

Essex County Council

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. It has been lovely to see the children again today and to have a short week to ease us gently back into school!

This term, I am excited to introduce two things which we were unable to do in the Autumn term; first of all, since our Ofsted inspection a year ago, we have reviewed many aspects of our school including the curriculum and also have decided to look at our TERRIFIC (Christian) values. These values were part of the school before I arrived (11 years ago!) and are used in many local primary schools. We wanted to create our own to reflect the values that are important to our school; after many suggestions, one of our members of staff suggested AWESOME values, which our teaching staff and governors all liked. We are now asking the parents and children for their ideas and if we decide on AWESOME, we need the corresponding Christian values. Some of our ideas so far are Aspiring, Wisdom, Endurance etc. I think it is important to include Love and Forgiveness but neither of the first letters are in the word AWESOME. I think we might need to be creative and look forward to your suggestions.

In my last newsletter, before Christmas, I had mentioned the RISE programme (Resilience in Schools and Education) which we will begin in school next week and I can send you some more information when we have finished the initial part with the children.

Governor Vacancies

We still have governor vacancies at Sheering school. The positions can be for parents, grandparents or perhaps a neighbour who may be interested in supporting the development of the school. Being a governor is a very rewarding voluntary position and we welcome diversity and breadth of experience on our Governing Body. Please contact me or Steve Townsend (Chair of Governors) if you are interested.

Happy Book

In the Happy Book this week; Amelie thanked Minnie for playing with her at lunchtime; Sophia and Amalie thanked Copeland class for playing nicely at lunchtime and Danielle thanked Amelie for always being by her side.

Achievement from Home and School

Home: Thea has achieved her first swimming certificate, Octopus 1.

School: Thea and Charlie were presented with their **Bronze Athletics Awards** and Sonny was presented with two **Gold Athletics awards**. Teddy was very proud of his **Bronze Building Learning Power award**. Our class **Spelling Shed Superstar** is Quickbury class with 13,044454 points and our **Top 20 Super Spellers** are Macy, Isabelle, Bethany, Belle, Danielle, Amalie, Kayla, Poppy, Rory, Amelie, Mya, Catherine, Lilly, Finley, Olivia, George, Charlie and Teagan. Our **Rockstar Superstars** this week are Leo, Catherine, Archie, Lilly-Mai, Charlie, Rose, Blake, Isabelle, Lenny and Oskar.

Roll of Honour

Our Learning Heroes this week: Children who have carried on with something even when things have been difficult.

Copeland: Joshua persevered when writing his name during handwriting and he took care when forming each letter.

Durrington: Owen has been finding out that things become less difficult if we practise and persevere. He is always proud of himself when he achieves what he sets out to do!

Fitzwalter: Lenny overcame his worries when we were going to the Panto and really enjoyed it when he got there.

Quickbury: Finley persevered with both practise SATs papers and the Big Write despite finding them challenging and finding it hard to get started.

Well done children. You are all TERRIFIC!

Birthdays

This week we sang the birthday song to Lenny who will be 9 next week.

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After school clubs (Parentmail coming soon)

Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.

Week beginning 15th January: Brittain's Got Talent

Friday 16th February: Non-pupil day

Monday 19th-Friday 23rd February: Half term

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (theme to be confirmed)
Mother's Day service in church

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Lorna Brittain
Headteacher