

# Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

September 2016



It's been a great start to the new term. Lots of smiling faces and children ready to learn! We give a warm welcome to all the new families who are joining Roebuck for the first time this year. At Roebuck Primary School and Nursery, we believe every child should be happy at school and have the chance to fulfil their potential. We also know how important it is for parents to get the support they need to help their child achieve, learn and develop.

In our newsletters, you will find details of learning workshops, parent forums and valuable information which aim to allow you to support your children in reaching their potential.



## **New team ready and raring to go!**

Mrs Thomas (previously in year three) has joined Miss Short as part of the Narrowing the Gap team. She will be supporting children in key stage two to reach their full potential and Miss Short will continue to work with early years and key stage 1. We are full of enthusiasm and are busy arranging workshops, forums and family learning to continue to strengthen the home school partnership. We look forward to working with you.



## **It's good to talk!**

Your opinions really matter to us. If you are unable to catch us before or after school, please leave a comment in the feedback box which we will check regularly. This is in the front entrance, next to our noticeboard.



## **Tea and tissues**

It was lovely to meet new parents at our first Tea and Tissues session on Monday. It was a great way for new parents to meet each other and members of staff and to find out more about life at Roebuck. Thanks to the RSA (Roebuck School Association) for providing delicious home-made cakes and biscuits and for keeping us topped up with tea and coffee. They are thrilled that they have already recruited a new member to join their team! We look forward to seeing many more of you on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September after drop off in Buccaneers.

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

Lots of children have spoken enthusiastically about the reading challenge that they have completed over the summer. Please remind your child to bring in their certificate once they have received it as the class with the most participants will win a non-uniform day. Last year, Roebuck came second in Stevenage. Let's go for gold this year!



## **Library**

Last term many parents expressed a wish to visit the school library with their children, either before or after school. Before we set this up, we would like your feedback as to when you would like the library to be available and ideas of how we can make our library even better. Please feel free to use the feedback box in the front entrance to give your opinions on this or talk to us at our next workshop.



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## Books, books, books!

Reading is a main priority for Roebuck this year and we have taken on board feedback from our reading volunteer team. As a result, every class has received exciting new books to inspire and motivate them. Key Stage two children have also had their books banded with colour stickers to help guide them when choosing books once they are a free reader as we were aware that many children found it difficult to pick appropriate books.



### Reading Volunteer Team .... Can you help?

Thank you to all our reading volunteers who have made such a difference and have agreed to carry on listening to our children read this term. There will be a meeting for these volunteers on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9am or 2:45pm to finalise arrangements. We are always looking for more volunteers, so please come along to this meeting if you would like to be part of this team.



### Set your bubbles free! - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

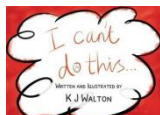
Come to the hall for 1.15pm for a glass of bubbles and a chat with Mrs Thomas and Miss Short, followed by a brief introduction to Growth Mindset. This is a concept that underpins everything at Roebuck and is crucial in helping your child to make progress. Come along and find out how you can support your child at home. You will also have the opportunity to complete work with your children in their house group followed by a surprise whole school finale.

Come along and find out how you can 'Set your bubbles free!'



### Brush shoulders with a celebrity!

There will also be an evening workshop at 7.30pm on the same day for anybody who cannot make the afternoon event. We are hoping to be joined by a leading expert in growth mindset Katie Middleton who is the author of the book 'I can't do this' who can explain the importance of growth mindset in greater depth.



Please complete and return the slip below so we can cater accordingly.

### Parent forum

We would value your opinion on the behaviour systems used at Roebuck. What works well? What would you like to see improved? Come and have a chat with us....

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9am – coffee and croissants will be provided or

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – cheese and biscuits

### Keep an eye out....

Your child will be bringing home a welcome letter indicating important housekeeping, such as when home work is due in and when the weekly spelling test will be. We have worked hard to try and be consistent with these within key stages to make things easier for parents with more than one child.

Have a great start to the year!

Miss Short and Mrs Thomas



## Workshops this half term

Date	Time	Workshop content	Suitable for
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	1:15pm (Crèche available)  or  7:30pm	Set your bubbles free! An introduction to growth mindset and a chance to work with your children in the house teams  An introduction to growth mindset and meet an expert	Reception – Y6 (Nursery parents – see separate letter)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	2:30 – 3:15pm (Crèche available)  Or  7pm	Supporting children with spellings and Learn Its Practical ideas to support children learning weekly spellings. What Learn Its are. How we will use Learn Its this year. Practical ideas to support children to recall Learn It facts.	Year 1 parents and anyone else needing a refresher is welcome to attend

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Miss Short and Mrs Thomas



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Name and class of child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of parents attending 1.15pm workshop: \_\_\_\_ Number of children requiring crèche: \_\_\_\_

Number of parents attending 7.30pm workshop: \_\_\_\_

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