



# Ropsley Church of England Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome back

### Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term gathers pace, there's a real sense of excitement in school. From the wonderful generosity shown at our Harvest Festival to the sparkle of Christmas preparations just around the corner, it's been a joyful and busy time for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us make our school such a caring, thriving community.

### Harvest Collection

A huge **thank you** for your wonderful gifts for our Harvest Festival!

We were once again overwhelmed by your generosity. A large number of bags and boxes were donated to **Grantham Foodbank**, weighing an incredible **87.3 kg**.

Your kindness will help to bless **over 55 households** who are in desperate need — what a fantastic community effort!

### Parking:

Please may we remind parents and carers to **park courteously** outside school.

We have recently received calls from our neighbours about cars **blocking driveways, parking on the junction, and leaving engines idling**. Your cooperation helps us maintain good relationships with our community and keeps everyone safe.

### Signing In:

If you need to come into school during the day, please **sign in at the school office**. This is an important part of our **fire safety and safeguarding procedures**. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

### Morning Supervision:

Children **must not be left unattended** in the playground before **8:40 am**, as staff are not on duty until then.

If you need to leave earlier, please use **Breakfast Club**, which provides a safe and welcoming start to the day.

### Children in Need Day

**Children in Need Day** is fast approaching, and as always we're looking forward to celebrating, having fun, and making a difference!

This year, the **School Council** has decided that everyone should come dressed in **yellow and/or spotty clothes**. Children can get creative with **headbands, bandanas, or even spotty eye patches** if they wish! Please no onesies and be mindful Year 5/6 are swimming!

There will also be an **inter-house art competition**. Children can **purchase a Pudsey outline** for a small donation, **decorate it**, and **hand it in** to be in with a chance of winning prizes — and of course, earning **house points** for their team!



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### School Closure System

As the temperature drops after our lovely summer and the days grow shorter, it seems a good time to remind everyone of our **school closure procedures**.

Hopefully, we won't need to use them — but just in case, here's how you'll be notified:

- **Through Class Dojo**
- **On the radio via Lincs FM**

We always aim to make the decision **as early as possible**, especially for those attending **Breakfast Club**. If a closure is required, you can expect to be informed **by around 7:00 am**.

### Christmas Activities

The run-up to Christmas is always one of the busiest — and most magical — times of the school year!

We've spread our celebrations across a week so that each class has its own special evening.

You **do not need to book tickets**, but please **limit attendance to two people per child** due to space in the hall.

This also ensures that all children can sit comfortably near the stage.

### Performance Times:

- **Afternoon Performances** begin at **1:30 pm**. You may take your child home afterwards if you wish, but please only take **the child whose performance you have attended**, as other classes may still be rehearsing or working.
- **Evening Performances** begin at **5:00 pm**, and we ask that children arrive at **4:30 pm** so we can get costumes ready or make any last-minute adjustments if a child is unwell.

### Christingle Service:

Our **Year 5/6 pupils** will once again lead a beautiful **Christingle Service in church**, to which everyone is warmly invited.

### PTA Christmas Fair:

The festivities conclude that week with the **PTA Christmas Fair** on **Friday 12th December** after school.

**Please note — this date was incorrectly printed on the Yearly Dates Calendar, and I apologise for causing confusion and inconvenience.**



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### Parties and Pantomime:

The following week, the children will enjoy a **party day** and a performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk* right here in school! Party food will be kindly provided by the PTA, so children **do not need to bring a lunch** that day. If your child has any allergies, their **class teacher will contact you** to ensure the food provided is suitable.

### End of Term Service:

We finish the term with our **End of Term Church Service** on **Friday 19th December at 9:30 am**. Everyone is very welcome to join us as we celebrate the close of a wonderful term together.

### Dates For Your Diary

**Friday 14th November** Children in Need Day (Wear yellow and/or spots and enjoy an art competition)

**Monday 8th December** Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm

**Tuesday 9th December** Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm

**Wednesday 10th December** Reception Christmas Play 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm

**Thursday 11th December** Year 5/6 Christingle Service At Church, 5:00 pm

**Thursday 11th December** Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas dinner available from Willoughby Foods)

**Friday 12th December** PTA Christmas Fair 3:30 pm

**Wednesday 17th December** Party and Pantomime - No lunch required – provided by PTA

**Friday 19th December** End of Term Service at Church, 9:30 am

**Friday 19th December** Last Day of Term

**Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January**