



Ropsley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd September

Welcome Back

Newsletter

Welcome to the start of what promises to be a very busy Autumn Term. We were delighted to see so many of you at our Welcome Meetings.

Parking

We have had several complaints about parking already this term. We are keen to be good neighbours to the families that live around us and most importantly to ensure that our children are safe during their journey to and from school. Please could we politely request that parents park carefully and courteously. Please don't leave your engine idling outside of school we have a few pupils with respiratory problems. Please can I therefore ask that parents don't use the widened path outside of the school gates and don't block neighbours' drives.

Harvest Festival

We are delighted to announce that our Harvest Festival will take place in Church on Friday 30th September at 9.30 am. A letter with information about harvest donations etc. will be sent out shortly.

Homework

We are trialling a new way of providing homework. The new method is very much in line with most Primary Schools now and we hope that it will provide parents with an opportunity to do as much or as little work in addition to the school day as they wish.

Knowledge organisers will be sent home for each class soon via Class Dojo. It will detail for you exactly what is being taught in each class for each subject. Parents can use the knowledge organisers to discuss and investigate the terms learning with their child alongside the work that is provided by class teachers which includes reading, spelling, and times tables.

An electronic survey will be sent out at the end of the half term to gather your views.

Trim Trail

Unfortunately, the company we use to maintain our trim trail and assess it annually for safety, feels unable to issue a certificate this year due to several splits in the upright logs. The trim trail is over twenty years old and the average lifespan is approx. 10 years. This means that the trail will have to be removed. Children have been told that they must not play on it and we politely ask that you do not allow younger siblings to do so either. I will write to you again as soon as a plan for the space has been agreed.

PTA

The PTA advertised its Annual General Meeting at the end of the Summer Term. It takes place on Monday 26th of September at 6pm. Please come and join us. The trim trail will be part of the agenda.

Key dates and information

Look out for the electronic homework survey at the end of term.

PTA Annual General Meeting - 26th September 6pm

Harvest Festival - 30th September 9.30 am at Church

Friday 24th October—End of Term

Monday 31st October—Start of Term 2

Fashion Show - Friday 11th November

PTA Fashion Show

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Another fabulous date for your diary is the fashion show. (Proceeds will go towards a replacement for our trim trail.) Friday 11th November. Tickets are available from school now!

Yearly dates

Please find attached our Yearly Dates. We hope you will find them useful. I will update it as soon as PTA dates for the rest of the year have been agreed.

Website

We are delighted to be working on a new school website. The site will contain up to date term dates as well as calendar information. You will also be able to access key information and knowledge organisers. We will let you know as soon as the site 'goes live.'

We have recently had some lovely new photographs taken for our new website.

Here is a quick peek!



Our thanks to Mr Ryan Ellis who did an amazing job for us.

Uniform

Pre-loved uniform

Every Friday, at the end of the school day a rail of donated uniform will be placed on the playground for parents to browse. If you would like an item please feel free to help yourself. We are simply asking for donations.

If you cannot see an item of clothing that you would like we have more available in school. Please just let us know and we will put a bag together for you.

Donations will be given to the PTA.

Lost uniform

Children lose items of clothing every day in school. We are aware that this is frustrating and can be costly. Therefore, please can we ask that you label everything. If you do, we can return items to you much more easily.

If lost property is not collected, we will sort through it at the end of every half term and return anything that is named. Un-named items that have been in lost property for at least half a term may be washed and added to the pre-loved uniform rail.

Breakfast Club

Ropsley School runs a Breakfast Club every day that school is open. If you would like more details request a pack from the school office.

Breakfast Club

7:45 am with breakfast =£4.50
8 am without breakfast =£2.50

Wrap Around Care

Ropsley Rascals After School Club

Ropsley Rascals is open during the school's term times, 5 afternoons a week, Monday to Friday from 15:30pm until 18:00pm (15:15pm for Reception Children).

Ropsley Rascals

3:15pm until 4:30pm = £5.00
4.30pm until 5.30pm =£3.00
Tea @ 4.45pm = £2.00
5.30pm -6.00pm = £1.00

If a parent chooses to send a child to Rascals for the whole evening and they have tea the cost will be each of the slots added together and tea – so £11:00.

You can book a place at either Breakfast Club or Rascals via Parentmail and this is our preferred way of ensuring you get a place.

There have been several mornings just recently when Breakfast Club has been very close to its maximum numbers. If this happens and you have not booked a place staff will unfortunately have to turn children away.

If we discover more children than our maximum numbers wish to have a place we can arrange for extra staffing to be in place but this relies on us knowing in advance.

There is a guide to the booking process on our website or you can request one from the school office.