



# Greatstone Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 18th September 2020

### A warm welcome to our first newsletter

A very warm welcome to our first school newsletter, an opportunity to share our school news with you every fortnight which I hope you will find useful.

Children have settled in well, they are building up their stamina for learning as lessons lengthen to match their needs. Teachers have still focused on re-connecting relationships and this week, we have heard from our children about 'What is great about Greatstone?' as we review our school vision and values with all members of our school community. If you would like to share what we do well in our school, please do send me a Dojo message and I will add these to our collection of views.

This week, we made great strides in implementing our pupil leadership team with the class elections of Young Governors and our first appointments of Head Boy and Head girl. There were 15 applications in all, each child also being interviewed by myself and Mrs Roberts. We were overwhelmed by the response and the high calibre of applicants, so much so that we decided to introduce the role of Deputy roles to support our Head boy and Head girl:

**Head boy: Joe (Rhinestone class)**

**Deputy Head boy: Charlie (Rhinestone class)**

**Head girl: Jessica (Ruby class)**

**Deputy Head girl: Emily (Rhinestone class)**

Together with our Young Governors, this group of children will be working closely with Mrs Roberts to help develop and improve our school. We are looking forward to their input as I know they have so many creative ideas already. Congratulations to those children who are part of this team, we're really looking forward to working with you.

A big thankyou to Mrs Davies, Mrs Richardson, our volunteer helpers and the local litter picking group who supported each class as they worked hard to help make our local community clean and tidy. Please can we remind all children and parents not to drop litter as it is not only unsightly, but because of the high winds in our area, much of this ends up on the beach and is damaging to wildlife. Our assemblies over the next fortnight will focus on our responsibility as citizens to take care of our local area, to be proud of it and to ensure it's here for our children to enjoy as they grow up and have families of their own.

All the very best,

**Sharon Lewis**

**Headteacher**



### Headteacher awards:

We have worked hard to review and update our behaviour policy and procedures. At present, we are waiting for governors to approve the new policy before it can be shared with you but we have listened carefully to teachers and children to make sure that personal achievements are celebrated throughout our school. Recognition for good behaviour is important to us and we wanted to share some of our ideas with you.

For this reason, we have introduced Headteacher awards for children who have shown excellent behaviour for learning. Every fortnight, we will celebrate their successes via this newsletter, so watch this space!

Huge congratulations therefore to the following children :

Daniel (Rhinestone class): Daniel was the first person in our school to receive this award for his amazing attitude to learning.

Evie (Jade class) for her excellent writing about lighthouses

Scarlett (Crystal) for her excellent maths learning and perseverance

Lucia (Rhinestone class) for her excellent attitude to learning and always paying attention



Well done all of you, we're so proud of your achievements.

### A new member of staff...

Some of you may already know about our newest member of staff that has been appointed as our Welfare Officer– its' Albus! He's doing a great job in supporting children who just need time to talk to him, make friends and perhaps share their worries with. At only a year old, he's already showing incredible patience and gentleness with the children. There is a risk assessment in place and he also spends his day with Mrs Dawson in her office. Children who want to stroke him (and not all do) have to wash their hands before and after and can only come and visit him if they have an adult present. He's proving to be a great asset to our team.

