

### Rossetti's trip to Chatham Docks

**Year 5 Rossetti Class visited Chatham Docks on Thursday 11th October. You can read Fai and Tilly's report of the visit below.**

#### At our destination

When we got there, we had our snacks and went to the toilet. Next we were introduced to our guides Jude and Jim. We admired the anchors and boats on display as we did so.

#### Activities

After that, our guides took us to see HMS Ocelot. This was a huge submarine. Some students didn't want to go on it. But they didn't miss out; after, we were taken to go on the HMS Gannet. This was a ship that looked out for pirates and forced slaves. We got to go on both of the decks and look at the cannons on each side.

We then moved on to the HMS Cavalier, this was a big blue ship. In fact, the last World War II ship ever! We even got to go right up to the top (Captain's quarters) and right down to the bottom! We went off to a lovely green field with beautiful brown benches next to a creative park, which we were able to go and play on after lunch.

When everyone was full, we moved on to make rope! You're never going to believe it when I say that....we got to go in the longest building in Europe! Although it was special, it did smell a bit!

After we had made rope, Mr Lewis (Rossetti teacher) got very excited, this was because he was told he could take the rope back to the school. And sadly that was straight after. That was Rossetti's trip to Chatham Docks!



### Seuss (1) and Duffy (2) classrooms

After the half-term, Seuss and Duffy classes will be moving back to their permanent homes in the main block of the school. The children will leave from their new classrooms this afternoon—you can collect them from the normal place in the playground.

### Winter menus

After half-term we are moving to our new winter menus for school dinners. There are lots of exciting new recipes on the menu including cottage pie with cheesy mash; gardener's pie; chicken korma; and plum and apple crumble.

Every third Friday will be Food Taster Friday, when there will be an opportunity for the children to try some new things and find out more about how they are made and where the food comes from. We will confirm the meal options and allergens for those days on the order form the week before.

You can see the new menus and the allergen information on the [school meals](#) page of our website.

Next week is half-term and the school is closed.

Monday 29th October is a non-pupil day. The children return to school on **Tuesday 30th October**. We wish all families a safe and enjoyable half-term break.

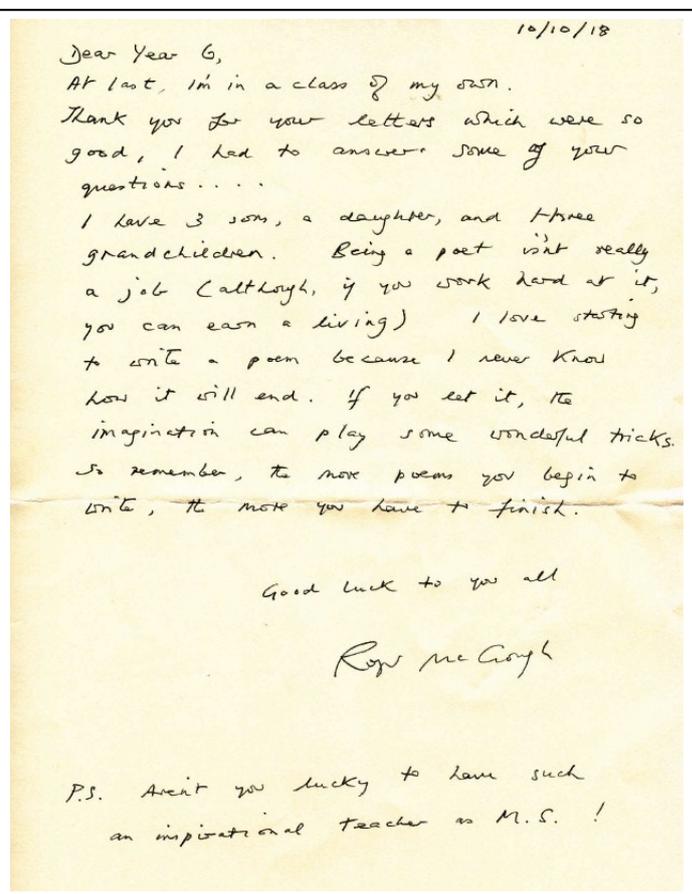


### Applying for a secondary school place

A reminder that the deadline for parents of Year 6 children applying for a secondary school place is **31st October 2018**. You must apply online before this date. You can apply online on the [Essex County Council](#) website.

