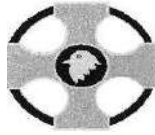


Roysia Review



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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

The New Year is a time to set and renew goals. During one of the first assemblies of the year pupils were reminded of our Code of Conduct and the importance of following rules so that they are safe. Only if they feel safe and happy can the focus turn to learning.

We would like to encourage you, as parents/carers, to read through the Code of Conduct with your child and discuss the importance of following rules. Our behaviour code displayed in all classrooms focuses on the phrase 'Taking growing responsibility for your learning' which underpins the school ethos. A copy of this code of conduct can be found in your child's diary.

Key Stage 2 pupils have made an excellent start to their swimming lessons and their behaviour has been a credit to the school. A keen group of Year 6 pupils attended the first session of the weekly SATs revision/homework club which will be held every week on Thursday after school, 3.30-4.30pm. Key Stage 3 pupils Zac Moorley and Ciaran Meehan took the lead in a speedstacking festival for year 4 pupils at Barley & Barkway First Schools and did a superb job.

Next week, Year 6 will be 'showcasing' what they have been learning with the rehearsal SATs. This is an opportunity for pupils to understand what is expected and to strive to achieve their personal best. In addition, we are looking forward to welcoming actor Anthony Glenn back to work with Year 8 and to put on a performance of Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' in just 4 days! The show which will take place on Friday 19th January at 6PM. Please contact the school office to order your tickets. We would also like to welcome Mrs A Liwak as a new teaching assistant. Some of you might remember that she used to work at Roysia about 8 years ago. We are very pleased that she has chosen to come back and is settling in very well.

A positive start to the new year and a year in which there will be significant change. Lets embrace these experiences and challenges to make it a highly successful 2018!

Mrs L Rawlings, Mrs K Jandu



1. We keep hands, feet and objects to ourselves
2. We walk carefully around the school
3. We take responsibility for our property and actions
4. We line up quietly and wait our turn
5. We wear our uniform correctly



1. We are kind and encouraging
2. We show respect for other people's thoughts, opinions and beliefs
3. We help and support each other
4. We show respect for our environment
5. We are polite and friendly



1. We listen and follow instructions
2. We are positive
3. We work together and ask for help if we need it
4. We try our best and don't give up
5. We are on time for our lessons

MIDDLE YEARS DAY **Friday 9 February**

Roysia and Greneway teachers are busy planning a joint enrichment day to take place on Friday 9 February on the Greneway site.

The purpose of the day is to bring staff and pupils from both schools together to engage in collaborative working. Throughout the day pupils will be involved in a range of activities to develop team building skills and share their thoughts and ideas for the prospective new school. In addition, this will be a valuable opportunity to enthuse and reassure pupils about the exciting developments to come. Further details will be shared with pupils and parents early next week. Please look out for this information.

SAFER INTERNET DAY—FEBRUARY 6

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to raise awareness of online safety issues. This years slogan is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect : A better internet starts with you'.

By logging on to the website www.saferinternetday.org.uk you will get access to a range of information and resources to promote safety on line. Please take a look.



REHEARSAL SATS WEEK

A letter has been sent out this week outlining the timetable for the year 6 rehearsal tests week beginning 15 January.

If you have not received this letter it is also accessible on our web site. www.roysia.herts.sch.uk

SATs REVISION CLUB

SATs Club for year 6 pupils started last week on Thursday after school from 3.30-4.30pm. Please encourage your child to attend. A letter was sent home with your child but should you require another one please either download one from the website or come to the office as your permission is required. The club will run up to and including Thursday 10 May.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

So that the lessons run as smoothly as possible could you please ensure that all containers are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Pupils do **NOT** need to bring in ingredients such as salt, pepper, cooking oil, herbs and spices. School provides these items every week.

The recipes are also published on our website. Please feel free to check with the office sooner rather than later if you need more information.

BRAVE TRUST

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Margaret McCormack from the Brave Trust passed away last week. Margaret had been visiting the school for a number of years, hosting the BUDS club and leading assemblies for our children.

