

## Class in Focus:

The children in Key Stage 1 have learned about Mae C Jemison this week in assembly. She is the first African American female astronaut to go into space. As a little girl, Mae dreamt about going into space and waving to her parents down on planet Earth. Her teacher tried to put her off and suggested she should become a nurse as that was a better job for girls. Thankfully her parents lived by the motto:

**'If you can dream it, if you can believe in it and if you work hard for it, anything is possible'.**

On 12th September 1992 Mae's dream finally came true when she travelled to space on the space shuttle Endeavour, mission STS-47. The children in Jemison Class have been applying Mae's motto to all that we do with amazing results! We have also been thinking about our dream roles as we grow up and we have everything from budding artists to marine biologists - the future looks very exciting - remember, anything is possible!



## Quote of the Week

“If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.” – Roald Dahl



## Rosecroft Primary & Nursery School Weekly Newsletter



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This week the school has grown again as some of our new recruits started work and joined the team at Rosecroft. Recruiting amongst all of the restrictions and rules of COVID, this has been quite the challenge, but we made it!

We've been very lucky to recruit Miss Phillipa Bowhill to cover Sharman class for the foreseeable future until Mrs Woodrow is well enough to return, while Mr Parsons remains committed to the children of Parks class. We continue to send our love and best wishes to both Mrs Stamps and Mrs Woodrow.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Kieran Evans as Caretaker, just in time for the colder weather and gritting the site! Additionally, Miss Kat Todd will be taking over Mrs Drew's class full time from next week to release Mrs Corlett to return to Years 5 and 6 to support Catch Up and Thrive as part of the government's funded programme; Miss Todd has already spent a week in the Key Stage 1 bubble getting to know the children and supporting a smooth transition. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome Miss Albany Mewes to the role of HLTA, and she will be working across our EYFS Bubble. Also appointed to the school this week is Lyndsey Horne, who joins us as our Finance Officer.

Finally, as you know, COVID has had a massive impact on all workplaces, not just ours, as rules and restrictions were put in place to keep everyone safe. As such, Mrs Appleby and Mrs McNeice have been recruited to teach in Mr Underwood's class. As parents in that class already know from their conversations with him this week, he will be continuing to plan for and work with the class in order to ensure consistency.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school in the first instance; we are all more than happy to help!

# Attendance Matters!

This year we continue to focus on improving attendance and reducing absence, particularly in light of the current circumstances. In this section, we celebrate the commitment of our pupils and families in ensuring children are in school and learning!

Year	%	Year	%
Reception	97.38	3	97.75
1	97.2	4	98.07
2	97.91	5	97.06
		6	96.18
<b>Whole school current year's percentage to date</b>			97.31

## From the Office

### Year 5/6 Parents Evening

Thank you for your emails with parents evening preferences. They are being held on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Appointment emails are being sent out today.

### Parking

Can we please remind parents not to park or stop on the double yellow lines outside school. Also please do not park on the grass verge opposite the school. We want to make sure all families can access the school safely when they are walking along the footpaths and crossing the road.

### Christmas

We will be having our Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The menu will be emailed to parents soon.

Christmas cards cannot come into school this year due to the Covid restrictions.

### Premier Sport

There will be two sessions for each sports club before Christmas as follows:  
Y3/4 Archery on Fridays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December – after school  
Y1/2 Street Dance on Mondays on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December – after school  
Y1/2 Gymnastics on Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December – before school

## Fit for School!

**Name:** Scarlet Fever

**Length of Time off School Required?** 24 hours after starting antibiotics or if not on antibiotics, until the fever is gone.

### Definition and causes

Scarlett fever is a contagious infection, which mostly affects young children. It is easily treated with antibiotics and usually lasts only a week.

### Characteristics of Scarlett Fever

The first signs of scarlet fever are flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature of 38°C, a sore throat and swollen neck glands. A rash will appear a few days later.

### Treating Scarlet Fever

Your GP will prescribe antibiotics to help you get better quicker, reduce the risk of serious illness and make it less likely that you will pass it on to someone else. Remember to always complete the course of antibiotics!

### Things you can do yourself

- Drink cool fluids
- Eat soft food if you have a sore throat
- Use calamine lotion or antihistamines to stop the itching (take advice from your pharmacist about using these with children).

### Is it contagious?

- You are infectious for up to 7 days before the symptoms appear and at least 24 hours after beginning antibiotics. To avoid spreading it, wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water; use tissues to trap germs from coughs and sneezes, binning them as quickly as possible. Remember; do not share cutlery, cups, towels, clothes, bedding or baths!

**Always let the school know if your child has scarlet fever. As it is so highly contagious, NHS advise telephoning your GP before going in.**

**Further Information:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

As with all childhood illnesses, if you are unsure about what to do, contact the school, your local pharmacist, GP, Health Visitor or 101 for further advice/information.