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Dear Parents,

RIBI Young Writer and Young Photographer Competitions 2018/2019

Following the very successful 2017/2018 Young Writers and Young Photographers Competitions Four Marks and Medstead Rotary have decided to run the competitions again for 2018/2019. We are excited at the prospect of both competitions and hope that you will support us in encouraging your child to enter both the writing and photography competitions.

Our entries for both competitions will be judged at a local level, against entries from other Alton Primary Schools. Winning entries from these heats will be entered into the District Competition, and the winners from this event will be entered into the National Final. All competitors at all levels will receive a certificate of participation, with further appropriate awards for winners at each stage.

As a school we would like all our Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) children to enter the writing competition.

Therefore, the writing task will be set this week as homework and children asked to bring their entries into school **by Wednesday 16th January 2019**. During the weeks following this, class teachers will be spending some time with their class editing, sharing and completing the entries to submit the following week.

RIBI Young Writer Competition 2018/2019

This National Young Writer Competition is a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI). It is a three-stage competition designed to support and encourage development of writing skills and writing with imagination and creativity. There are three age groups: Junior (7 to 10 years old); Intermediate (11 to 13 years old) and Senior (14 to 17 years old), with age qualifying date of 31st August 2017.

The Writing Task

To produce a written or typed story in prose entitled, '**My Inspiration**'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme.

The Rotary have advised:

- No name of either entrant or school can appear on the front of the entry, as all entries have to be anonymised before being assessed. **The Entrant's Name and School should be written on the back of each sheet.**
- Entries should be written on one side of paper only. If a child needs to continue onto a second or third page these should be on separate sheets but clearly marked to show they are a continuation. They can be paper clipped together but **must not be stapled together.**
- Entries should be handwritten or word-processed **on A4 paper**, not on cardboard or mounted for display. Additional decoration is optional but is not taken into account in the assessment which is based on the written composition alone.
- **Please remember that Judges are looking for creativity, individuality, imagination, imagery and flair and this is unlikely to show through near-identical entries**, so it is important that children use their own ideas!

- Whilst spelling and grammatical accuracy are not key criteria, entrants should be encouraged to read their entries through before submitting them to try to eliminate mistakes as much as possible; carelessness is inevitably going to leave an impression on the reader.
- The Rotary have also recommend that '**An A4 page or up to 500 hundred words is a suggested suitable submission**'.

Please note we are expecting all Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) children to enter this competition.

RIBI Young Photographer Competition 2018/2019

This National Young Photographer Competition is a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI). It is designed to support and encourage development of photographic skills, encouraging young people to experiment with photography; use digital or traditional methods of photography; show interpretation of their chosen topic and express their ideas through the medium of photography. There are three age groups: Junior (7 to 10 years old); Intermediate (11 to 13 years old) and Senior (14 to 17 years old), with age qualifying date of 31st August 2017.

The Photography Task

To produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme, '**Beauty of Nature**' in colour or black and white. Each print is to be submitted separately. Mobile Phones may be used. We will be submitting the entries digitally.

No actual examples will be shown here as it will be up to the individual competitors to show their interpretation of the chosen topic.

District competition winners will be asked for a digital copy in jpg format and ideally 5MB for an A4 sized print, on disc (CD-R) as part of the National final submission. ***Please ensure every photograph, disc or memory stick submitted is clearly labelled with the name of the entrant.***

In addition, each entrant should provide a brief sentence of what each photograph represents in relation to the theme.

Please Note: Photographs which include people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission from the parent, guardian or carer of the person photographed.

Class teachers are planning to spend some time exploring this competition in class before the Christmas holidays to hopefully inspire the children to enter. If your child would like to also enter the photography competition, please send the three prints digitally, with accompanying sentences, to school by **Wednesday 16th January 2019**.

Additional Information

Additional information about both competitions is available from the Rotary website:
<http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/youth-competitions/>

This is a very prestigious and worthwhile competition; pupils from Chawton have won, or come highly commended, at every event, plus we have also produced writing that has won District rounds and participated in the National Finals – we are a talented school of writers!

We are looking forward to receiving all Key Stage 2 children's entries on, or before, **Wednesday 16th January 2019**.

Yours Sincerely

Miss D Tilley