

WEEK 15



This week the Reception children went to Takeley Park to sing to the residents who have so kindly allowed us to use their David Bellamy garden for our Forest School Sessions. Another magical experience all round and of course the children 'did us proud'!



All the children entered into the spirit of things at our Christmas dinner day which was a great success— thanks to Jess and Julia for their efforts and the staff for serving the children; and to our special guest



who came to visit all the 'good children' spreading lots of Christmas cheer!

WOW can you believe that we have reached this time of year? Christmas just around the corner and one term of this academic year completed already! Every term and every year I am stunned by the speed at which the year seems to disappear! I just cannot believe it! I am sure you must feel the same.

The children and staff have achieved so much and I am immensely grateful for all their hard work, efforts and achievements. They are all amazing and we are so lucky to have such a talented, dedicated and positive staff team who always go the extra mile to ensure that the children have an enriched, happy and successful school experience.

My sincere thanks go to the staff, parents and families for your support and to our Friends Association for all their hard work, efforts behind the scenes to support all that we do. We are also immensely lucky to have the generous support of Reverend Rob, Tara Russel of Connect 120 and Takeley Park Residents Association, who all enrich the learning experiences of our children.

BUILDING UPDATE- NOT LONG TO GO NOW!



Thank you for all your and patience. all still goes to new build completed by of the first



parents support Providing plan, the should be the end spring



half term. We will keep you up to date with developments.... How exciting!

INCLEMENT WEATHER: NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPECTED SCHOOL CLOSURE

Just in case the weather takes a turn for the worst in December or January, the system for notifying parents is through our ParentMail system. We recognise that bad weather causes considerable disruption and endeavour to keep the school open as much as possible and where it is safe to do so. A decision to shut the school is never taken lightly and many factors contribute to making that decision. Myself and the site management team are in contact very early in the morning in order to assess the site. Should the decision be made to close the school, you will be notified by 7.30am at the latest but in reality it is often earlier than this. The website will also be updated.

Please do NOT ring the school. If we open in bad weather we understand that it will take families longer to get to school so allowance is made for this and registers remain open longer. If we need to amend the timings of the

ROSEACRES TERM DATES 2019/20

The term dates and inset days for next year are on the website.

IMPORTANT DATES

7 JAN INSET DAY- CLOSED TO PUPILS

8 JAN PUPILS RETURN 8.45AM

10 JAN SWIMMING STARTS Y4/5 (WEEKLY)

10 JAN KARATE CLUB STARTS

14 JAN GUITAR LESSONS RECOMMENCE

14 JAN SCHOOL CLUBS START THIS WEEK

15 JAN RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR 2019 CLOSE

8 FEB MUSIC WORKSHOP*- ALL

W/C 11 FEB PARENT EVENING*

14 FEB BREAK UP- LAST DAY

15 FEB INSET DAY- CLOSED TO PUPILS

HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY

25 FEB PUPILS RETURN 8.45AM

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations go to Mrs Kember who has been appointed as LSA supporting Y1 and to Mrs Bayford who will work as an SEN LSA.

Sadly we will be saying a fond farewell to Sarah Bentley in the office who has secured another position and leaves us on 9th January.

Job vacancies: full time office manager, caretaker; relief MDA— see website/ jobscene for further

FRIENDS/PTA

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

Contact email

friends@roseacres.essex.sch.uk

XMAS TEA TOWEL ON SALE £4!

DINNER MENU

NEW MENU: 1st week back: **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 on the road without obstructing the driveways or access to local residents' properties/garages. Please park further down the road from the school 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**. If we have not heard from you we will activate our 'First Day Call' procedure. If your child should get sickness and/or diarrhoea then they should be clear for **48 hours** from the last episode, before returning to school.

Punctuality/drop off & collection: The gates and class doors open at **8.45am** each day (15 mins early) to ease congestion. The gates are **locked** at **9am**. We would kindly ask you to be prompt. Latecomers must enter via the main office and provide a valid reason for late arrival (which is a legal duty placed upon schools). At drop off time: KS2 children should say goodbye to their parents in the main playground; please only go around to the class door if you have a message for the teacher. KS1 parents may drop off and collect at the class door (please keep the entrance way clear). Reception parents may come into the class to help settle their child/ make a lunch choice but please leave the site by 9am so that we can secure the site and begin the day's learning. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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 provide us with the letter/ appointment card so that we may copy it for the records. On the day, come to the main office to sign your child out.

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**. Thank you.

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	LIGHT, COLOUR,	Wednesday
	Miss MacKinnon	Beethoven	SHAPE AND PATTERN	Wednesday
Year 1	Miss Cook	Vivaldi	Amazing Animals	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Mrs Watson	Holst	CHINA	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Miss Whates	Mozart	Egyptians	Monday & Friday
Year 4/5	Miss Bruce	Britten	KENSUKIE'S KINGDOM	Wednesday & Thursday

LEARNING NEWS:

ARE booklets and curriculum leaflets for all year groups are now on the class pages of the website. This term there are new curriculum leaflets for Reception, Y2 and Y4/5.



Reception: Elgar & Beethoven: We have had a great term with the children - they have all blossomed and are ready for a well deserved break. We finished the term with a Sing-A-Long at Takeley Park to say thank you to the residents for allowing us to use their wonderful Woodland Area. It was a really special event



with the Residents showing their appreciation with beautifully iced cakes with different Christmas decorations, a hand make Christmas card, as well as a present from Santa for each child.

Year 1: This week Y1 have been consolidating their learning of addition using a variety of skills to answer maths sums. In literacy they have created a Christmas acrostic poem. They have also learnt the skill of sewing which has been really tricky but they have persevered. Well done for all your hard work this term year 1!

Year 2: This week Year 2 have been making their Christmas card, having a lot of fun with glitter! They have also been finishing their books about China and in maths learning to add two digit numbers mentally.

Year 3: What a great start to Year 3 Mozart class have had! Highlights outside of school include taking part in the cheerleading competition where we came second and going to a local school for a multi-sports afternoon. Highlights in school include reading the Hodgehog, learning about Ancient Egypt including mummifying a tomato and carrying out various scientific experiments. Mozart have been very lucky to have been taught PE by a sports coach and they also loved their fencing taster day. The class are all developing an excellent growth mindset and should be proud of what they've achieved this term.

Year 4/5: What a fantastic term we have had. We have explored the Ancient Greeks across the curriculum, looking at myths, art work and their history. For the second half of the term we have read a wonderful book by Michael Morpurgo, Kensuke's Kingdom. This has allowed us to discover more about Japan, improve our character description through drama and look at writing techniques in literature. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful break!

Roeacres Strictly: Thank you to the parents and families who joined Y1/4/5 for their dance routine performance. With a bit



more practice there could be the next Strictly champion amongst them! Fab-u-lous! (Y1 and Y4/5 teaching each other dance routines)

Clubs: Spring term clubs: karate starts Thursday 10th January; all other clubs start w/c14.1.19.

Guitar lesson: Guitar 1:1 lessons recommence Monday 14th January. Please ensure that you make the advance payment via ParentMail when prompted to do so.

Curriculum Enrichment Spring term: Monday: lunch time sports coach—free open access; Y2 Dance; Thurs Y3 dance; Thursday: Y5 swimming (weekly); Friday Y1 & Y4/5 PE- sports coach.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CLUB FOR ROSEACRES PUPILS:

PLACES AVAILABLE for pupils who attend Roseacres school for full time/part time/ ad-hoc child care.

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 in our office foyer, parents are advised to assure themselves of the suitability of any external provider.