

School Newsletter Autumn 2018 No. 1

28th September 2018

Next Week:

- 1.10.18 9am Celebration Assembly, Invited parents welcome
- 2.10.18 First School Council Meeting
- 3.10.18 Year 5 Swimming Lessons
- 4 & 5.10.18 Bikeability for Year 6 (12 pupils only)

Birthday greetings go to:



All of our pupils who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

Happy Birthday to you all.

New Celebration Assemblies

On Monday 1st October at 9:00am, we will be launching our new look Celebration Assemblies. During these assemblies a pupil from each class will be awarded a Star Award for a piece of work that has really impressed their teacher. In addition a pupil from each class will be awarded a Growth Mindset award for demonstrating Growth Mindset skills in the classroom.



If your child is to receive an award, you will receive a text on Friday afternoon inviting you to come along. If you are able to attend, please make sure there are a maximum of 2 adults per child. Children under 5 are more than welcome. Once you have dropped your child off at school, please enter the hall using the rear doors.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Applications for Year 7

The admissions for Year 7 in September 2019 opened on Wednesday 12th September. If you are a parent of a child currently in Year 6, you will be able to make an application using the Essex County Council website. This year, letters to parents about applying will not be sent. All application information is published on the website. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 31st October 2018.



School Rules

Since we came back to school in September, we have been focusing on our School Rules. In our school community we only have a few School Rules, but these help to encourage expected standards of behaviour. They are continuously reinforced by all adults in school. These are our Golden Rules for your information:

- Be Kind
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Brave



Gardening Club— Runners Up

A big congratulations to our Gardening Club who were recently announced as the runners up in the Grow with Towergate Gardening Competition. The competition was launched to help share the joys and benefits of gardening to schools and nurseries.

We are very lucky to have 12 dedicated pupil gardeners at Roach Vale Garden Club who meet for an hour each Friday. There are 12 children who garden with Mr and Mrs Dutton. Their entire annual budget is less than £100, but they manage to produce vegetables in the allotment, keep the various pots around school full of colourful flowers and even do some maintenance.

A big well done to Gardening Club, we are very proud of you all.



Can you spare 30 minutes to hear Readers?

We're hoping to encourage some new parents to come in and help with reading.



As there are many of you who bring your children to school, we're hoping that there would be some parents/grandparents/carers who would enjoy coming into school for the first 30 minutes of the morning to listen to some children read. You'd work with the same children each week: getting to know them and watching them progress. If you'd like to volunteer, please pop into the school office or make yourself known to Mrs Eddy, Mrs Hammond or Mrs Cummins.