



Roebuck Academy

Newsletter: December 2018



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final school newsletter of 2018!

Over the last few weeks parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, families and staff have been treated to a number of amazing Christmas performances by Nursery, Reception classes, and Key stage 1. I am always amazed by the confidence of the children and their wonderful skills in terms of: acting, singing and narrating; they were absolutely amazing and a credit to you all!

I must also say a big thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events; along with the teaching of the curriculum; they can now add dressmaking, choreography and star and wing repairing to their list of accomplishments!

Although I know that the Christmas break is often a very busy time of year for many families, it would be fantastic if you could hear your children read at least 10 times and encourage / help them to complete some of their topic homework. Thank you for your support with this, it really does make a difference to the children.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and governors for all of their hard work at the school which is always on-going. I believe that our children and families are very fortunate to work with such a positive, fun, energetic and committed team and I am very much looking forward to moving into 2019 with them.

I would like to wish you all a happy and fun Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Lynsey Young
Headteacher

RSA – STEP INTO CHRISTMAS

We know that Christmas is always a busy time of year for Santa; however he did manage to make an appearance at the RSA Winter Fete a few weeks ago. Thank you all for attending and making this event a great success. A whopping £1147.85 was raised which as always will go back into the school. This was kindly organised by the members of the RSA. Well done to you all for your continued hard work supporting the school. Thank you very much!

'The Roebuck Way' ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for attending the termly Roebuck Way assembly this term where many of your children received their Bronze certificate for following the Roebuck Way and showing exemplary behaviour and attitudes in school. The children were very proud of their achievements.

ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Well done to all of our children who took part in the ROCK STEADY concert on Tuesday 18th December. The whole school was amazed with your performances. Everyone joined in and had a great time. We are super impressed with your confidence as well as your talent.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

Our end of term production was a fantastic way to finish off the autumn term topic of 'Let's Party'. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and for providing such amazing costumes. I'm certain you will all agree that the children looked fabulous!

The children have also been learning about the Nativity and the true meaning of Christmas this week in class. In reception classes, the children have been opening their kindness calendar every day and doing such things as smiling at three different people and saying kind things to their friends.

For your information our topics next term will be: All about me in Nursery and Fact or Fiction in Reception.

Thank you so much for your support this term. Wishing you a happy holiday and New Year.

KEY STAGE ONE

Mrs Herbaut and the KS1 team would like to thank all the parents for supporting our Christmas production of, 'Carols around the tree'. The children were amazing and their costumes were fantastic.

We would also like to thank you for the Christmas cards, best wishes and gifts we have received. We wish you a very merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy time with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back for some really exciting new topics and learning in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy new year to you all!

STAFF NEWS

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Emmerson, Buccaneers Manager at the end of this term. We thank Mrs Emmerson for all of her hard work and commitment to the school for so many years. We wish her luck and hope that she enjoys a well-earned rest in the New Year.

Next term, we welcome a new manager for Buccaneers, Mrs Gayle McGregor. Mrs McGregor has a wealth of experience and will add so much to the school as well as the Buccaneers team – we feel very lucky that she is joining us. Mrs McGregor is already well established at the school and has worked at both Roebuck and Buccaneers for some time. We are certain that she will receive a warm welcome from all.

STAFF VACANCY

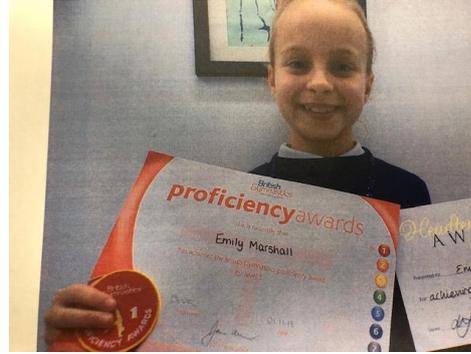
We have a number of teaching assistant vacancies in the school. If you are interested in the post and feel that you would be an asset to the team please see the advertisements in Teach in Herts <https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?keyword=roebuck>

CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Thank you parents and carers for your chocolate donations last week. School council were astounded by how much chocolate we received. We were able to make 7 amazing hampers which has raised £376. The lucky tickets were drawn yesterday morning during assembly and the school office has already notified all winners so that they can come and collect their prizes. Congratulations to you all!

Thanks to all those people who supported the raffle by buying tickets. This money has already been used to purchase a game or two for each class as their present from Santa. They will be used very well during wet play times.

OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



I am always amazed by how lovely, kind and talented our pupils are at the school. This week I was very proud to be informed of Owens' success in passing his first grading in Muay Thai as well as achieving his first 5m for swimming award. I was also very proud of Austin for achieving his Yellow Stripe grading in Taekwondo as well as his Level 1 swimming award! Goodness me the boys have been so busy! Well done!

I was also pleased that Noah's passed his stage 2 swimming award – Congratulations! Congratulations also to India-Rae for being selected as Gymnast of the week! Also well done to Emily for donating her hair to the Little Princesses Trust as well as passing your Level 1 Gymnastics award. Donating your hair was not an easy task and we admire your courage and bravery.

Well done also to Oliver in Year 3 for passing your Junior Medics lifesaving award. Well done goes to Charlie for being selected as man of the match and scoring a hat trick! You are all amazing and we are very proud of you!

LET'S CELEBRATE SUCCESS: OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

If you would like your child's outside achievements celebrated and recognised by the school, please email details, with photographs if possible, to our office staff, Janet, Vikki or Jade on the admin account at: admin@roebuck.herts.sch.uk. Alternatively, it is always nice to see children's achievements first-hand. Children are allowed to bring certificate, badges and photographs into school to share with me, the teaching staff and their friends. We would like to celebrate all achievements; no success is too small.

