

Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

September 2017



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 Academy, 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.



It's good to talk!

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



Tea and tissues

It was lovely to meet new parents at our Tea and Tissues sessions during the last week. 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 biscuits and for keeping us topped up with tea and coffee.

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 children who have participated will win a film afternoon in the school hall. Please ensure certificates are in **no later than Monday 25th September**.



Library

A little reminder that the school library will be open again to children and parents from the week beginning 18th September - after school on a **Monday from 3.15-4.00pm** and before school on a **Wednesday from 8.15-8.45am**. Your children will be taken to the library over the next couple of weeks to pick their library book.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated books to the school over the last year for our library. We are so lucky to have such wonderful support. At the moment, our book shelves are brimming so please could we ask parents not to bring any more donations in for the time being. We will advertise again later again in the year if we need anymore.

Dream Catcher assemblies

This year we will be holding dream catcher assemblies on **Thursdays at 9.15am**. These are excellent opportunities for us to inspire and motivate your children to follow their dreams and to find out about other people's jobs and aspirations. We are looking for volunteers to come in and speak to Year 3-6 (and Year 2 if age appropriate) in an assembly. If you would be interested in helping us or know someone else who can, please let Mrs Thomas know as soon as possible.

Dream - Believe - Achieve





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 **Tuesday 19th 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.

Parent forum

We value your opinions. Come and meet Ms Young and Mrs Thomas and tell us what works well and any ideas that you have to help us keep making Roebuck the best it can be.

Tuesday 26th September 9am – coffee and croissants will be provided or

Tuesday 26th September 6pm – coffee and cake



Keep an eye out....

Your child should have brought 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. There will also be a homework commitment form in the front of their homework books- **please discuss this with your child and sign it to say you have read it.**

Have a great start to the year!

Mrs Thomas



Workshops this half term

Date	Time	Workshop content	Suitable for
Thursday 28 th September	2:30 – 3:15pm Crèche available Or 6.00pm	Supporting children with spellings and Learn Its <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
Wednesday 4 th October	9:00 – 9:30am 9:30 – 10:00am	Supporting phonics and early reading Join your child in class for a Busy Fingers Open Session Phonics and early reading input from Mrs Prosser, Mrs Howard and Mrs Thomas in the spare year 6 classroom. Phonics – <i>what does that mean? How can I help my child learn to read?</i> Understanding phonics and using this to support your child in learning to read.	Oak and Willow parents
Wednesday 4 th October	6:00 – 6.30pm	Supporting phonics and early reading Repeat of the workshop (see above) from Mrs Prosser, Mrs Howard and Mrs Thomas in the spare Year 6 classroom.	Oak and Willow parents and any Year 1 & 2 parents wanting a refresher