26th March: Mothers Day Lunch KS2
- Carpenter Bees Class Assembly, 2.30pm
- Thur 28th March: Mothers Day Lunch KS1
- Nectar Class L2Me Performance to parents, 1.45pm
- Carpenter Bee Class Fundraiser

- Thur 4th April: Parents in Partnership Meeting, 3.15pm

- Fri 5th April: End of Spring Term
- Fri 23rd April: Share the Miracle Lunch, 1pm
- 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: Carpenter Bees visit to Birdworld
- Yr 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
- Thurs20th June: Sports Day
- Thurs 27th June: Reserve Sports Day
- Fri 28th June: 150 years Open Afternoon

- Sat 6th July: RopleyFest - Details to follow soon!
- 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
- End of Summer Term

FOOTPATH CLOSURE NOTICE

Please note the footpath through the churchyard that leads from Church Street through to Dunsells Lane will be closed until the beginning of September.

KITCHEN ASSISTANT WANTED

HC3S are currently recruiting for a kitchen assistant to work in our school kitchen, 5 days per week, 10 hours per week, £8.50 per hour. Duties include preparing, cooking and serving lunchtime meals to our children, together with other general kitchen duties which include cleaning. If you can work at pace as part of a team, are physically able and would like more information about this role, please contact Jo Tierney on 07834 123157/email: jo.tierney@hants.gov.uk

ROPLEY PRESCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Thursday 28th March, 9.30-11.30
Ropley Village Hall
Come and see the activities the children enjoy, meet staff and talk to parents. Tea and Cake on arrival. We look forward to welcoming you.