THANK YOU

As a staff we are so very lucky to have received so many lovely Christmas presents and cards. As a representative for the staff may I thank all of you for your generosity and kindness. They are very much appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A calendar of events for the Spring Term was sent home with your child at the very beginning of this week. Please keep this to hand as there are many events happening between now and the end of the Spring term. This is also available on the school website, as well as in the main school office.

PARENTS CONSULATION – THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 14th February 2019. Please note that there will be no after school clubs on this day. Buccaneers will take place as usual.

We are now using the online system for parents to sign up for an appointment. A guide on how to do this can be found in the 'Parents Evening' section of our school website. When logging in to the system, you will need to use your full name and your child's full name and DOB. Remember that this must match our records at school. The Appointment system will open on Tuesday 15th January at 5pm. If you have any questions or any problems using the online system, please do speak to one of our Office team and they will be happy to help. To make your appointment, go to www.roebuck.parenteveningsystem.co.uk

Parents of children who have Special Need Support Plans will be approached by your child's class teacher to make an appointment in January. Mrs Fisher will also be available on parents evening so please book a separate appointment if you would like to see her.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who purchased a Poppy for The Poppy Appeal 2018, we managed to raise £159.06

GORDON CRAIG DRAMA WORKSHOPS

We were delighted this week when Catherine from the Gordon Craig Theatre came to deliver drama workshops with the children in years 4, 5 and 6. She spoke to the children about how to get the very best from a performance. The children also had the opportunity to experience acting based on their current production of Snow White.

Leaflets were handed out to advertise activities and drama clubs at the theatre.

We look forward to welcoming Catherine again in the New Year when we shall be planning a whole range of drama and workshops for all year groups.

ATTENDANCE – A note from Mrs Johnson

Please be reminded that classroom doors open at 8.45am every day. Children should be in class and ready to learn between 8:45 and 9:00 at the very latest. Please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time for your child/ren to be in class.

If your child is ill then a message should be left on the school answerphone stating your child's name, class and the reason they are not coming in to school.

Every child in every class needs to be in school every day to meet the 96% weekly attendance target. This is the national average. If it falls below this level a meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter between parents and our attendance officer, Mrs Johnson.

Excellent attendance is paramount to children's well-being, future success and to achieving their best in learning. We do not authorise any leave of absence, for example, holidays.

If you are requesting time away from school a form must be completed and a meeting will be arranged with Mrs Johnson, our school Attendance officer.

Please check our school term dates for 2019 which are located on the website or available in the main school office.

Spring Term 2019

Calendar of events

All parental events highlighted in bright yellow – please bear in mind that some events may be subject to change

Date	Event	Time
Monday 7th January	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	NA
Tuesday 8 th January	Term begins for children	8:45am
Tuesday 8 th January	Rock Steady Begins	NA
Monday 14 th January	All clubs begin	NA
Monday 14 th January	Bridge Builders Assembly	9:00am
Tuesday 15 th January	Parents Consultation Booking System opens	
Tuesday 15 th January	Year Six Academic Review Day	8:30am – 3:30pm
Wednesday 16 th January	Year Six Breakfast – Mingle with your mentor	8:15am
Monday 21 st January	SEN Review appointments begin	NA
Wednesday 23 rd January	Parent Forum – Parent representatives	6:00pm
Thursday 31 st January	EAL Coffee Morning	9:00am
Thursday 31 st January	Book Fair being delivered today	N/A
Monday 4 th February	Safer Internet Week: Together for a better Internet	NA
Monday 4 th February	SEND Coffee Morning with Angels	9:00am
Thursday 7 th February	Fantastic Finish Year One	2:00pm
Friday 8 th February	RSA Disco	TBC
Monday 11 th February	Whole School Music Day	
Monday 11 th February	Year One Phonics Evening	5:30pm
Tuesday 12 th February	Fantastic Finish Year Two	2:00pm
Thursday 14 th February	Parent's Consultation evening Year Nursery to Year Five – Year 6 at a later date	2pm – 7:30pm
Friday 15 th February	Nursery Stay and Play morning	9:00am
Friday 15 th February	RSA Disco	TBC
Friday 15th February	Half-Term ends	3:15pm

Date	Event	Time
Monday 25th February	Half term begins-Children return to school	8:45am
Tuesday 5 th March	Fantastic Finish Year EYFS	9:00am
Thursday 7 th March	National Book Day	NA
Monday 11 th March	Stem and Science Week	NA
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief	TBC
Tuesday 19 th March	Code of Conduct Assembly EYFS	9:00am
Wednesday 20 th March	Code of Conduct Assembly KS1	9:00am
Wednesday 20 th March	Code of Conduct Assembly KS2	2:45pm
Friday 22 nd March	Nursery Stay and Play morning	9:00am
Monday 25 th March	Bridge Builders Assembly	9:00am
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 3 and 4 Performance	2:00pm and 6:00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 and 4 Performance	6:00pm
Thursday 28 th March	Year 6 Parent's Consultation	1:00 – 7:00pm
Thursday 28 th March	Parent Forum – Parent representatives	6:00pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Rock Steady Concert	9:00am
Tuesday 2 nd April	Fantastic Finish Year Six	2:00pm
Wednesday 3 rd April	Attendance Assembly	9:00am
Wednesday 3 rd April	Fantastic Finish Year 5	2:00pm
TBC	Stevenage Dance Festival – no date provided as yet	TBC
Friday 5 th April	EYFS Easter Egg Hunt	NA

Friday 5th April	Easter Holidays begin	3:15pm
Tuesday 23rd April	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	NA
Wednesday 24th April	Term begins for children	8:45am