



Reigate
Parish Church
Primary School

2016-2017: The School Council

These are taken from the half termly "School News" newsletter which summarises what the school council has done.

School Council, Autumn 1 2016

The School Council in the Autumn Term comprises of two children from each class in Year 3, 2, and 1 and they meet with Mrs Davis every two weeks to talk about different topics, such as organising a friendship day and signing the school's anti-bullying charter. After the meetings the councillors then have time with their class to talk about their meeting and often they ask their class to do an activity, such as all the children in the school have worked in groups and constructed a pipe cleaner sculpture to showcase something from our school vision, values and aims statement. A selection of these are on display in the school. Mrs Davis types up the minutes so the teachers can read about the council meetings. The councillors change every term and in the Spring and Summer Term the Reception children join the school council.



School Council, Autumn 1 2017

The school councillors from Year 1 to Year 3 (Reception join the school council from January) meet with Mrs Davis every two weeks and have been busy. They have:

- Created in pairs their own pipe-cleaner sculptures to match the school's vision statement
- Told their class how to complete the pipe-cleaner sculpture activity which was then displayed.
- Talked to their class about the different "friendship" activities their teachers could plan to do on the Friendship Day we had in November.
- As part of our work on Friendship and Anti-Bullying canvassed ideas from their class on the question "how schools keeps you safe"
- Asked children what they would put into the "thoughts and dreams" box that will be buried with the new Junior Block.
- Promoted children wearing spots to raise money for Children in Need.
- Decided on the charities that will receive an equal share of the donations from parents after the Year 1 and 2 nativity productions. Reception chose their charities and Year 3 chose theirs.

All councillors receive a certificate at the end of the term thanking them for their participation, commitment, enthusiasm and contributions to the school council meetings and for all the discussions they have led in class.

In January 2017, for the Spring Term, there will be new school councillors from all eight classes meeting fortnightly with Mrs Davis to shape, review and improve school.

School Council, Spring 1 2017

This term we have 16 new school councillors, a boy and a girl from each class. They meet every two weeks with Mrs Davis to talk about school, how to improve it and to lead on different activities with their class. Some of the activities they have been involved with are:

- The new shield display at the front of the school that explains the spring term school values (caring, perseverance, confidence and Easter)
- Ideas for some new playground equipment
- Ideas for the next Discovery Afternoon
- Helped in assemblies



School Council, Spring 2 2017

This term the children have all grown in confidence to participate in our fortnightly meetings and have offered lots of ways in which school for everyone could be improved. Another of their suggestions was to raise money for "George and the Giant Pledge" a charity close to the heart of a couple of school councillors. The PTA agreed to sharing the proceeds from the Year 3 cake sale on Friday 24th March with Red Nose Day and the Royal Marsden Hospital and happily we are sending off a cheque for £78. Thank you to everyone who bought and enjoyed a cake.

Other work the councillors have got involved with this half term are:

- A photography project where each councillor photographs their favourite part of school. This is compiled into a powerpoint presentation coupled with their explanation for taking their picture and it will go onto the school's website.
- Agreed and promoted school taking part on Wednesday 29th March in NSPCC's Big Board Game Afternoon raising money for this important charity.

At the end of this term, these Spring Term school councillors will be stepping down, making way at the beginning of the Summer Term for two other councillors from each class to meet with Mrs Davis.

School Council, Summer 1 2017

The School Councillors have enjoyed meeting this half term, getting to know each other and are suggesting lots of ways to improve school.

Find out next term more about what they have been doing to help school get even better.



School Council, Summer 2 2017

The School Councillors remain enjoying meeting and discussing school. They have gathered ideas from their class as to what will go into our Time Capsule and they will pass this project onto the Autumn Term Councillors who will finalise the items for the Capsule before we have a short ceremony when it will be buried. Some of the ideas so far are:

- Map of the school
- List of class names
- Pictures of the school
- School council badge
- School uniform – jumper, tie, dress
- Literacy or numeracy book

The councillors have also taken photos of children enjoying their time playing on the astro turf and will add them to a collection of photos showing what our children enjoy playing with and on at lunchtime. The folder of photos is in the classes for children to look at.

They asked their class for a list of words to describe the parent volunteers who come into school, such as: wonderful, excellent, super, friendly.