

The School Council Quarterly

🛡 2016 Launch Edition 🛡

Hello everyone

Welcome to the first ever edition of our new School Council newsletter. We really hope that you find the *School Council Quarterly* interesting and useful to read.

Our aims for the newsletter are to keep you up to date with the activities the School Council and the councillors are involved with and to let you know about our future plans and ideas.



Thank you for voting

While the people of America were busy voting at the beginning of November, so were we at Ickleford School. Our School Council elections were exciting and well supported. The new school councillors would like to thank everyone for taking part, especially the other candidates in the class elections who represented themselves so brilliantly.

Your election results

Here are the councillors you elected this year:

Y2 Emily R. & Jamie

Y3 Jen & Adam

Y4 Ruby & Teddy

Y5 Abbie & Brandon

Y6 Poppy & George

Our Reception & Year One classes have special representatives to support them. They are Honey-Mae & Cameron from Y4 who both tied with Teddy & Ruby in the Y4 election results.



SCQ fun Ickleford School facts...

Mrs Grist our brilliant secretary is the longest serving member of the school staff. Mrs Grist has been looking after nearly everything for nearly 20 years! See our 'quick fire' questions interview with her inside your SCQ...

Meet your councillors...

I am Emily R. and I am a Year Two Councillor. I like swimming. My favourite subject is art. I have a sister called Alice. I have friends called Leah, Mollie & Emily. I also do ballet.

Hello my name is Jen and I am one of the new school councillors for Year Three. My favourite lessons in class are English, mathematics and Art & Design. I have a sister in Year One and a little brother who is one year old.

My name is Abbie from Year Five. When I am older I really want to be an actress because I love singing and dancing. I enjoy sport especially netball. I am proud to be a school councillor.

Hello, my name is Honey-Mae. I love to dance and sing. I want to start ballet lessons soon. I like swimming. My favourite singer has to be Justine Bieber. I don't know if I was a good school councillor but here I am again! My favourite lessons are Art, Maths and Geography. Thank you for electing me again this year.

My name is Ruby from Y4. My favourite subject at school is English. I love to write stories and be creative. I also do tap dancing, ballet, netball, hip-hop, swimming and gymnastics. My best friends are Jess, Jamie-Leigh, Michelle, Sammy and Cameron.

Hello, my name is Cameron & I am nine years old. I have a little sister called Clara who is three years old now. At school I like maths, English and playing tennis. I have been elected again as school councillor

Hello, my name is Brandon. I am the new Year Five councillor. At school I like PE and Art & Design. I especially enjoy playing football. I have an older brother who is now fourteen!

My name is George and I am a Year Six school councillor. I LOVE drumming, playing cricket and art & history. My best friend is Ollie. I also like Harry Potter & Star Wars. My brother is called Oliver and he is seven years old.

Hello, my name is Poppy and I am ten years old. I am the new school councillor for Year Six. I have an older sister called Summer and a younger brother called Elijah. At school I enjoy English, mathematics and art.

I am Ted and I am eight years old. I am one of the year 4 councillors. I like Science and English. I have a fourteen year old brother called Harry and a thirteen year old sister called Lilly. I also play rugby at the weekend.

Hello, my name is Jamie and I am seven years old. I am one of the new Year Two school councillors. I have a little brother called Alex in Reception with Mrs Turner. I like playing on my iPad and playing football. I am on the Hitchin Town Eagles team; I play in lots of different positions. My favourite thing at school is mathematics because it is fun!

My name is Adam. I am seven years old. I have a younger brother called Matthew who is four years old. I love reading but I don't enjoy writing as much!



SCQ fun Ickleford School facts...

You know Mr McKechine as one of our hard working Teaching Assistants, but he is also an avid supporter of Chelsea football team and a talented player for three different local teams himself.

Now to work!

So what would you like us to do? We are here for all of you. Our job is to listen to your ideas and to help make our school an even more special place to be. We are going to be working with Mrs Parmar & Mr Horgan (there are rumours of chocolate biscuits & samosas at our meetings...) to find things to improve but we need you to tell us what you think.



Class meetings

We will be having regular class discussions about things to do with school. This special time will be your chance to explain what is important to you. We know how sensible and thoughtful everyone is here at Ickleford School, so we really can't wait for you to share your ideas. If you think of something between meetings, write it down & put it into our **ideas box** in the foyer.

What's coming up soon?

Mrs Orton continues to work hard launching our new Value each month in her exciting collective worship times. She is interested to know how you think our Values activities & manners awards are helping to improve our school. Are you proud when you win the Manners trophy? Does it encourage you to try even harder? Let us know. A questionnaire is heading your way soon.



 *SCQ fun Ickleford School facts...*

Ickleford first had a school in 1839.

The school buildings we use now were built in 1848. How old does that make our school building?

 2016 - 1847 =

Raising funds for our school Library

The school councillors are currently working hard on ideas to help raise funds to buy new information books for the school library. The library is at the heart of our school and thanks to the support of **Mrs Musk & Mrs Charles-Farrow** it is well organised and much loved. So far the Councillors have helped raise **£250** following their Nativity Play raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and especially to Mrs Parmar for her generosity.

Our 'quick fire' questions interview with Mrs Grist

In each edition of the **SCQ** we will try to interview someone special who has a connection to Ickleford School. For this launch edition Mrs Grist very kindly gave up some of her time to answer our questions...

Q: How long have you worked at Ickleford School?

A: I started here in September 1997, so this is my 20th school year.

Q: What type of things do you do in your job here?

A: One important part of my job is to pass information through to the people who need to know, for example messages from parents to teachers, from teachers and the head teacher to parents, from the PTA to parents, from Governors to parents. I answer the enquiries from the people who contact the school either by visiting, telephoning or emailing the school office. I keep the SIMS computer system up to date with details of pupils and staff.

There is rather a lot of work I have to do when new children and staff join, and eventually, leave our school. I prepare the school prospectus, letters and information for new parents letting them know all about our school. I prepare and print documents to support school events such as programmes for the carol service, harvest assembly, school concert, and school play. I prepare and print tickets for the school play and school discos.

There is also a lot of paperwork to be done throughout the school year regarding things such as: music tuition, SAT tests, paying bills, timesheets for staff, information required by the Department for Education, school reports. I make sure the photocopiers are working well.

Q: What is your favourite thing about your job?

A: I like being part of our school community, and seeing the pupils grow during their time with us. I also like the variety of work I do, every day is different.

Q: What did you want to be when you were a child?

A: I didn't really know what I wanted to be as a young child, but when I was a teenager I thought I would like to do some sort of work with children.

Q: If you were the Prime Minister what things would you like to change about the world?

A: That is a difficult question – I think the world would be a better place if we all treated each other fairly, and took time to listen to other people's point of view. If we look for what is good and positive in our lives, instead of seeing only the negative I think we would all be happier. Maybe the Government should introduce a 'Values' system like we have in school, with reward points we could donate towards our favourite charities.

We will be in touch soon!

We hope you enjoyed reading the SCQ newsletter & found it useful. We will try to keep you up to date with the things we are working on for you.

Already people have asked us about new playground benches (Jem) and the possibility of a cookery club (Rosina). We will investigate these creative ideas and let you know if we can help make them happen.

For now we wish you all a very Happy Christmas
& looking forward to making the next edition of the School Council Quarterly.



Your School councillors