



# Roebuck Academy

Newsletter: November 2018



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I do hope that you have had a lovely half-term holiday and that all of the children managed to rest, have lots of fun and also complete their half-term homework which included reading every day. We welcome the children back on Bonfire Night. Bonfire Night is always an exciting event for children – whether their families decide to visit an official display or choose to purchase their own fireworks. But with many people, including children, hospitalised with firework-related injuries each Autumn, it's important to remember how dangerous fireworks can be.

Whilst bonfire night is all about having fun and watching the lights, it's also really important everyone knows how to keep safe and act appropriately around bonfires and fireworks.

There are lots of safety rules surrounding fireworks and even a firework code! The rules to teach or remind your children of are as follows:

- Stand well back**
- Never go back to a lit firework**
- Never put fireworks in your pocket**
- Never throw fireworks**
- Light sparklers one at a time and always wear gloves**
- Never give sparklers to a child under 5**
- Keep pets indoors**

There is a wealth of information on the internet as well as many resources that are extremely useful and full of handy hints and tips. Please ensure that whatever you do this evening that you and your children keep safe!

Kind regards

Lynsey Young

<http://www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk/>



## **NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS - REMINDER**

Please be advised that Admissions to Nursery class has changed for September 2019/2020. Sibling rules no longer apply and we are now running admissions on a first come, first served basis for this year group. This is consistent across ALL Stevenage schools. For further details please see application forms and flyers on the school website. We only have a few places available now so please apply for your child's place as soon as possible. We will be hoping to inform parents of decisions after the Christmas holiday.

## **ATTENDANCE AUTUMN TERM 1**

Below is a Breakdown of our school's attendance between the 5th September and the 26th October. Well done to all of the classes who managed to achieve over and above our minimum expected attendance of 96%.

As a school our target for every child is to achieve a minimum of 96.0 % attendance. Please ensure your child attends regularly and on time every single day. We will be monitoring attendance carefully and any child who has attendance below this figure will trigger our attendance warning system and you will be contacted by the school's pastoral and attendance officer.

Children must attend school, unless severely ill, otherwise their learning will be impacted. This is time that children will never have back again. If we can support you in any way please contact us so we can work with your family.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Oak Class</b>	<b>Willow Class</b>	<b>Maple Class</b>
<b>Attendance to date</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>Elm Class</b>	<b>Pine Class</b>	<b>Birch Class</b>	<b>Cherry Class</b>
<b>95.7%</b>	<b>91.0%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Pear Class</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Year Six</b>
<b>94.8%</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

**KEEPING SAFE ONLINE** – The NSPCC has a fantastic section on their website all about keeping safe online. See the information below as well as the link. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

## **Talk about their online world**

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world?

Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online - just like you would their day at school - is the best way to keep them safe.

You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's ok to share online - and what's not.

You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses with our [Net Aware](#) tool.



## **3 tips to help start the conversation**

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.

Get more advice about how to [talk to your child](#) to help them stay safe.

## BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

'Be Bright Be Seen' is an important message for all children and the whole school community, especially as now the nights are drawing in. The Active and Safer Travel Team are keen to promote this as a key part of the road safety and active travel programme, especially over the Autumn and Winter months.

As the days are getting shorter, now is a good time to remind everyone, especially our children, of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when they are out and about, to make them more visible to traffic. With this in mind, there is a 'Be Bright Be Seen' reminder below. Further information can be found at: <https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/clothing-be-bright-be-seen/>

## TERM DATES AUTUMN 2 2018/2019

Date	Event	Time
Monday 5th November 2018	Welcome back to school for children	8:45am
Tuesday 6th November 2018	Year 6 School Journey PGL Norfolk	NA
Thursday 8th November 2018	Year 1 Fantastic Finish – The Great Outdoors	2:00pm
Monday 12th November 2018	WW1 & WW2 Week	NA
Tuesday 13th November 2018	Remembrance Assembly with Reverend Kate	9:00am
Wednesday 14th November 2018	SEND Parents Coffee Morning in Buccaneers	9:00am
Wednesday 14th November 2018	Year Three Fantastic Finish – Sticks, Stones & Ancient Bones	2:15pm
Friday 16th November 2018	School Nurse in – Height and Weight Check	9:00am
Wednesday 21st November 2018	EYFS & KS1 Code of Conduct Presentation Assembly	9:00am
Wednesday 21st November 2018	KS2 Code of Conduct Presentation Assembly	2:45pm
Tuesday 27th November 2018	Year 6 Fantastic Finish	2:15pm
Wednesday 28th November 2018	Year 5 Fantastic Finish	2:00pm
Thursday 29th November 2018	Year 4 Big Fantastic Finish – Gladiators & Gods	2:15pm
Friday 30th November 2018	RSA Step into Christmas Fete	TBC
Monday 3rd December 2018	Christmas post box opens	9:00am
Monday 3rd December 2018	School Nurse in for flu vaccinations – Rec to Year 5	9:00am
Date to be confirmed	Year 2 attend St Peters – The Christmas Journey	TBC
Tuesday 4th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show – Nursery and Reception	2:00pm
Tuesday 4th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show – Nursery and Reception	6:00pm
Wednesday 5th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show – Nursery and Reception	6:00pm
Thursday 6th December 2018	EAL Parents Coffee Morning in Buccaneers	9:00am
Tuesday 11th December 2018	KS1 Christingle with Reverend Kate – Parents Welcome	1:30pm
Tuesday 11th December 2018	KS1 Carols around the Tree	6:00pm
Wednesday 12th December 2018	KS1 Carols around the Tree	2:00pm
Wednesday 12th December 2018	KS1 Carols around the Tree	6:00pm
Thursday 13th December 2018	Carol Service at St Peters – KS2 children – Parents Welcome	9:45am TBC
Thursday 13th December 2018	Children's Jumper day and Christmas Lunch	NA
Monday 17th December 2018	Christmas Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast	NA
Tuesday 18th December 2018	Rock Steady Concert	9:00am
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Birthday Assembly for dates up to 31st December	9:00am
Wednesday 19th December 2018	PM - Class parties and visit from Santa	PM
Wednesday 19th December 2018	AM - NURSERY Class party and visit from Santa	AM
Thursday 20th December	Attendance Assembly	9:00am
Thursday 20th December 2018	Toy day for all children – 1 toy allowed per child	NA
Thursday 20th December 2018	Term ends at 3:15pm	3:15pm
Friday 21st December 2018	Occasional day – children not in school	NA

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Friday 21st December 2018 – Sunday 6th January 2019



INSET DAY – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		
Children return to school Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		8:45 am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	RSA Valentine Disco EYFS/KS1 & KS2	TBC
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	RSA Spring Disco & Non-Uniform Day	TBC
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Roebuck School Association Fete / Fest	TBC

