



# Roebuck Academy



## Newsletter: June 2018

### HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the year! I hope that you all had a pleasant and restful half-term holiday and that the children are looking forward to what will be a very busy and fun-packed summer term! The staff and I are looking forward to all of the exciting events planned as well as all of the transition meetings that will take place. We have many dates in the school diary so please refer back to your calendar of events as well as reading through the newsletter so that you are kept up to date with everything going on.

Please note that the term dates for Summer 2018/19 have been updated and have been on the school website for some time – the calendar was emailed to all parents and carers at the very beginning of the Summer term for your own personal copy.

<http://www.roebuck.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Other+Letters&pid=88>

Kind regards  
Lynsey Young

### UNIFORM

We are extremely proud of our children at the school; especially the pride that they take in their work and of their appearance. In our opinion, children are not ready for school unless they are equipped with the correct school uniform. This includes the correct footwear, school jumper or cardigan and PE kit. Please ensure that your child arrives for school EVERYDAY equipped for their day ahead. Children and parents will be reminded by the staff here at the academy if children are found attending school without the correct uniform. PLEASE ensure that children are not wearing AstroTurf boots or trainers for school. Completely plain back shoes/trainers are the only footwear permitted with no exceptions. In reference to Jo Jo Bows, if children do wear to school, permission is granted if they are of a sensible size and in school colours of blue, white or black.

### RSA – SUMMER DISCO

Thank you to our lovely team of volunteers who helped organise another successful and well-attended school disco before half-term. We are very lucky to have such a committed team of volunteers at Roebuck.

### PROM – YEAR SIX CHILDREN ONLY

Year Six are invited to attend the First ever Roebuck Junior Prom which will be taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a disco and a buffet for the children. Children are requested to wear smart clothes for the event. We have explained to the class what this consists of. If you are unsure, please speak to Miss Thomas.

### NURSERY & RECEPTION MEETINGS

Please remember the transition meeting for parents of children in our new Reception classes which will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June in the school hall at 6:00pm. Don't forget the meeting for parents of children in our new Nursery class which will also be in the school hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

**Parents attending this meeting must bring their child's birth certificate to the meeting.**

Due to a low birth rate in the year, there are still a few places left in our Reception classes for September 2018. Please speak to our office staff if you would like to secure a place.



## **YEAR ONE TRANSITION MEETINGS**

Please remember the meeting for parents of children in our new Maple and Elm Classes. We have two meetings dates. Wednesday 13th June at 5pm as well as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6pm. We know that transition to Year One is always tricky especially with all of the changes that take place in terms of play-based learning. Learning is very different in Year One from Reception so it is important that as a school we get it right for the children. Please ensure that you attend one of the meetings so that you are aware of everything that will be in place for the children to ensure an effective and smooth transition.

## **PHONICS TESTING – MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Starting next week KS1 will be participating in National Phonics testing. Please ensure that your child is in school every day as these tests are statutory.

## **PARENT FORUM REP MEETINGS**

A reminder that we do have a Parent Representative for every class throughout the school. Each Parent rep is advertised on a poster on your child's classroom door so please familiarise yourself with who they are. Parent reps are approachable and are there for you to speak to regarding any concerns you may have about communication at the school. They are the voice of the parental community for your child's class. Please speak to them if you think there is anything else we can do to improve our lovely school.

## **NEW UNIFORM AND ACADEMY LOGO**

Tesco and School Trends now have our new 'Roebuck Academy' logo embroidered onto them. As agreed over a year ago during the academy consultation, the Roebuck Academy logo must be worn from September 2018. All parents have been provided with a year's grace to ensure that that this happens.

## **PARENTS DROP IN SESSION**

We have a drop in session planned for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Teachers will be available to discuss any concerns that you have regarding your child's school report. **This is not compulsory**. In the meantime, please remember that we operate an open door policy which means that you can make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at any point throughout the term.

## **STAFF NEWS**

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Howard and Mrs Beard at the end of this year. Mrs Beard has taught so many children throughout the school over her many years at the school and has done amazing work with so many families at Roebuck. She is staying in Hertfordshire but is moving on to gain new experiences. She will be hugely missed by everyone. We thank her for everything she has done and wish her every luck and success.

Mrs Howard has also been an excellent teacher for us and has helped our Reception classes for the last three years. However, she has made a big decision and has decided to relocate to Norfolk. She will be greatly missed. We thank her hugely for all she has done and equally wish her happiness and success. Today we welcome Mrs Solomon and Mrs Jackson to our Early Years team. Both are very experienced teachers who are already part of the team here at Roebuck. Both have an immense passion and enthusiasm for EYFS and will both do an amazing job alongside Mrs Prossser. We also welcome Mrs Townley to the school on a full-time basis who will be teaching in Year One Elm Class. Mrs Townley is also equally familiar with Roebuck and is an experienced Year One teacher. She knows the children very well. She too will do an amazing job.

In September, we shall have two new teachers joining the teaching team at Roebuck. Miss Williams is an outstanding teacher who is coming from a local primary school in Stevenage. She is experienced at teaching in KS2 and will add so much to our Year three team – we feel very lucky that she will be joining us all in Cherry tree Class.

