


Head Boy  
Reuben Humphries



Head Girl  
Ruby Neale



Effort Cups for this week

<b>Dragon-flies</b>	<b>Caterpil-lars</b>	<b>Wiggly Worms</b>	<b>Ants</b>	<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>	<b>Grasshop-pers</b>	<b>Seals</b>	<b>Starfish</b>
			Katie M	India B	Darcie C	John-Henry H	Freddie L	Casey B	Gerry-Lindon K
<b>Octopuses</b>	<b>Sea-horses</b>	<b>Dolphins</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>Leopards</b>	<b>Pumas</b>	<b>Jaguars</b>	<b>Tigers</b>		
Isabella D	Eleanor L	Olivia L	Harry E	Harrison S	James W	Mackenzie L	Ruby M		


This Year our House Captains are:

<b>Augustine</b>	<b>Becket</b>	<b>Marlowe</b>	<b>Chaucer</b>
Jack Brown and Martha Corbishley	Jack Phillips and Ruby Mathias	Fionn Cox and Demi-Leigh Talbot	Steed Cockle and Chloe Broughton

This Year our Sports Captains are:

<b>Augustine</b>	<b>Becket</b>	<b>Marlowe</b>	<b>Chaucer</b>
Jack Robbins and Anna Murphy <u>Vice Sports Captains</u>	Charlie Allcock and Ella Hollingsbee <u>Vice Sports Captains</u>	James Williams and Molly Castle <u>Vice Sports Captains</u>	Joe Garrard and Harriet-Molly Watts <u>Vice Sports Captains</u>
William Harrison and Lucy Harman	Tristan Butler and Skye Sargeant	Wilber Talens and Ruby Moys	Gemima Hadlow and Archie Burford

This Week's Attendance Data

<b>Ants</b>	<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>	<b>Grasshoppers</b>	<b>Octopuses</b>	
94.9%	94.8%	100%	96.6%	99.6%	100%	
<b>Seals</b>	<b>Starfish</b>	<b>Seahorses</b>	<b>Dolphins</b>	<i>Well done to BUTTERFLIES, OCTOPUSES, SEAHORSES &amp; TIGERS for 100% attendance.</i>		
99.1%	98.4%	100%	92.7%			
<b>Lions</b>	<b>Leopards</b>	<b>Pumas</b>	<b>Jaguars</b>	<b>Tigers</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	
97.8%	98.9%	99.0%	99.0%	100%	<b>98.0%</b>	

	<b>Week to date</b>	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>Target</b>
Whole school data	98.0%	98.0%	96.7% or more!

Attendance for this week is above our target at 98.0%! Well done everyone who had 100% attendance this week—keep up the good work. You CAN do it.

Let's make Reculver's attendance OUTSTANDING this year.

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a great start to the term: having visited all of the classes a number of times, I am mightily impressed with the quality of work that is already being produced, and the behaviour and attitudes of the children in each class. Well done. Thank you too for bearing with us and working with us with the changes in access/ drop off and pick up due to the building works. Despite the disruption, this is a really exciting project that will really benefit our school into the future and we are delighted that everything has run so smoothly so far.

Hopefully, the weather will stay dry and bright, but should rain set in, please feel free to put a spare old pair of trainers/shoes into your child's bag that they can change into, so that they can play on the field at breaktimes without spoiling their smart school shoes.

This year, we have changed one of our school Christian values. We have replaced 'endurance' with 'perseverance' and this fits very well with work that we will be doing this year with staff, children and parents on developing growth mindsets. The work began this week with the children and as the year develops we will be encouraging everyone within our community to develop a Growth Mindset. It is worth emphasising that a Growth Mindset is not a new idea but an approach to school and lifelong learning, for all of us. Research by Developmental Psychologist Dr Carol Dweck of Stanford University points to people having one of two mindsets: Growth and Fixed.

*"In a fixed mindset students believe their basic abilities, their intelligence, their talents, are just fixed traits. They have a certain amount and that's that, and then their goal becomes to look smart all the time and never look dumb. In a growth mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. They don't necessarily think everyone's the same or anyone can be Einstein, but they believe everyone can get smarter if they work at it."*

**Dweck**

By encouraging this approach, we hope to see a rise in pupil attainment and progress. We will be running an important parent learning session on growth mindsets for all parents, which will give you far more information on the work that we will be doing in school, and your important role in this as a parent. We hope that as many parents as possible will be able to attend this.

Which brings me onto dates.

I have attached key dates for Terms 1 and 2 to this letter. Dates for the whole year are on the website and further information will follow for each event via e mailed letters. As we get new dates added, we'll let you know on future newsletters.

We are looking forward to meeting you all in our Parent Information sessions next week. You are welcome to bring younger siblings with you to these sessions. If you feel they will be unsettled the Early Years Team are providing crèche facilities should you need them.

Finally, attendance needs to continue to be a huge focus this year. Disappointingly, I have already received letters asking for holidays during term time. Any break in schooling will have an adverse effect on your child's learning and holidays in term time **will not be authorised** and penalty notices may be issued, except in exceptional circumstances. We are striving to become an outstanding school but our attendance data is STILL inadequate in OFSTED terms. Therefore, attendance will be a major focus for us and the LEA attendance officer who works alongside us, as the year goes on. The work on growth mindsets that we will be doing will extend to attendance too.

