



Ropsley C of E Primary Newsletter

Learning for Life



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Diary Dates

Thursday 1st November
5/6 Mixed Football
Kings School
12.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Wednesday 7th November
EYFS Parents Visit
2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

Wednesday 7th November
PTA Meeting in the school hall
All welcome
7 pm - 9 pm

Thursday 8th November
5/6 Girls Football
Kings School
12.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Friday 9th November
Pudsey Bear Live Story
watched by pupils in school.

Sunday 11th November
Remembrance Service
St Peter's Church Ropsley
10 am

Friday 16th November
Children in Need Day

Friday 16th November
EYFS Parents Visit
2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

Friday 16th November
PTA Disco
KS1 6.30 pm to 7.25 pm
KS2 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Wednesday 21st November
All teaching staff attending training
straight after school – no clubs.

Dear Parents,
Welcome back from our half-term break.

Firstly, a huge thank-you. Together we raised an enormous £310.18 for Macmillan Cancer Support and a further £107.00 for Jeans 4 Genes.

Harvest Collection
Again a huge thank you for your wonderful gifts for our Harvest Festival. 5/6 took an amazing, twenty four boxes of fresh goods around the village.

The longer-life foods and toiletries were given to Grantham Foodbank. I am delighted to let you know that you sent them 87.3 kg of food which will help bless over 55 households who are in desperate need.

Building Work

I am very excited to announce that the school is going to have a new classroom. The new classroom will be added to the back of our building and will be an exciting and much needed addition to our school. The building work will be finished in time for September 2019. I will, of course, share information and pictures etc with you as the project commences.

Remembrance

I am certain that you are all aware that it is 100 years since the end of the First World War. Year 5/6 have been studying it in some detail and we have enjoyed a couple of special acts of remembrance in school already.

We have had a very special oak tree planted in school and a lovely plaque presented to us by Mr and Mrs Holland. The school would like to thank everyone involved in the planting and in particular Mr Alwyn Sentence for organising it. Pictures can be found in the gallery on our website.

Yesterday, Key Stage 2 were visited by the grandson of William H Coltman. William Coltman was a pacifist and also the most decorated NCO of the First World War. The children learned all about his Christian faith and his conduct during the war. His full story can be found here <https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/history/pacifist-who-became-britains-most-2069325>.

Also, we are absolutely delighted that Years 3,4,5 and 6 have been invited to perform within Ropsley's Remembrance Day celebrations this year. The service takes place St Peter's Church on Sunday 11th of November. Letters asking for your permission will be sent home tomorrow.

Poppies will be sold amongst all of the classes starting tomorrow.

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd November

Class 3/4 Cheerleading
9 am – 3.30 pm

Monday 26th November

Sarah Outen MBE
visiting the pupils

Friday 30th November

PTA 5/6 Cake Stall
3.15 pm

Friday 30th November

PTA Bingo

Monday 10th December

1/2 Christmas Play
1.30 pm and 6 pm

Tuesday 11th December

3/4 Christmas Play
1.30 pm and 6 pm

Wednesday 12th December

EYFS Christmas Play
1.30 pm and 6 pm

Thursday 13th December

5/6 Christingle Service
At Church
6pm

Friday 14th December

PTA Christmas Fair
3.30 pm -5pm

Tuesday 18th December

Party Day

Thursday 20th December

End of Term Service
9.30am

Finally, please can we ask for all of your empty pop bottles? They can be small 550ml bottles up to the larger 2L bottles. We aim to cut the bottoms off to use to make poppies so cylindrical bottles only please.

Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day is approaching and as usual we would all like to celebrate, have fun and take part. This year the School Council has asked if everyone could please wear spotty clothes. Children can get creative and wear headbands, bandanas and eye patches if they wish.

Unfortunately, we need to ask that children do not wear a 'onsie' or face paints please. 'Onsies' are difficult to manage in the toilets and sadly we have a child with an allergy to face paints.

The School Council are organising a free Art Competition and children will be listening to the live story reading by Pudsey Bear.

Children are asked to make a suggested donation of a £1 please which will be passed to the charity on your behalf.

School Closure System

The temperature is dropping after our lovely hot summer and daylight hours are diminishing so I thought it might be useful to update you all about school closure procedures.

Fingers crossed we don't have to use it at all this year.

In the event of a School Closure you will be informed in the following ways.

1. Through our Parentmail SMS system
2. On the radio on Lincs FM
3. On our School Website

Also, one or two of our very kind parents have offered to place it on the 'Ropsley Friends' Facebook page.

We aim to make the decision as early as possible; particularly in the light of our pupils who attend Breakfast Club therefore you can expect to hear at approx. 7am in the morning if a closure is required.

After School Clubs

All of the after school sporting clubs will cease from next week due to the poor light conditions with the exception of Gardening Club. Gardening Club use the opportunity to make lovely Christmas gifts and are able to continue inside so they will finish on the 27th of November. Inside Clubs will continue as usual.

Term Dates 2019

Term 3

Monday 7th January 2019
To
Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4

Monday 25th February 2019
To
Friday 5th April 2019

Bank Holidays:-

Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April
2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
To
Friday 24th May 2019

Bank Holidays:-

Monday 6th & Monday 27th May 2019

Term 6

Monday 3rd June 2019
To
Friday 19th July 2019

A Couple of Requests

Miss Hubbard washes our sports kits. She does a terrific job and our kits always look smart when we are at matches or festivals. However, she politely asks that when you are returning kits for washing please could you encourage pupils to turn their socks the right way around. She simply hates having to put her hand inside someone's soiled sock.

Mrs Buckley, who runs Ropsley Rascals so beautifully for us, has asked whether anyone has a portable TV which plays DVD's that she could have please. She is creating a 'Cosy Corner' for pupils at the club and this will go a long way towards helping.

Christmas Performances

As you can see from the dates below we have spread our celebrations out so that each class has its own evening. You will not need to book tickets! However, please can you let us know if you are intending to bring anyone with mobility problems or a group larger than four people.

- Afternoon Performances start at 13:30 and you will be able to take your child home afterwards if you wish. However, only the child whose performance you have come to see may be taken home please otherwise it causes real issues for classes still working or rehearsing.
- Evening Performances start at 18:00 but we politely ask that children are in school for 17:30 so that we can put costumes on or organise a quick stand in for a child who may be ill.
- The PTA will hold a raffle during each performance.

Year 5/6 children will organise and prepare our Christingle Service which will be held at Church on Thursday 13th December at 6pm. You are all invited to attend!

Information about party day will follow soon.