We also have Miss MacDonald who some of you will remember as working with Mrs Elson this year in Year Two. Miss MacDonald is experienced at Teaching Year two so will joining us at Roebuck in Birch Class. She is also a fantastic teacher who will again add enthusiasm and energy into our Key Stage One Team. We also congratulate Mrs Herbaut who will be staying with us full-time in Maple Class. She has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher alongside Mrs Prossser. She will be a great asset to the Senior leadership team already at the school.

Class	Teacher
Nursery Acorn Class	Mrs Jackson
Reception Oak Class	Mrs Prosser
Reception Willow Class	Mrs Solomon
Year One Maple Class	Mrs Heurbaut
Year One Elm Class	Mrs Townley
Year Two Pine Class	Mrs Elson
Year Two Birch Class	Miss MacDonald
Year Three Pear Class	Miss Whitfield
Year Three Cherry Class	Miss Williams
Year Four	Mr Downie
Year Five	Mrs Horton
Year Six	Miss Thomas

Next Year Oak will become Maple, Willow will become Elm. Maple will become Pine and Elm will become Birch. Pine will become Cherry and Birch will become Pear class.

### **HOLIDAYS**

A gentle reminder that **NO** holidays should be taken during term time. Any absence will not be authorised. We appreciate that holidays are more expensive during school holidays but think of the time as well as the learning that your child misses when they are away from school. Your child will never have this time again. Thank you for your support.

### **OPEN EVENING – MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

We shall be holding an open-evening for all children moving into Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 next year on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. There are several sessions planned for the evening to allow parents to attend sessions across the entire school. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher as well as be informed of expectations for next year as well as handy hints and tips on how to help your child prepare for their next challenge ahead. The times are 3:30, 4:15, 5:00 & 5:45pm.

### **TRANSITION MORNINGS – MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Children will be participating in transition mornings across the school between Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Children will be spending the three mornings with their new class teacher during this time. These morning sessions will allow the new class teachers the opportunity to get to know your children as well as their strengths and areas for development. This will help ease worries about moving up a class as well as help your child to hit the ground running in September.

### **EYFS SPORTS DAY- MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Monday 18th** will be our first ever EYFS ONLY Sports Day. The children are allowed to come into school already dressed in their PE kit on this day. If they would like to, they can swap their PE t-shirt for a t-shirt which is the colour of their House. Please make sure that your child wears sun cream and a sun hat for sports day and that you send them in with lots of drinks. **A bottle filled with ice works well as it melts during the day.**

We will begin with our Early Years Sports Day from **10:00** which includes all children in Nursery and both Reception classes. Parents wanting to watch this, please make your way down to the field just before 10:00am.

The children will participate in a range of activities and then join the staff and parents for a picnic lunch at approx. 12:15. If you are able to stay for the morning session and would like to join us for lunch please bring along a packed lunch as well as picnic blankets and rugs for our own use.

There will be NO Option for a hot dinner on this day for children in EYFS. Carol, our cook will be preparing either a cheese or ham sandwich for the children unless they would like to bring in their own packed-lunch. Please fill in the slip below to indicate what option the children would prefer. Thank you.

### **SPORTS DAY KS1 & KS2 –THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

All other classes (Years 1 – Year 6) have their sports day from 10:00am on Thursday 28th June. The morning will be a combination of track and field events and a carousel of sporting challenges. Siblings will be together for the carousel of activities and will participate in their house groups. Sporting leaders from Thomas Alleyne's will be joining the Roebuck teaching staff to help lead the events. Afterwards children will compete against each other in a number of track and field events. The morning will finish at 1:00 where we will then have time to enjoy a picnic lunch. If you are able to stay for the morning session and would like to join us for lunch please bring along a packed lunch as well as picnic blankets and rugs for our own use. Again, there will be NO Option for a hot dinner on this day for children in Key Stages 1 and 2. Carol, our cook will be preparing either a cheese or ham sandwich for the children unless they would like to bring in their own packed-lunch. Please fill in the slip below to indicate what option the children would prefer. Thank you.

Children will be consulted about race choices prior to the event so that the event is based on their needs, interests and strengths.

### **SPORTS DAY AND RSA**

Please do bring money for yourself to the picnic as the RSA are selling refreshments for adults (eg: hot drinks, cake, crisps). Please can parents not buy the children refreshments (they have their school lunch) and please can all litter be either taken home with you or put in the bin. We will have no Site Manager on this day to help to tidy up the school grounds at the end of the day.

**\*\*PAPER COPIES OF THE SPORTS DAY PICNIC RETURN SLIP HAVE BEEN PLACED INTO YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG. PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS RETURNED BEFORE WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018. THANK YOU\*\***

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## Sports Day Picnic

**One slip per child required – please hand back to your child’s classteacher**

Please tick as appropriate

My child receives free school meals and would like a school packed lunch for Sports Day  
There will be **NO HOT SCHOOL DINNER OFFERED FOR THE DAY**

My child will be bringing their own packed lunch for Sports Day

S/he would like the following sandwich option:

Ham

Cheese

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