All our thoughts goes out to her family and friends.

MOBILE PHONES

Pupils who bring mobile phones into school do so at their own risk. Whilst the phones are securely put away during school hours, we cannot be responsible for them before or after school when the phones are dropped off/collected. If you are not fully confident in this procedure we would ask that your child does not bring their phone into school.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Swimming has started on Mondays for year 5. If you have not already sent in your contribution for your child's lessons, please send in £31.50.

Please ensure your child has the following kit: trunks or shorts for boys - not beach shorts or shorts below the knee, and a full swim suit or 2-piece sporting swimsuit for girls - no bikinis. Long hair will have to be tied back or a swimming cap worn. Plus £1 for a locker which is returnable.

Lessons will continue until the end of the Spring term except for 12 March as year 5 are in Aylmerton.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

This process is for children currently in year 4 (in first schools). Please note that the closing date for applications is 15 January 2018. To apply log online to: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

UPPER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The deadline for applications for places at upper schools in September 2018 has now passed. If you have not already applied you must now make a late application on line at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions The deadline is 31 January 2018.

YOUTH MAKES MUSIC

Royisa will be joining Greneway and Meridian and all First Schools for the annual 'Youth makes music' concert at Western Road Concert Hall on Friday 16 March.

As always, it is a chance for us to showcase our musical talent and all children are encouraged to participate by joining the Roysia choir which takes place Tuesday lunchtimes.

Letters containing further details will be sent out to pupils in the choir and orchestra next week

MUSIC TUITION

We have a few vacancies for instrumental tuition, particular on Brass (Trumpet, Trombone etc.) and String (Violin, Cello etc.) instruments. Lessons are also available on Guitar, Drums and Woodwind instruments.

There is a Buy One Get One Free offer for all new starters this year (i.e. a 30 minute lesson for the price of 15 minutes at £110 per term).

YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE

National auditions for Youth Music Theatre (ages 11-21) take place in January and February. If your child is interested in applying details can be found at: www.youthmusictheatreuk.org

OUTDOOR PE KIT

Just a reminder that all pupils take part in outdoor PE activities every week. It is important therefore they are provided with warm suitable clothing as well as outdoor trainers (and a carrier bag for these to go into after lessons).

It is not essential for pupils to purchase the Roysia outdoor PE kit, any warm tracksuit tops and trousers is sufficient.

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

Spring Term 2018

Term begins: Wednesday 3 January
Half-term: 12 - 16 February
Term ends: Friday 23 March 1pm

Summer Term 2018

Term begins: Monday 9 April
Bank holiday: Monday 7 May
Half-term: 28 May – 1 June
Term ends: Friday 20 July at 1pm

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Inset days: 3-5 September
Term begins: Thursday 6 September
Half-term: 29 October - 2 November
Occasional Day: Friday 7 December
Term ends: Friday 21 December at 1pm

Spring Term 2019

Inset Day: Monday 7 January
Term begins: Tuesday 8 January
Half-term: 18 - 22 February
Term ends: Thursday 4 April at 1pm
Inset Day: Friday 5 April

Summer Term 2019

Term begins: Tuesday 23 April
Half-term: 27 - 31 May
Term ends: Tuesday 23 July at 1pm
Inset Day: Wednesday 24 July

UPDATE FROM FRIENDS




The Friends of Roysia raise funds which are then given to the school to purchase resources for pupils.

Forthcoming events:

Bingo - Friday 26 January: doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Tickets £2, this includes your entrance and last game of the night. Other games £1 each.

