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Dear Parents

Children's Performances

Even though it is still only September, I would like to give you advance notice of some of the changes planned to the children's performances this year.

At the end of the Autumn term the children in Early Years, Year 1 and 2 will take part in a nativity performance. The year 2 children will take the lead roles in this and the other children will perform dances and sing songs. In previous years the children in Key Stage 2 have taken part in this performance with year 6 taking the role of narrators. By just focusing on Early Years and Key Stage 1 children I believe they will have a greater chance to shine on stage and we can really make sure the production is age appropriate.

Also at the end of the Autumn term the children in Key Stage 2 will take part in a Christingle service led by Rev Clare. We will continue to have our 'Carols around the Tree' on the last day of term for all pupils and parents.

At the end of the summer term the children in Key Stage 2 will take part in a summer production. In this show the children in Year 6 will take the lead roles and the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will lead the singing and dances. Again, with a more condensed age range we can make this production age appropriate and give the children a chance to show how their performance skills have developed.

With a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 production, our pupils will have the opportunity to take on the lead roles twice during their time at Ropley. We will still take part in the very traditional Founders day celebration in May.

Our Year 6 pupils will take part in a leavers assembly. Rather than a 'bells and whistles' performance this will be a look back at their time in primary school with memories, achievements and anecdotes. The year 6 Character Parade has been laid to rest but we are hoping to take the year 6 on a special day trip instead.

I hope that you can see that the reasoning behind these changes lies firmly in the best interests of the children here at Ropley.

Yours sincerely



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