

Week One .. Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to everyone, with an extended warm welcome to the many new children and families who have joined us this September. With renewed enthusiasm, we embark on our fourth year at Roseacres and we look forward to a positive and productive year building upon our established good practice and success. I am pleased to share that our new Reception children have settled in really quickly; next week they will be staying at school a bit longer (all morning plus lunch time.) Collection time for Reception next week is **1.15pm**.

Y1-Y5 invite to 'Meet the Teacher' (see back page for day/time)

For parents of pupils in Y1- Y5, we would like to invite you to attend a 'meet the teacher' event. The purpose of these meetings is to provide parents with the opportunity of meeting the new teacher and hearing about the new year group learning and behaviour expectations. We are in the process of updating the curriculum information and producing the topic leaflets for this term. We will notify you once these have been uploaded. Our school website will become the hub of curriculum information and learning news so please refer to the class page on the website regularly.

Update of Building Works.

Work on the new reception unit began during the summer holidays and with good weather on our side much progress has been made. Unfortunately, it does mean that there is some disruption during works and we would ask for your patience and understanding during this time. Please also be extra vigilant whilst walking to and from school, as well as at the entrance to the site.



Drop off and collection Site Safety

Apart from the building work we need to review and update our systems and procedures as our school grows in size and we begin to use all class bases around the school. As you will appreciate we now have half our school community at the back of the school where there is limited access or open hardstanding space. As a result, we would ask that you support our new system of drop off and collection arrangements: Y1 and Y2 to be dropped off/ collected from their external door. KS2 (Y3-5) to be dropped off and collected in the main playground. At the end of the day the staff will bring the pupils around to the main playground. Please only go around in the morning if you have a message for the teacher. Please refer to the back page for other general safety information. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with all these matters.

Ofsted update

As you are aware we had our first ever Ofsted inspection in the last week of term. We are still waiting for the final report but once this is received it will be circulated to you and published on our website.

New Staff Members

We extend a warm welcome to new staff members: Reception teachers Miss Mann & Miss MacKinnon, EY LSA's Miss Hayden & Mrs Hubbard, LSA's Mrs Bayford Y1 & Mrs Renton Y3, teacher Y4/5 Miss Bruce and Mid day assistants Mrs Kember & Mrs Walker.

Class Information

This year the classes have been given class names with the theme of composers:

| Year group | Teacher | Class Name | Topic | PE Day/s |
|------------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Reception: | Miss Mann | Elgar | Harvest | Thursday |
| | Miss MacKinnon | Beethoven | Harvest | Thursday |
| Year 1 | Miss Cook | Vivaldi | Amazing Animals | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 2 | Mrs Watson | Holst | Nurturing Nurses | Monday & Thursday |
| Year 3 | Miss Whates | Mozart | Egyptians | Monday & Friday |
| Year 4/5 | Miss Bruce | Britten | Greeks | Wednesday & Thursday |

IMPORTANT DATES

- 5-7 SEPT REC 9.00-12/ PM- HOME VISITS**
- 10- 14 SEPT REC 8.45-1.15/ PM HOME VISITS**
- 11 /12/13 SEPT MEET THE TEACHER**
- 17-21 SEPT REC FULL DAYS – 8.45-3.10PM**
- 25 SEPT INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS**
- 1 OCT HARVEST FESTIVAL ***
- 4 OCT 2.30PM REC PHONICS MEETING* TBC**
- 9 OCT PARENT EVENING 3.30-6.00PM***
- 11 OCT PARENT EVENING 4.30-7.00PM***
- 19 OCT LAST DAY OF TERM**
- 22- 26 OCT HALF TERM**
- 31 OCT FRIENDS PUMPKIN CHALLENGE***

* more info to follow

Celebration of Achievement

Assembly

Our weekly celebration assembly will recommence next week at 9.05am. Parents/carers of children chosen for a special award will be informed on Thursday and invited to attend. If your child attains an award or certificate outside of school, e.g. for swimming stages, then please send it into school during the week so that this can also get a special mention.

FRIENDS/PTA

Thank you to all our new parents for attending our first coffee morning.

Friends welcome new members as well as suggestions or the offer of talents/ business.

Contact email

friends@roseacres.essex.sch.uk

DINNER MENU

NEW MENU: **WEEK 2.** See website/notice board.

Polite Reminders

Safety:

Pedestrians: Please always **use the path** when entering or leaving the site and not exit via the car park on foot.

Drivers: Please park safely and responsibly without obstructing the driveways or access to local residents' properties/garages. Please park further down the road and avoid, stopping, turning or reversing in front of the school. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing. Very young children often run or scoot ahead of their parents and we would like to avoid a nasty accident occurring.

