

Essex County Council

Sheering Church of England
Primary School

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Attendance: 96.46%

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. Thank you for your support in preparing your children for the return to school. They have all come in with enthusiasm and confidence and are looking smart in their uniforms. We would like to welcome Mrs Mokawem, our Reception children and our new starters in other classes, to Sheering school.

At the beginning of last year, I had written to parents and governors to let them know that we were thinking of changing our TERRIFIC values to ones which are a better reflection of our school's ethos. The children and staff decided on the word AWESOME and parents and governors were invited to give their views. On our first day of term, I introduced our new AWESOME values to the whole school;

Adoration - deep love and respect for God and other people

Wisdom - having the knowledge to do the right thing in the ways that God has shown us

Endurance - having faith and never giving up

Service - to show God's love to others through selfless acts of kindness and compassion

fOrgiveness - to forgive others as God forgives us

eMpathy - the ability to understand and share the feelings of others

generosity - to share with others as God has shown us

Priorities for the Year

Our main areas of development for this year will include;

- Engaging more fully with the Sheering community in order to support the children in their learning and to gain more first-hand knowledge of our subject areas e.g. RE and religious festivals, nature, engineering, storytelling, science, computing and local history
- Improving outcomes in writing and presentation
- Improving teaching and learning in maths (reasoning)
- Continuing to promote high standards and expectations in behaviour management in and out of class

Behaviour Policy

We have updated our behaviour policy and you will be able to find a copy on our website. The most important changes for our children, staff, parents and governors to know and remember are, the 2 main principles:

Children at Sheering school will be taught;

- Behaviour for life (e.g. good manners, being respectful, resolving conflict, listening to others, following rules, keeping safe, etc)
- No child can disturb the learning of others

In school, the children have already begun to learn what this means in terms of the expectations on their behaviour and how some children will need additional support in order for them to reach the appropriate standard of behaviour for our school. I will also be asking all children, parents and staff to sign a Code of Conduct/Behaviour agreement to highlight expectations for us all and to help us to work harmoniously together.

Happy Book

In the Happy Book this week; Ruby wanted to say well done to Teddy for learning to ride his bike and for saying thank you to her and Mr Hume thanked Durrington class for making such an AWESOME start to the new year.

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Achievement from Home and School

Home: Mya, Teddy and Max were very proud of their Reading Challenge certificates and medals after reading many books over the summer and Alfie told us all about the successes he has been having in golf including taking part in tournaments and being Sharp Shooter of the Week twice.

School: Spelling Shed Superstar is Quickbury class with 850,132 points and our **Top 4 Super Spellers** are; Sylvia, Isabelle, Harry and Mya. Our **Maths Shed Superstar** is Quickbury class with 289,603 points and our **Top 2 Mathematicians** are Mya and Harry. Charlie was presented with a special award (Stan Barker cup) from the end of last year for his sporting behaviour and participation in our sporting activities. Ray was presented with his trophy after being one of the Brittain's Got Talent winners last year.

Roll of Honour

Children who have been generous in their care for others.

Copeland: Matilda has been generous by offering to sit next to her new classmates.

Durrington: Teddy was generous with his time in helping another pupil at lunchtime.

Fitzwalter: Charlie was really quick to offer help to one of our Year 3s when they were feeling upset over not understanding a task.

Quickbury: Frank has been really generous in his care for his sister and cousin while they are getting used to their new class and routines.

Birthdays

This morning, we sang the birthday song to Leo who was 6 years old at the beginning of the week.

Letters/Parentmail Home:

Class newsletters via Dojo

Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.

Wednesday 4th September: Term begins

Sunday 22nd September: Welcome service for Copeland class at St Mary's church, Sheering (10:30am)

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Lorna Brittain
Headteacher