



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

10 January 2019

Value for Term 3 – Integrity

Our value for term 3 is Integrity. This is a new value for this year and we are really excited about exploring it and developing our integrity. Here are some ideas for you to use at home to join us in understanding integrity.



- Display the poster in your home and use it as a talking point with your young person.
- Spend time talking about a time when you have made a right choice in a difficult situation.
- Research famous role models for integrity. Here are some people we think are examples of living with integrity: Nelson Mandela, Oprah Winfrey, Angelina Jolie, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parkes, Mother Teresa, Jesus Christ, Malala Yousafzai and Mahatma Gandhi.
- Make telling the truth a focus for January and talk about when this might be easy and when it might be hard.

We would love to hear about activities that students do at home linked to our core values. Please encourage your young person to tell their tutor, or send an email to our office for the attention of Miss Rossiter.

Local Authority Consultation

You will all be aware that following initial consultation in November 2017 and then in the summer of 2018 the Local Authority are taking forward consultation on the proposals agreed by Wiltshire Council cabinet in November 2018. These proposals are that Rowdeford, St Nicholas and Larkrise are to be merged in to one school, which will be built on the Rowdeford School site, scheduled to open in September 2023. The formal consultation period started on Wednesday 9th January and will close on the 1st March 2019. You should have already received a letter via the school about the formal consultation period.

You can provide any comments on the consultation in a number of ways:

- Visit the Wiltshire Council website and leave a short comment on the proposals <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-consultations>
- You can send feedback to Wiltshire Council at the email address: specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk
- There will be a number of surgeries across the county. This includes a meeting at Rowdeford School on the 26th of February at 5pm. The meeting at the school will be no more than an hour. Please do let us know if you are able to attend
- In addition, there will be a further three open meetings for parent/carers that will be run by Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC). Details of this are available on their website

Thank you for the amazing support that we had throughout the last consultation. The strength and weight of support definitely had an impact on the outcome in November.

Please can I urge you to take the opportunity to respond to the consultation so that councillors, directors, commissioners and cabinet members understand the strength of support for Rowdeford School. I will provide further details, via letter, for those that need support with your individual responses to the consultation.

Headteacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **Lily Stevenson** of **Willow** class who was recently presented with the 'Head Teacher's Commendation Award' for some amazing work in English. She got all of her spellings correct and put them in to some super sentences. Well done Lily, keep up the good work.





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Parents Subject Evening

Parent's evenings are a crucial way of supporting your child. It is an opportunity to meet staff, find out about your child's progress and development and communicate with school about your child's welfare and happiness.

Rowdeford School sees the relationship between home and school as critical. It ensures that students are happy and make the progress they need towards becoming independent adults.

It is essential that your child see their teachers and their parents talking about just them, celebrating all the good things they have achieved this year and then discussing the "even better ifs". Our first Parent/Carer Subject evening is for **KS4 on Thursday 31st January from 4.30 - 7.00pm**; please inform the school office if you have not received a letter. KS3 subject evening will be on Thursday 7th February; letters will be sent out next week to book appointments for this.

After school clubs



Clubs will start week beginning Monday 14th January 2019. Please look out for the letter which has been sent home. If your child would like to attend a club, a consent form needs to be completed, even if your child has attended before.

18 days of Kindness at Rowdeford School

Rowdeford School is completing the 18 days of kindness challenge. Students and staff have all been challenged to perform 18 acts of random kindness throughout the month. Students get to colour in one box a day as they complete the challenge.

So far, students and staff have been holding doors open for each other, offering to carry something for someone, speaking to another child, they did not know and performing many more acts of kindness.

Each student that completes the challenge will gain a certificate. This may be something you want to continue at home!



Cooking Contributions

Contributions for your child's cooking lessons are now due if you usually pay for these termly. The cost is £10 each term or £30 for the whole year. Please see the letter sent home this week.

Let's end period poverty

Periods are a fact of life for all women. Mostly all our girls at Rowdeford School will be having periods each month. Sanitary products can be really expensive just for one adolescent girl, but what if you have multiple women/ girls in a family?



