

WEEK 7



We just cannot believe that we are rounding off our very first half term already! It has sped by- I am sure you would agree we have achieved so much in that time. There is still lots to do and next term we begin our prospective parent tours for Reception 19 entry. Thank you to those parents who filled in the Roseacres comment slips on parent evening. I will be using some of these in our school information packs.

Book Fair: £781 was spent which resulted in the school being able to spend £200 in book commission. Thank you so much for your support.

Positive Parenting Family Learning: thank you to the parents who attended the final family workshop session. Lots of ideas and strategies to help maintain a level of calm at home were shared!

Parent Governor: we had three nominations and the person appointed by the Trust will be announced shortly.

Staffing: sadly and shortly we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Hammond in the office who has secured employment in a Hertfordshire school nearer to home. Congratulations to Mrs Bentley who has been promoted to the position of Office Manager.



BUILDING UPDATE- 'going up fast!

Attendance

A reminder of the current attendance regulations in respect of holidays during term time- (including birthday treats/ surprise days out etc). These are NOT authorised during term time and are highly disruptive to the education and learning of your child. Please refer to the attendance letter sent out this week. The Trust Attendance Policy can be found on the school website. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Friends- Half term Challenge: Decorate a Pumpkin Competition.

Entries to be in on Wednesday 31st October at 9am for judging. Prizes for the best decorated.

Job Vacancies: Support Staff

Office Administrator: (Band 2 11-14 pro-rata, 39 weeks, term time plus inset days): permanent contract, Monday to Friday 8.30-4.30pm.

LSA 1:1: (Band 2 11-14 pro-rata, 38 weeks, term time only): fixed term 10 hours per week, 1-3.15pm, to support a child with an ECHP in Reception class; to start as soon as possible.

Caretaker: (Band 2 11-14, full time 52 weeks per year): full time permanent contract, split shift times to be agreed between the hours of 7am- 6pm.

LSA/MDA: (Band 2 11-14 pro-rata, 38 weeks, term time only): permanent contract, Monday to Friday 8.30-1.15pm.

For further details see our website www.roseacres.co.uk or visit www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk

Prospective Parent Tours for Reception Entry 2019

Unbelievably we are approaching that time of year again. Next half term we will offer tours to parents/ carers interested in a place at Roseacres school for the Reception class September 2019

Main event Thursday 29th November 6.30-7.30pm

Day time tours: 3rd and 5th December at 1.30pm and 7th December at 9.30am

Places must be booked for the daytime tours as places are limited. Please note that we are not able to accommodate prams inside the building but baby carry seats are fine. Parking is available on the residential road (Roseacres), please respect our residents and park responsibly to allow them free access to their drives/ homes.

IMPORTANT DATES

19 OCT LAST DAY OF TERM

22- 26 OCT HALF TERM

29 OCT PUPILS RETURN GATES OPEN 8.45AM

31 OCT FRIENDS PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

**1 NOV PHONICS MEETING FOR REC PARENTS
2.30PM- HALL**

29 NOV SEPT 19 ADMISSION 6.60-7.30PM

3 DEC RECEPTION '19 TOUR @ 1.30PM

5 DEC RECEPTION '19 TOUR @ 1.30PM

7 DEC RECEPTION '19 TOUR @ 9.30AM

12 DEC RECEPTION NATIVITY *

13 DEC KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY*

14 DEC KS2 CONCERT*

20 DEC LAST DAY OF TERM

7 JAN INSET DAY- CLOSED TO PUPILS

8 JAN PUPILS RETURN

** more info to follow*

Celebration of Achievement

Assembly

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

Y1: Ryan

Y2: Mason

Y3: Ethan

Y4/5: Isla

Keep it up!

FRIENDS/PTA

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 1** 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.

Dental/eye appointments

General check ups. These should be booked for outside the school day or during school holidays.

Medical/hospital appointments:

If this occurs during the school day, please let us know in advance and provide us with the letter/ appointment card so that we may copy it for the records. On the day, come to the main office to sign your child out.

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**. Thank you.

Class Information

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

Year group	Teacher	Class Name	Topic	PE Day/s
Reception:	Miss Mann	Elgar	Harvest	Wednesday
	Miss MacKinnon	Beethoven	Harvest	Wednesday
Year 1	Miss Cook	Vivaldi	Amazing Animals	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	Mrs Watson	Holst	Nurturing Nurses	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Miss Whates	Mozart	Egyptians	Monday & Friday
Year 4/5	Miss Bruce	Britten	Greeks	Wednesday & Thursday

LEARNING NEWS:

ARE booklets for all year groups are now on the class pages of the website, and the curriculum leaflet for R- Y3; Y4/5 curriculum leaflet to follow.

Reception: Elgar & Beethoven: This week Reception have had their first Stay, Play and Learn sessions for parents. The children enjoyed showing their special grown ups their learning about 2D shapes, counting sides and corners and sorting them. The children have also been finding out all about hedgehogs and have made their own one using clay. The children had to think carefully about how best to create the different textures of the hedgehog using their fingers or other tools.

Year 1: What a busy half term Year 1 have had! To finalise our learning in Literacy the children have completed the end of The Gruffalo story. The children ensured their writing was on the line and that they were using finger spaces. In maths, the children continued to look at the part whole model to solve addition problems. The children also looked at finding different fact families. In art they used tinting to create a Julia Donaldson inspired picture. Have a good break Year 1 and I cannot wait to see your homework projects when you return!

Year 2: This week the children have been writing descriptions of funny incidents that have happened to them as well as writing poems about their families. In maths they have been learning to subtract from teen numbers crossing a ten by partitioning. In science they have been learning about different types of materials.



Year 3: What a great half term in Mozart class! We have finished reading 'The Hodgehog' and have produced some great work inspired by this book. A highlight was visiting Takeley Primary School last week for a multi-sports event. This week, the class identified the features of non-chronological reports and in English and in Science, we investigated which objects make shadows.



Year 4/5: This week in science, Y4/5 have been carrying out a lot of investigations using and applying their scientific skills. They have been learning about dissolving, filtering, solutions and oxidation. The children came up with their own ideas and did their own research using an i-pad to find out how to stop a peeled apple from going brown (oxidising). Why not ask them what they found out and maybe conduct your own experiment during half term and share the results when you come back. Is it the same for all peeled fruits?

Curriculum Enrichment

Monday: 1:1 Music Lesson: Guitar (weekly); Thursday: Y2 swimming (weekly)

Autumn 2: Afterschool Clubs: start w/c

Monday: Multi-sports*: lunchtime- (free) all pupils; Afterschool (field/hall)/ IT Club (Y1 class) 3.15-4.15

Tuesday: lunchtime sports (Miss Whates) KS2 (free) / Dance (hall) / Magical Maths (Practical room) 3.15-4.15;

Wednesday: lunchtime choir (Miss Bruce) Yr1-5 (free) & Golf (field/hall)/ Construction (Y2 class) 3.15-4.15

Thursday: Afterschool Karate* 3.15-4.15 and Cookery (Practical room) 3.15-4.30pm (please note later finish time for cookery)

Clubs w/c 29th October

*Multi- sports: missed session to be made up will be on Monday 29th October 3.15-4.15pm

*Karate: begins again on Thursday 1st November 3.15-4.15

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.

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 in our office foyer, parents are advised to assure themselves of the suitability of any provision.*