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19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we have been invited to take part in this year's **Young Writer competition organised by the Rotary Club.**

The competition is split into three stages: local, district and national. In 2014 we had a year 5 pupil who won the local category, went on to win the district category and was then awarded second place at national level. In 2015 one of our pupils was a runner up in the regional heats.

This year's competition asks the children to use their writing skills and their imagination **to create a piece of writing entitled 'Reflection.'** The piece of writing can be fiction or non-fiction, and can be in the form of a poem. It is recommended that the piece of writing should not exceed 500 words or one side of A4 paper. All participants in the local stage will be awarded a certificate and the winner will receive a £25 gift voucher.

The **closing date for the local stage of the competition is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** However, we are asking for **entries to be in school no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** so that the entries can be sent to the Godalming Woolsack Rotary Club for the closing date at the end of that week. **Please can entries be accompanied by the completed entry form (as attached) and be handed into the school office.**

I have introduced the competition to the children in assembly today as it is open to every child in the school to take part if they wish. However, the actual piece of writing will not be done in school so please do encourage your child to take part by working on their piece of writing at home.

If you have any further questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Rachel Barker  
Deputy Head teacher



**ENTRY FORM 2016 - 17**

Please read this Information Pack before completing clearly.

**Please Note;**

The parent, guardian or carer of the entrant, when signing below has given permission:

- a) For the named person to take part and be identified in the competition **Yes / No**
- b) Any entrant over 18 at the date of the competition should sign the declaration below.
- c) For photographic/video records to be taken and used for Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. **Yes / No**
- d) In signing this form the parent/guardian/carer allows permission for contact by the RIBI, District and Club Public Relations Officers for public relations purposes. **Yes / No**

**Not agreeing to c and d does not preclude the individual from entering the competition.**

Declaration by competitor is below, and parental consent should be written and signed on the reverse of the entry in the following manner:

I, .....of ..... school/college,

Address:.....

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Phone number: ..... e-mail: .....

**I declare that this entry is entirely my own work.**

My age on 31 August 2016 is ..... date of birth:-.....

Signed:..... Dated.....

My local Rotary Club is ..... District.....

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Parent Guardian Carer Entrant Please print name.....  
(Please tick status)

Signature.....

Date.....

Yours faithfully

*Carolyn Holmes*

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Headteacher**