A reminder that from the Academic Year 2017-18 (starting September 2017), our two week half term will move to May (2018). As soon as the governing body agrees the term dates for the next academic year, I will let you know so that holidays can be planned and booked in advance during this extended holiday period.

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	8/9	PESE (Kent Test) – Year 6
<b>Week 2</b>	12/9	KS1 Parent information session 2.30pm
	13/9	LKS2 Parent information session 2.30pm
	15/9	UKS2 Parent information session 2.30pm
	14/9	Early Years New Parents Maths and English Learning evening 6.30pm
<b>Week 3</b>	21/9	6.30pm Growth Mindsets Information evening for parents
<b>Week 5</b>	4/10	School photos
	6/10	Special Harvest lunch and Harvest Festival day
	7/10	Pudding Pan Island day (event in school)
<b>Week 6</b>	12 & 13/10	Parent Consultations – Letter to follow
	13/10	PESE Results to parents – 4pm by e mail
	14/10	Sharing Learning afternoon and Parent information sessions on helping your child/how we now teach reading at Reculver School 1.30pm and 3.30pm
<b>Week 7</b>	19 & 20/10	Early Years September '17 new intake open afternoons. 1.45-3.00pm – by appointment
	21/10	End of term – 2 week half term break
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	10/11	Early Years September '17 new intake open morning 9.15 – 11.15am – by appointment
	11/11	Remembrance service in school
<b>Week 2</b>		Anti Bullying Week
	16/11	Early Years September '17 new intake open morning 9.15 – 11.15am – by appointment
		EY open evening September '17 new intake 6.30pm
<b>Week 6</b>		Christmas Performances to parents
	14 & 15/12	Early Years- 9.30am
	14 & 15/12	KS1 – 2.00pm
<b>Week 7</b>	19/12	6.30pm – Evening carol service at St Barts
	20/12	Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner day and class parties
	21/12	End of Term

### EARLY YEARS:

Firstly we would like to welcome you to Reculver CEP School. We hope that you and your children have found the home visits and appointments a positive experience. We are all really looking forward to Monday when the children will start their 2 weeks part time. The classroom doors will be open at 8.30 am for the first week to ease the initial settling in time. Please collect your child/children at 12 noon.

Don't forget that Rev Sue and some very kind helpers have been baking cakes ready for the Tears, Tissue and Tea, which will be served for you in the hall on Monday. I do hope that you will come and join us.

### YEAR 2:

Year 2 have settled in quickly and have risen to the challenges set for them. We have begun looking at riddles and the children have had a go at writing their very own. As part of our life cycle science work we have been lucky to explore butterfly eggs hatching and turning into caterpillars first hand as Miss Askham found some eggs in her garden. The children are keen to watch these grow. You should all have received your Class Dojo log in details, please make sure you sign up to find out more of what is going on in your child's class. PE will be on a Monday so please can you send your child in with a full kit.

### YEAR 3/4:

What a wonderful start to our new school year! We have been really impressed with the children's attitude and behaviour, particularly with the changes that are taking place at this present time. Please may we remind Parents/Carers that P.E kits need to be in schools at all times and named. It is obviously distressing when brand new clothing disappears and cannot be returned as it is not named. Don't forget to use your code from your Class Teacher for dojos, and we look forward to meeting you at our Parents Information Afternoon at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall.

This week in worship we introduced our new school value of perseverance. We have looked at how the Bible describes life like a race and how we have to run like an athlete with perseverance and not give up. There will be hurdles to climb and face but when we fix our eyes on Jesus he will help and guide us through these times.

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

### YEAR 1:

The Year 1 children have settled in nicely to class, have got used to our routines and are making lots of new friends. We are thinking about ourselves and what we like and have even written some sentences about it. In maths we have been practicing our number writing and ordering our numbers. We have also been thinking about our new school value (perseverance) and been introduced to RP who helps us with resilience and positivity. The children are excited to see their dojo points increase please remember to log in to track their progress and follow our wonderful class story. If you do not have your log in for class dojo please speak to your class

### YEAR 5:

We hope you all had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the fabulous weather. Let's hope it continues for a while yet. The children have made an enthusiastic start to the year and are rising to the challenges of year 5. We are beginning to get to know them this week and they are getting used to new routines and topics. Our first topic is Reach for the Stars where the children will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be studying the artistic techniques of Van Gogh and the famous Starry Night painting, and in English, writing about the adventures of Joe and his Alien friend, Oran.

Next week, we hope to begin to make our space crafts. Please send in a few items such as cling film/foil tubes, kitchen /toilet roll insides, small boxes or plastic containers and bottles. They will also need a roll of kitchen roll for the papier mache, please.

Spelling will be a big focus this year and most children will be still be consolidating the year 3 and 4 spelling list for the first term. We hope you will encourage your children to practise them. We would also like the children to continue to read regularly to an adult at home, if possible, please.

Have a great weekend!

### YEAR 6:

Firstly we would like to congratulate the Year 6 children on starting the year so positively. They have already shown themselves to be great role models at the top of the school! Long may it continue. This week we have been thinking about developing a 'Growth Mindset'. The children have been exploring the idea that positive thinking can go a long way. (Something which was put into practice when some of our pupils took the Kent Test on Thursday).

Well done to all the children for such a positive start and we look forward to a jam-packed term where positivity and perseverance will be the way forward!

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent information afternoon next Thursday afternoon.