



Ropsley C of E Primary Newsletter

Learning for Life



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Diary Dates

Monday 10th September
After School Clubs Start
3:30-4:30

Tuesday 11th September
Swimming Begins for
Years 1,3 and 4

Wednesday 12th September
Cross Country Years 5 and 6

Thursday 13th September
Netball Skills Development
Priory Ruskin

Tuesday 18th September
Grantham Journal Visit to
photograph Reception Children

Wednesday 19th September
Cross Country Years 5 and 6

Thursday 20th September
Tri-Golf
Years 3/4

Friday 21st September
Jeans 4 Genes Day

Thursday 27th September
Rugby Festival
Years 3/4

Friday 28th September
Harvest Festival
At Church
9:30 am

Tuesday 9th October
Flu Vaccine
Year R and Year 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are delighted to be back at school and excited to get our new term underway. We all wish a very warm welcome to parents who are new to Ropsley School.

I thought it might be useful to outline some of the systems the school uses to communicate with parents for those who are new to the school.

Lots of dates for the year ahead have now been added to the calendar on our school website!

Diary Dates

I would like to take the opportunity to promote our School News App. The App allows parents to get the latest news stories and calendar events which have been added to the school website straight to their iPhone, Android or Windows phone. Simply add the App to your device in the usual way. It has a super facility which allows you to add dates to your own calendar really simply.



Parentmail

Parentmail is the system the School Office and the Headteacher use to communicate more formally with parents. Letters, Newsletters, Invoices and Parents' Evening invitations will be sent through our Parentmail system. New parents should now have received an invitation to sign up to Parentmail. Please pop in and see Mrs Gardner in the school office if you are having difficulty.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a more informal system that allows Class Teachers to contact parents directly. Children in Year 1 to Year 6 have been given letters with special codes. The codes allow parents to connect with us on Class Dojo. Class Dojo is a web-based program that will allow you to receive and send messages electronically to class teachers and it will also allow you to see how many Dojo points your child has earned. We are hoping for 100% take up then we can share the exciting things that are happening in our classrooms with you all. I have placed some guidance notes and more information about its use on the website for you.

Polite Notices

Please, can I remind parents of the need to park courteously outside of school. Pick up time will be particularly busy until afterschool clubs start next week.

Diary Dates

Monday 15th October

Parents' Evening
5 pm – 7 pm

Tuesday 16th October

Parents' Afternoon
3:40 pm – 6 pm

Scholastic Book Fayre will be taking place during both consultation events.

Wednesday 17th October

Badminton Festival
Years 5/6

Friday 19th October

Last day of term

Children Return

Tuesday 30th October

Christmas Diary Dates

Monday 10th December

Reception Play

Tuesday 11th December

1/2 Play

Wednesday 12th December

3/4 Play

Thursday 13th December

Christingle run by 5/6

Tuesday 18th December

Party Day

Last Day of Term

Thursday 20th December

A survey with some suggestions about how we can improve the parking at school pick up times will be sent out next week for you to consider and then of course for us to implement.

Also, please can I ask parents to please ensure that they sign in at the school office if they have a need to come into school. This is simply due to fire regulations and safeguarding requirements.

Please can I politely remind parents that they must NOT leave children unattended in the playground in the morning until 8:40 am when staff are on duty. If you need to leave early please use Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club and Rascals After School Club

We are delighted to see lots of new children attending both clubs, if you are interested in making use of them but haven't done so yet, please feel free to speak to Mrs Gardner in the school office.

We are changing the way you are invoiced for Breakfast Club and Rascals to make it easier for parents. You will be billed fortnightly using our Parentmail system. You will be able to pay your bill using a debit or credit card through the same system.

We know that many of our parents are interested in using Childcare vouchers or the newer Governments Tax-Free Childcare Account to pay for our Clubs. I am delighted to tell you that we will be able to offer that to you in the very near future.

The providers that we have contacted so far are:

- Sedexco
- Computer Share
- Edenred

Please, could you let us know if you use another provider that you would like us to register with?

School Office

The school is working towards allowing electronic payments for all of its services and becoming a cashless office. We are aiming to become totally cashless by Term 2 which is just after the October Half Term break. Please, could any parent who thinks this will cause them difficulties let the school know so that we can put special arrangements in place for you.

I hope that this information helps to provide parents with a smooth start to the school year. Please don't hesitate to pop in and let us know if there is anything at all we can do to make things easier for you.