

## Week Two

This week we were delighted to finally receive our **Ofsted** report and **GOOD** judgement which (at last) we have been able to share this with you. It has been a very long wait! We hope that you feel as pleased and as proud as we do. There were many positive aspects commented upon: our children— their enthusiasm for learning, good behaviour, respectful relationships, varied and broad curriculum, good leadership, as well as ‘the caring, happy and cohesive’ that we have all strived so hard to create and maintain. Much good news to celebrate and build upon this year, as well as in the years to come.

Reception children are becoming more used to their new classroom and school environment. They are already showing us many good learning behaviours, for example listening and responding to the staff and each other whilst they explore their new environment through first hand experiences and play. This week they had their first school dinners and played with the other children at lunch time. Next week Reception will stay all day so normal drop off and collection arrangements 8.45– 3.10pm.

### Update on the New Build– photo

This week the builders were finishing off the foundations and preparing the area ready for the brick layers who will arrive on site shortly. I endeavour to include a weekly photo so that everyone can see the progress being made. I have also spoken with our contractor Phelans about the possibility of site tours once the build is more underway and it is safer to do so. I will keep you updated with this. Providing the weather stays fine we should see some progress above ground shortly! Continue to watch this space....



### Meet the teacher

Thank you to the parents/ carers who were able to attend. We hope you found it useful. The curriculum information will be available on the website (year group curriculum leaflet/ Age Related Exceptions—ARE— booklet ) shortly. We will ParentMail out once this has been done.

### Afterschool Clubs: start w/c 24.9.18

New list ParentMailed out this week, please respond via the form or the main office by Tuesday 18th. Karate started this week and it will run every Thursday all year. Places are still available (Y1-Y5), if you are interested, please speak to Sensai Gerald at the gate.

### Weekly 1:1 Music Lesson: Guitar

These will start again on Monday (17th) - please ensure that your child brings their guitar in every week. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar or other musical instrument, please enquire at the school office.

### Swimming Lessons: Thursday (weekly)

We are pleased to tell you that we have been able to secure swimming lessons again at Great Dunmow pool which will continue throughout the year. Lessons will be offered to Y2, Y3 and Y4/5- one class per term. Y2 will start in the autumn term and a separate ParentMail will be sent in this regard. As a school we have to pay for the hire of the pool, the swimming teachers and life guard which is very costly. The government do not allow schools to use their Sports Premium Funding to pay for this, therefore, it has to be paid out of our main delegated budget. As a result, we do ask parents for a contribution to pay for the cost of the return coach journey to cover this additional cost. The school is able to support families on low incomes where certain criteria is met. Please refer to the main ParentMail information when received and if you have any queries or concerns, please speak to a member of the office team or Mrs Barron in confidence.

### Parent Helpers/ Volunteers

There are many occasions throughout the year that we need your help, e.g. as escorts for various trips and local visits, in school to help support learning, e.g. hearing readers, or with practical activities, e.g. art or cookery. Volunteers make a huge difference to the life of our school and the opportunities that we are able to offer our children. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on a regular basis then we are required to gain an enhanced DBS and references. For ad hoc escort assistance this is not necessary. All volunteers are also required to attend a child protection /health & safety training session with Mrs Barron. A volunteer pack is available by request at the office.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 17-21 SEPT REC FULL DAYS – 8.45-3.10PM
- 25 SEPT INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS
- 1 OCT HARVEST FESTIVAL \*
- 4 OCT 2.30PM REC PHONICS MEETING\* TB
- 8 OCT Y2 TRIP—AEROZONE\*
- 9 OCT PARENT EVENING 3.30-6.00PM\*
- 11 OCT PARENT EVENING 4.30-7.00PM\*
- 19 OCT LAST DAY OF TERM
- 22- 26 OCT HALF TERM
- 29 OCT PUPILS RETURN
- 31 OCT FRIENDS PUMPKIN CHALLENGE\*
- 29 NOV SEPT 19 ADMISSION 6.60-7.30PM\*
- 12 DEC RECEPTION NATIVITY \*
- 13 DEC KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY\*
- 14 DEC KS2 CONCERT\*
- 20 DEC LAST DAY OF TERM

## Celebration of Achievement

### Assembly

Well done to the following children for their efforts and achievement with learning this week...

**Y1: Gabie**

**Y2: Emma**

**Y3: Ashton**

**Y4/5: Amelie**

## FRIENDS/PTA

**FRIENDS AGM– ALL WELCOME 25.9.18  
@ 19.30 VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED.  
Friends welcome new members as well  
as suggestions or the offer of talents/  
business.**

**Contact email**

**friends@roseacres.essex.sch.uk**

## DINNER MENU

NEW MENU: next week: **WEEK 3** See website/ notice board.

