

End of Term Final Celebration Newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers.

What a wonderful week it has been with so much to celebrate. It was great that so many people could join us for our celebration worship on Monday which was a great way to start the week- the children and staff enjoyed it so much and we hope that you did too.



We have so much to celebrate in our wonderful school, and to be able to do it with our wider family was wonderful, despite the drizzle!

Yesterday, we have had our end of term awards worship. Well done to the following children who have been awarded certificates for excellent attainment or progress this year. Your teachers and I are very proud of your achievements.

	Progress Award	Attainment Award		Progress Award	Attainment Award
Wiggly Worms	Archie Searle	Madison Harmer	Seals 4	Cezara Aur	Mitchel Burford
Dragonflies	Jasmin Rattigan	Meaghan Toner	Starfish 4	Evie Tames	Melissa Tanner
Caterpillars	Charlie Monaghan	Violet Perry	Octopuses 4	Summer Nicholls	Isabella Dinning
Ants	Callum Crudgington	Samuel Grier	Seahorses 4	Liam Millar	Ellie Humphries
Ladybirds	Riley Knight	Archie Wood	Dolphins 4	Shay Wisbey	Holly Andrews
Butterflies	Jayden Ford	Alice Harrap-Stanley	Lions	Cody Goldfinch	Sophie Mc Henry
Busy Bees	Joel Cairns-Wilson	Teddy Anderson	Leopards	Skyla Manning	Lewis McHendrie
Grasshoppers	Liberty Burford	Ella Mummery	Pumas	Evie Roberts	James Williams
Seals 3	Zak Leonard	Daniel Scott	Tigers	Steed Cockle	Tristan Butler
Starfish 3	Oskar Dickenson	William Campbell	Jaguars	Hannah Cope	Jack Robbins
Octopuses 3	Muslum Altun	Grace Smith			
Seahorses 3	Bailey Smith	Rose Knowles			
Dolphins 3	Charlie Dunk	Laila Forrest			

We have also given out awards at the leaver's service to our Year 6 children, linked to our school values. Our Values Cups celebrate those children who have consistently, during their time at Reculver School, lived out each of the school values.

It is always such a difficult decision to choose just 5 children from our wonderful Year 6. However, well done to the following children.

Perseverance Cup	Amber Smith
Love Cup	Gemima Hadlow
Compassion Cup	Kaitlyn Firmin
Forgiveness Cup	Mackenzie Lambert-Martin
Hope Cup	Jack Phillips

Yesterday, we gave out a lot of certificates for good attendance: a huge well done to 58 children throughout the school who achieved 100% attendance this year and achieved their gold award.

Well done to the 8 children that received an award for improved attendance compared to the last academic year. Keep up this improved attendance for the coming school year- could you get a 100% award next year?

We drew the attendance raffle before yesterday's worship and were delighted to award the following prizes, donated by Kent based businesses who we would like to thank for their generosity:

Esme Wright	Kingswood week's activity holiday donated by Kingswood
Sophie Bramble	Mini Golf donated by Temptations in Herne Bay
Eloise Clark	Dome Tent donated by Halfords
Jasmine Wright	£15 Book voucher donated by a Bundle of Books
Jack Robbens	Gravity Voucher donated by Gravity Maidstone
Winnie Anderson	McDonalds Voucher donated by McDonalds in Chestfield
Casey Hogben	Tickets to Chatham Dockyard
Ella Parker	McDonalds Voucher

We have also celebrated a really pleasing set of results this year in our End of Key Stage tests -the best for many years.

Early Years Foundation Stage	2015	2016	2017
Children reaching a good level of development	63%	64%	69%

	2015	2016	2017
Year 1 Phonics Test	71%	76%	83%

Key Stage 1	At National Expected Standard		At National Higher Standard	
	Recurver 2016	Recurver 2017	Recurver 2016	Recurver 2017
Reading	61%	78%	16%	22%
Writing	58%	75%	12%	17%
Maths	68%	79%	6%	21%

	At national expected standard			At national higher standard		
	Reculver results 2016	Reculver results 2017	National average 2017	Reculver results 2016	Reculver results 2017	National average 2017
Reading	64%	71%	71%	11%	24%	Not yet available
Writing	82%	76%	76%	15%	8%	
Maths	69%	82%	75%	8%	11%	
GPS	75%	78%	77%	17%	17%	
Combined	55%	61%	61%	1%	1%	

As you can see, this shows a significant year on year improvement for the results across the school which is really pleasing. At Key Stage 2, we have for the first time in many years matched the national average score for the percentage of children achieving the expected standard which is no mean feat taking into account the increased level of challenge in these tests. This is also a huge improvement from the results of the previous year which were, in themselves a decent set of results that we were pleased with as they showed that the children had made good progress from Key Stage 1.

Well done to all the children and teachers who work so hard every day.

We said good bye today to Mr Farrant and Mrs Papageorgiou, both of who will be moving on to new challenges within education. You will both be missed by your Reculver family and we wish you every success in the future.

Also, we have a number of our teaching assistants who are moving on to further education or pastures new. We thank Miss Collingwood, Mrs Caffell, Mrs Lovett, Mrs Johnson, Miss Mumford, Mr Wilkinson, Miss Coles, Miss Twyman, Mrs Leelaratne, Mr Jeffery and Mrs Broome for their work whilst they have been with us at Reculver. Miss Kup and Miss Cunningham will also be leaving their Teaching Assistant roles as they join us to become graduate teachers working alongside Mrs Swansbury and Miss Wood.