Sam Bowen & Beth Moorley
Friends of Roysia

ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

<u>EXCELLENT</u> <u>Attendance/Punctuality 96%</u> <u>attendance</u>	<u>GOOD</u> <u>Attendance/Punctuality 92%</u> <u>attendance</u>	<u>POOR</u> <u>Attendance/Punctuality 83%</u> <u>attendance</u>
½ a day missed every 3 weeks = 2 months missed over 5 years	Just over 1 day missed every 3 weeks = 4 months missed over 5 years	3 days missed every month = a whole year missed over 5 years
		
3 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades	2 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades	1 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades

1% attendance UP leads to 6% increased SUCCESS IN EXAMS

GOOD TIMEKEEPING MATTERS

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school?*

5 minutes late = 3 DAYS LOST

10 minutes late = 6.5 DAYS LOST

15 minutes late = 10 DAYS LOST

20 minutes late = 13 DAYS LOST

30 minutes late = 19 DAYS LOST

*over a full academic year.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

but every minute is important

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING

ROYSIA SCHOOL CLUBS - SPRING TERM 2018

DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCH CLUB 1.45-2.10pm	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3.30-4.30pm
MONDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8.30AM	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB (1.15-2.10PM) ART CLUB YEARS 7&8 SPEED STACKING YEARS 5&6 OPEN HOUSE MUSIC	BADMINTON
TUESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8.30AM	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB (1.15-2.10PM) ART CLUB YEARS 7&8 CHOIR ALL YEARS DOGEBALL/BENCHBALL MATHS CLINIC	
WEDNESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8.30AM TABLE TENNIS 8-8.25AM	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB (1.15-2.10PM) SPORTS LEADERS TRAINING RECORDERS	ORCHESTRA CHANGE 4 LIFE/MULTISKILLS
THURSDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8.30AM	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB (1.15-2.10PM) ART CLUB YEARS 7&8 STRING ENSEMBLE	SATs REVISION CLUB YEAR 6 ART CLUB ALL YEARS
FRIDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8.30AM	LUNCHTIME LEARNING CLUB (1.15-2.10PM) DANCE CLUB POP & ROCK SCHOOL	

Spring Term (2018) Curriculum - Year 5

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
English	Biography - of a Famous Victorian			Traditional Tales				Recount		Explanation		Poetry	
Maths	Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Fractions, decimals and percentages		Geometry		Calculations		Geometry and Measures		Fractions and problem solving	
Science	Earth and Space							Life Cycles					
History	The Victorians							The Victorians					
Geography	Water - access, rivers, water cycle							Water - access, rivers, water cycle					
Art	Sculpture - making a model Victorian							Design and paint - making a model Victorian					
Design & Tech	5C : Musical instruments - making a pitched instrument 5M : Bookmarks: Sewing							5M : Musical instruments - making a pitched instrument 5C : Bookmarks: Sewing					
French	Animals and vocabulary associated with colour and number. The verb 'to have'							Food and some opinions.					
Music	Winter themed music							Animal themed music					
PE	Swimming							Swimming					
Games	Tag Rugby and Handball							Pop Lacrosse					
RE	Famous Jewish personalities - Esther and Moses							Jesus and His life.					
Computing	Exploring Google Drive / e-mail and Blogging							We are advertisers					
PSHCE	Going for goals/ drugs							Sex and relationships education					

Spring Term (2018) Curriculum - Year 6

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
English	Revision for SATs - Reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation, spelling, writing genres etc.		Adventure Stories				Non-fiction writing: Journalistic/debate		Revision for SATs - Reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation, spelling, writing genres etc.				
Maths	Number	Addition	Multiplication	Fractions,	Geometry	Number		Addition and	Statistics	Geometry	Multiplication	Fractions, decimals and	
Science			Electricity & Magnetism					Materials -states of matter, reversible and irreversible changes, separating mixtures					
History	The Depression and WW2												
Geography	Tourism and Spain												
Art	Drawing - portraiture with tone and texture												
Design & Tech	6W : Mazes/CAD 6S : Pastry snacks												
French	How I get to school; where French is spoken; our travels												
Music	Programme Music												
PE	Gymnastics												
Games	Handball												
RE	Hinduism												
Computing	Exploring Google Drive / Coding												
PSHCE	Sex and relationships education												
	SATs Revision - Maths & English												
	Our community and the world/ drugs												