### **Polite Reminders**

#### Safety:

**Pedestrians:** Please always **use the path** when entering or leaving the site and not exit via the car park on foot.

**Drivers:** Please **park safely and responsibly on the road without obstructing the driveways or access to local residents' properties/garages**. Please **park further down the road from the school and avoid, stopping, turning or reversing in front of the school**. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing. Very young children often run or scoot ahead of their parents and we would like to avoid a nasty accident occurring.

#### Attendance/sickness absence:

If your child is off school, please ring on the first day of absence **BEFORE 9.15am**. If we have not heard from you we will activate our 'First Day Call' procedure. If your child should get sickness and/or diarrhoea then they should be clear for **48 hours** from the last episode, before returning to school.

#### Punctuality/ drop off & collection:

The gates and class doors open at **8.45am** each day (15 mins early) to ease congestion. The gates are locked at **9am**. We would kindly ask you to be prompt. Latecomers must enter via the main office and provide a valid reason for late arrival (which is a legal duty placed upon schools). At drop off time: KS2 children should say goodbye to their parents in the main playground; please only go around to the class door if you have a message for the teacher. KS1 parents may drop off and collect at the class door (please keep the entrance way clear). Reception parents may come into the class to help settle their child/ make a lunch choice but please leave the site by 9am so that we can secure the site and begin the day's learning. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Class Information

This year the classes have been given class names with the theme of composers:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>PE Day/s</b>
Reception:	Miss Mann	Elgar	Harvest	Thursday
	Miss MacKinnon	Beethoven	Harvest	Thursday
Year 1	Miss Cook	Vivaldi	Amazing Animals	Tuesday & <b>Wednesday</b>
Year 2	Mrs Watson	Holst	Nurturing Nurses	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Miss Whates	Mozart	Egyptians	Monday & Friday

## LEARNING NEWS:

*Please note that due to staff changes, training needs and the addition of new classes we need to alter and update our website. Structure and information. Until we have done this (in liaison with our website provider), the learning news will continue to be included in our weekly newsletter.*

*We will let you know as soon as the class pages and blogs are up and running.*

**Reception: Elgar & Beethoven:** What a rocking start to the first few weeks at school! We are so pleased that they have settled really well. This week in reception the children have been enjoying reading 'Pete the cat- Rocking in my school shoes' by Eric Litwin. The children have designed and created their own guitars as well as decorating shoes and perfecting their air guitar moves. They have thought about what they like to do in their school shoes and have made their own shoe designs. Please do come and see our displays during drop off times to see for yourself!



**Year 1:** Welcome back Year 1, what a busy year ahead and already the children have faced the first two weeks with such positive attitudes. Keep this up! In Maths Y1 have been looking at representing numbers using pictorial representations and objects. In English they have been looking at this term's author and the story 'The Gruffalo'. Y1 started the week by focusing on sentence structure and then furthered their learning by looking at adjectives to describe the Gruffalo. The children also took part in our very first cheerleading session with our local partnership sports and dance specialist where they learnt the sequence for our competition in December.

**Year 2:** The children have started the history focus topic and have begun to learn about Mary Seacole. In English, Y2 looked at the features of a chronological report and began to write their own. In maths Y2 learnt about place value, using equipment to make numbers and to partition numbers.

**Year 3:** This week, Year 3 have been learning about place value in Maths. In PE, they had not one, but two external sports coaches teach them. On Monday, they began to learn about tag rugby and on Wednesday, they learnt a cheerleading routine for our local sports partnership upcoming cheerleading competition in December. We hope to also perform this to you later in the term.



**Year 4/5:** Wow! What a week! Britten class have been full of enthusiasm for learning this week. We have started some really tricky work which they have taken in their stride. We have also had a lot of fun getting to know each other. We started the week with a classroom treasure hunt, researching our Greek table names, class bingo and building the best structure from spaghetti and Marshmallows. Looking forward to the weeks ahead!

## Contact details

If you or your other named contacts update your phone number or move, please remember to inform the office **as soon as possible**, to ensure we hold the current contact details on our system, in the case of an

## OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CLUB FOR ROSEACRES PUPILS:

**PLACES AVAILABLE** for pupils who attend Roseacres school for full time/part time/ ad-hoc child care.

**STAFF VACANCY** part time: if interested in this or to discuss your childcare needs please contact Leigh Parnell [learningtoflychildcareservices@mail.com](mailto:learningtoflychildcareservices@mail.com) website: <https://leighparnell.wixsite.com/learningtofly>. *Please be aware that this is a privately owned and run club and operates independently of Roseacres Primary School. It is registered with Ofsted, meeting their requirements for this facility. Whilst we are able to signpost childcare and other provision, parents are advised to assure themselves of the suitability of any provision.*