Next year, we welcome Miss Boobyer, Miss Whitnell and Mr Chaplin as teachers in Dolphins, Ladybirds and Seals class.

Mr De Val will be joining us as a sports apprentice, employed by Gillingham Football Club, working alongside Mr Neaves, Mr Ware and Mr Norton as part of our sporting team

Attendance

We are very disappointed, despite all our hard work, to end the year once again with lower than targeted attendance figures with a figure of 96.2% . Last year we were in the bottom 20% of all schools and we are still struggling to raise our attendance to that of a 'good' school, compared with all schools nationally. Next year we will continue with Project 96 and we will also continue to apply the rules on penalty notices for absences or persistent lateness, following the KCC directives.

Well done to our Buster Book Club winners who won tickets to Leeds Castle. Keep reading next year! Caterpillars - Bea Bea Smither Butterfly - Alice Harrap-Stanley Ladybird - Jake Sinnock Ants - Maria Naborowska Busy Bees - Joshua Hall Grasshoppers - Ella Mummery Dolphins - Layla Forrest Seals - Dan Johnson Seahorse - Rose Knowles Octopus - Grace Smith Starfish - Rosemary Gates Leopards - Luella-Mai Watson Lions - Maizie Godfrey Pumas - James Williams Tigers - Harriet-Molly Watts Jaguars - Hannah Cope



Perseverance and 'Growth Mindset' parental survey results.

Thank you to all those parents who took part in the online perseverance survey. I am really grateful for your comments, suggestions and responses.

Here is a summary of the results

- 70 families took part in the survey
- 93% of you are familiar with our school Christian Values.
- 81% of children talk about our Christian values at home.



20% of families who completed the survey came to the last 'Growth Mindsets' information evening - Here is some of their feedback...

The way we approach tasks is very much a can do attitude now. There is no excuse for not being able to do something we find a way to solve the problem.

A positive impact and a better approach/attitude towards my child.

It proves to them that even as adults we need to live the values and persevere.

We already use a lot of the ideas involved at home. It was lovely to get tips

Q. Have you noticed your child being more willing to persevere and try something even if they find it hard?

69% of the families who completed the survey said they had noticed their children are more willing to persevere.

Trying things he would have not felt comfortable or confident enough to usually try.

My children will keep trying, no matter how difficult they find it.

He perseveres more with his English Homework and has a 'I can do this' approach.

Not getting upset as much if they find homework hard and being willing to keep trying.

Piano and swimming. Perseverance is now part of key family vocabulary

They don't give up on trying new things, such as new clubs and sports as well as homework and reading

When my son and his sister were discussing their swimming lessons, on the subject of her challenge of putting her face into the water, he advised her to see beyond the "wall" that was the challenge and keep trying!! Fantastic!

My children actively use the phrase 'I'm going to persevere' regularly. This has come from the values they learn at school.

Q. Do you feel that the teaching we have done in school with your child on the importance of perseverance and not giving up, has had an impact on their learning in and out of school?

Correcting their work and persevering with reading

More willing to try new tasks at home and keep practising.

I love the idea of growth mindset and the power of introducing the word "yet" at the end of a negative sentence.

I'm sure it makes them think before giving up

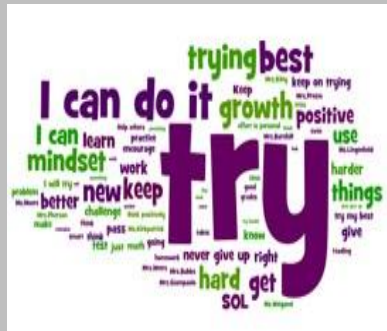
Our child has become a lot more aware of how nice it is to be kind to his friends and others. There have been times when we have felt like giving up on projects around the house - it is our children who have told us you can't do it just yet and persevere you

- 67% of the families who completed the survey said they would be interested in coming to another information evening.

So we have organised another information evening at the most popular time suggested by all those who completed the survey.

Come and find out more

Growth Mindset information evening for parents
Wednesday 13th September 2017 6.15pm



Next Year

Equipment.

Over the summer break, if you could equip your child with some items of stationary which will help them be ready to learn in class, this would really benefit them.

The following items are most important: A BLACK Berol Handwriting pen, a pencil, rubber and sharpener, a 30cm ruler, a glue stick and if possible, a dry wipe board pen.

School 200 Club:

You will have heard much about how schools are struggling to cope with national reductions in school funding. Unfortunately we have seen a reduction in funding over the last few years and we do not have the resources to pay for all required items from the school's main budget, but by contributing to our school 200 club, you could help the school and be in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize too. Please see the letter sent out this week or pop into the school office for further details. Tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay for £24 a year, the equivalent of £2 a month.

School Dinners:

A reminder that school dinners need to be paid in advance each week via parent pay. If your child is currently in Year 2, you will have to pay for meals from the start of Year 3 but if you believe that you could be entitled to a free school meal, please pop into the school office for an application form or apply online at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Kingswood

If any children from our school that are between the ages of 8-17 would like to take advantage of the Kingswood Summer Camps experience then they would be willing to offer parents a 20% discount off their £299 brochure price. Parents need to quote the school name at the time of booking and Kingswood will get them booked in. Website link <http://camps.kingswood.co.uk/adventures>.

And Finally..

Thank you all for your support over the last year. We are looking forward to September, to continuing the great work that has begun this year and implementing new initiatives that are going to further benefit the children at Reculver. Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to pastures new- we look forward to hearing all about your achievements in the coming years.

And finally, have a happy, safe and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday the 6th September for the first day of the Autumn term.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Jenny Ashley-Jones

Head Teacher