Spring Term (2018) Curriculum - Year 7

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
English	Reading: Romeo and Juliet - themes of Love/hate and chance/choice. Writing: designing a poster in groups to show Shakespeare's life and works												
Maths	Number	Statistics	Geometry and Measures				Algebra	Number	Geometry and Measures				
Science	Earth and Atmosphere												
History	Middle Ages -peasant lifestyle, Magna Carta & Black Death												
Geography	Map skills												
Art	design and screen print-making - collaborative processes												
Design & Tech	7A : Plywood Lampshades ; 7V : Soups, stews and sauces												
French	School subjects	Giving opinions and justifications				The language of computers							Sports & activities
Spanish	School subjects; genders	Opinions of school subjects				Saying what we do in lessons, using adjectives to describe our teachers							
Music	Blues												
PE	Gymnastics												
Games	Handball												
RE	Comparison of Sikh, Islamic and Christian religious practices												
Computing	Using the internet safely / coding												
PSHCE	Managing feelings/ drugs												
	Excel and modelling												
	Sex and relationships education												

Spring Term (2018) Curriculum - Year 8

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
English	Reading : A Midsummer Night's Dream & Macbeth - how Shakespeare creates tension / How the themes of ambition and appearance and reality are shown through use of recurring motifs and symbols. Writing - posters in groups on Shakespeare's life and works. The Gothic continued. Writing : A review of a band; an article for a newsletter; an interview; a persuasive speech. Shakespeare - Macbeth - writing in character (letter from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth); leaflet advertising Shakespeare's plays. Reading - Investigating the link between poetry and lyrics, bias in texts and how writers create tension and excitement.												
Maths	Number		Statistics		Geometry and Measures			Algebra		Number		Geometry and Measures	
Science	Waves (Light & Sound)												
History	The making of the UK - gunpowder plot, Civil War, beheading of a King; rule of Oliver Cromwell and the final restoration.												
Geogra-	China												
Art	Drawing - planning a composition and using a sketchbook												
Design &	8H CAD/T-Shirts and Control systems; 8M Meals from around the world												
French	Paris		Opinions & justifications		Transport			Personal characteristics		Music		Clothes	
Spanish	Saying what we do in our free time and when we do it												
Music	Incidental Music												
PE	Dance												
Games	Handball and Volleyball												
RE	Buddhism and suffering												
Compu-	Coding												
PSHCE	Drugs and alcohol												



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Parent Coach

Positive Parent Tasters - FREE

90min Taster	Grantchester	10:00 - 11:30	Monday	15 th January
90min Taster	Therfield	19:00 - 20:30	Monday	15 th January
90min Taster	Gamlingay	09:30 - 11:00	Tuesday	16 th January
90min Taster	Letchworth	10:00 - 11:30	Thursday	18 th January
90min Taster	Bassingbourn	09:30 - 11:00	Friday	19 th January
90min Taster	Royston	19:00 - 20:30	Monday	22 nd January

Parents and Carers enjoy these Tasters and book onto the 5 week workshops, which provide more detailed tips and tools. Parents can discuss their parenting difficulties in a safe and non-judgemental space.

Positive Parent Workshops - £100

5 week workshop	Therfield	19:00 - 21:30	Mondays	19 th Feb - 19 th Mar
5 week workshop	Bassingbourn	19:00 - 21:30	Tuesdays	20 th Feb - 20 th Mar
5 week workshop	Letchworth	10:00 - 12:30	Thursdays	22 nd Feb - 22 nd Mar
5 week workshop	Grantchester	10:00 - 12:30	Mondays	26 th Feb - 26 th Mar
5 week workshop	Gamlingay	09:30 - 12:00	Tuesdays	27 th Feb - 27 th Mar

There is no magic wand, and no such thing as a perfect parent, however...

A few small changes can make a

HUGE difference!



"I just wanted to say a big thank you about this workshop...your enthusiasm and the way you organised the course made it very lively and enjoyable...thanks again"

(Mr Nico P - a Dad who completed the 5 week workshop in 2017)