We were recently approached by a parent, offering to organise a scheme to address this issue. We are very grateful to Ms Halliday who has approached Morrisons in Devizes and they have agreed to provide sanitary products free of charge to anyone who needs them.



We are giving assemblies to the girls at Rowdeford next week to raise this issue. To receive sanitary products all they need to do is ask their tutor or a TA.

If you or your family would like to receive free sanitary products please contact Mrs Ollerhead by email: teresaollerhead@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk or phone the school office.



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Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers

We will be running a coffee and cake morning for parents/carers and friends on the first Tuesday of each month to give you a chance to meet with other parents and talk informally to staff. Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 15th January 10.00 – 11.00am.

School Lunches

School lunches can be paid either weekly or termly and can be paid by Bacs, (details below), or by cheque or cash sent into school in a named envelope. If your child only wants lunch occasionally, it is fine to send the money in on the day. Menus will be sent out in the new term and will be on the website.



Bacs details: Account number: 47769060 - Sort code: 309199

Lunch is £2.20 per day

Weekly - £11.00

Termly - £63.80

Donation for Pantomime



Students in KS3 were able to enjoy a theatre visit thanks to a grant of £612 from the Imperial Charity.

Bob Summerfield from Imperial Charity visited Rowdeford to present the cheque and to visit Willow Class. The pantomime helped to enhance the lives of many students who do not normally get opportunities to watch a live performance.

Everybody joined in with the excitement of watching a live performance.

Chants of 'Oh no he didn't!' could be heard from all members of the audience, including the staff.

A touring theatre company, in the run up to Christmas, performed Jack and The Beanstalk.

Thank you

At the end of last term we received donations for various Christmas things happening in school. Due to your generosity we raised the following amounts:

Turkey Hamper- £88.00

Luxury Hampers - £347.00

Christmas Jumper Day - £61.00 for 'Save the Children' Charity

Retiring collection at our Christmas Carol services: £162.79 – for the

Swindon Downs Syndrome Group. Thank you all for your generous donations.



Bad Weather

In the case of bad weather, please could all Parents/Carers look at the school's website and listen to BBC Radio Wiltshire, Heart FM or Spire FM for information.

Short Break Scheme – Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council run a short breaks scheme for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities - aged 6 -18. For more information on activities and clubs please contact the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council-Tel: 01225 764647 or Email:

admin@wiltspcc.co.uk or visit the Short Breaks page at www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk

Please look out for the booklet which has been sent out.



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Letters Sent Home

The letters listed below have been sent home since our last newsletter; please contact the school office if you have not received the letters that are relevant to your child.

- Integrity Poster – all students
- KS4 Parent/Carer subject evening letters
- Special School Proposal information – all students
- Year 9 immunisation email link
- Options Evening Information – Year 9
- Flu immunisation catch up session information
- After School Club letter –all years
- Cooking contribution – all years

Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

January 2019

Mon 7th TD day –no students in school
 Tues 8th Start of term 3
 Tues 15th Coffee Morning 10.00am
 Tues 15th FORS meeting – 7.00pm
 Thurs 31st Subject Parents Eve KS4

February

Thur 7th Subject Parents Eve KS3
 Sun 10th Car Boot Sale – More info to follow
 Fri 15th End of term 3
 Mon 25th TD Day – no students in school
 Tues 26th Start of term 4

March

Tues 5th FORS meeting – 7.00pm
 Wed 20th Options Evening – Year 9

April

Fri 5th End of term 4 – **12:40pm finish**
 Tues 23rd TD Day – no students in school
 Wed 24th Start of term 5
 Tue 29th FORS Meeting – 7.00pm

May

Mon 6th Bank Holiday – No school
 Fri 24th End of term 5

June

Mon 3rd Start of term 6
 Tues 11th FORS Meeting – 7.00pm

July

Thurs 25th End of term 6 – **12:40pm finish**



Best wishes

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