Attendance/sickness absence:

If your child is off school, please ring on the first day of absence **BEFORE 9.15am**. Also, write a letter with the dates and reason for absence and give this to the office/teacher on the first day back to school. If your child has had sickness, diarrhoea or both, then they should be clear for **48 hours** from the last episode, before returning to school.

Punctuality: The gates and class doors open at 8.45am each day (15 mins early) to allow for a flow of parents/carers to drop off their children. We would kindly ask that parents leave the classrooms promptly, so that the day's learning can begin. Children arriving after this time will need to be signed in by their parent/carer giving a valid reason for the lateness, as opposed to just putting 'late'. We are required by law to have this in place and to request this. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with these matters.

Dental/eye appointments - General check ups. These should be booked for outside the school day or during school holidays.

Medical/hospital appointments - If this occurs during the school day, please let us know in advance and bring with you the appointment card or letter, so that we may take a copy for your child's file. On the day, come to the main office to sign your child out.

NEXT WEEK w/c 10.9.18 – KEY DATES/ EVENTS

Reception pupils 8.45–1.15pm Monday to Friday next week (10th to 14th). (Wk 3, w/c 17.9.18 thereafter all day)

'Meet the Teacher' KS1/2: Parents/carers are warmly invited to meet their child's new class teacher and hear about the expectations for the new year group. On the day, please make your way around to the relevant classroom and sign in. The office staff will open and lock the gates after.

11.9.18: Y1 @ 9.00am AND Y3 @ 2.30pm. On 12.9.18: Y2 @ 2.30pm. On 13.9.18: Y4/5 @ 2.30pm.

Local Events:

In the locality: Connect 120 Celebration event: Sunday 9th September @ 4-5.30pm at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Church End, Great Dunmow CM6 2AE. An opportunity for you to come and meet the Schools and Community Missioner: Tara Russell.

SPOT LIGHT ON HEALTH & SAFETY

In order to ensure a safe environment is maintained for all our site users, we would very much appreciate the full co-operation of all our families in helping us to achieve this. We would welcome and appreciate your understanding and cooperation with the following:

Parking: please park safely, responsibly and with respect to our neighbours. Please park away from the main entrance of the school and walk down. Gates are opened early from 8.45am and are locked at 9am. Please drive slowly and do not use the front entrance as a turning circle or pull up for a quick drop off at the bottom of the pathway as this is a key pedestrian area and crossing. The car park is for deliveries, staff and visitor use only.

Buggies/Prams: please leave these outside if you need to come into the building (you are welcome to bring in younger ones/baby carry seats). If you use the main office or need to speak to Mrs Bentley then please leave your pram outside so that it does not obstruct the entrance or foyer as this is our main fire exit in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Pupil safety:

Scooters/bikes: We welcome and encourage the children to walk to school and/or bring a scooter or bike. Children should walk these down the main path and across the playground to place them in the relevant store. Please do not let your child ride/zoom down the path or around the playground before or after school, as there are many site users and young children present.

Climbing frame play equipment: Thank you parents for helping us to ensure that all children are safe on our site by supervising them at all times. Please help us to ensure that they do not play on the climbing frames before or after school– this is particularly important in relation to younger siblings. The equipment is for the use of the school age children during the school day when they are supervised by staff.

Collection arrangements: if someone different is collecting your child, please let us know at the door in the morning, ring the office/ email/ write to us if this is to be a regular arrangement, We will not let a child go unless we have parental permission.

Absence: please telephone a child's absence in by 9.15am with a reason. If we have not heard from you the office will ring and/or ParentMail, in order to establish their whereabouts so that we know they are safe.

Other H&S matters– if you notice something or have a concern, please do bring this to our attention as soon as possible. **Many thanks.**

Grapes: please cut in half as they present a choking hazard otherwise. Thank you.

Long hair: tie back– regardless of gender (for general safety/ practicality/ avoidance of nits). Thank you.

Earrings: studs only and please remove on PE days. Thank you.

Contact details

If you or your other named contacts update your phone number or move, please remember to inform the office **as soon as possible**, to ensure we hold the current contact details on our system, in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CLUB FOR ROSEACRES PUPILS:

PLACES AVAILABLE for pupils who attend Roseacres school. If interested in full time/part time/ ad–hoc child care, please contact Leigh Parnell directly-mobile: 07884 948769, or email learningtoflychildcareservices@mail.com website: <https://leighparnell.wixsite.com/learningtofly>

Please be aware that this is a privately owned and run club and operates independently of Roseacres Primary School. It is registered with Ofsted, meeting their requirements for this facility. Whilst we are able to signpost childcare and other provision, parents are advised to assure themselves of the suitability of any provision and provider in order to meet their needs.