### A letter from Roger McGough

Our Year 6 McGough class wrote to their class poet Roger McGough recently, and were very excited to receive this response back from him.



### Vacancy for Midday Assistants

We are currently advertising for Midday Assistants to join our lunchtime team from 12:00 to 13:00 each day. The role is for term time only, and we pay £8.74 per hour plus a workplace pension. If you are interested, you can find further details and an application form on the [Essex School Jobs website](#).

### School ties

If you would like to purchase a school tie, you can do so through your Scopay account. Ties cost £3.00 each. We now have both KS1 elasticated ties and KS2 ties in stock.

### Breakfast Club bookings

Breakfast Club runs every day before school from 8:00am, providing a healthy breakfast and structured play before school at a cost of £2.50 per session.

After half-term, Breakfast Club sessions will be available to book through your Scopay account, and we will be closing down the booking function on our school website. Alternatively, you can request a paper booking form from the school office.

You can book as far ahead as you need to, but please ensure you pay in advance of your child attending the session.

Our After School Club is also available to book on Scopay. Short sessions (until 4:15pm) cost £5 each, and full sessions (until 6:00pm with a meal) cost £15 each.

### Diary dates

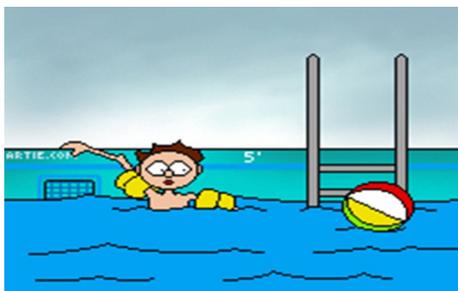
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| 29/10 | Non-pupil day   |
| 30/10 | Carroll Class Stone Age Day   |
| 30/10 | Year 6 Bikeability week   |
| 5/11  | Bonfire Night School Dinner   |
| 9/11  | Parent Forum  |
| 9/11  | Year 4 Viking Day   |
| 12/11 | Open Classrooms   |
| 15/11 | Children in Need fundraising, non-uniform day                                   |
| 30/11 | HFSA Surprises Room   |
| 30/11 | Parent Forum meeting  |
| 4/12  | Open Evening for prospective parents  |
| 5/12  | Flu immunisations   |
| 7/12  | Reports sent home<br>HFSA Christmas Fayre                                       |
| 10/12 | Year 1 to 6 Parents Evening   |
| 11/12 | Year 1 to 6 Parents Evening   |
| 12/12 | Seuss and Duffy Christmas performance 9:30                                      |
| 13/12 | Seuss and Duffy Christmas performance 9:30                                      |
| 17/12 | Rosen and Bloom Christmas performance 9:30<br>KS2 Carol Service at St Leonard's |
| 18/12 | Rosen and Bloom Christmas performance 9:30                                      |
| 19/12 | Christmas dinner. Last day of term.   |

# HOME FARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## Weekly News

### PROJECT POOL UPDATE

Over the past few years we have been raising funds for the school pool. To date we have raised over £30,000 which was set aside for refurbishment of the changing rooms and the addition of a roof. We also purchased a new pump and cover to enable lessons to take place during the summer term. Unfortunately, we are now unable to continue with the new roof due to planning constraints but are very much going ahead with the refurbishment of the changing rooms and the installation of an outside shower. We will keep you updated as soon as we have further information.



## Forthcoming Events

### Calendar of Events

Please find below events planned for the coming year -

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Surprises Room

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Fayre

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
Slumber Night

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Disco

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
Book Fayre

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Book Fayre

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
Summer Fayre

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Disco

Please note that we now have two Facebook pages. One just for public events e.g. Fireworks/Summer Fayre and now a new private page, [HFSA Events](#), for our school only events, and only for parents/carers. If you would like to be a friend of [HFSA Events](#), please send a friend request or send us an email or text.



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Our newsletter went to press before our Celebration Assembly this week—look out for details of this week's awards in the newsletter on Friday 2nd November.