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Year 6 Junior Rotary Award

Dear Year 5 parents,

We're really excited to let you know that we have been selected to take part in the 'Junior Rotary Award' with Farnborough Rotary Club. This is only open to Year 5 children, as they transition into Year 6.

The purpose of the Award is to give young people, the opportunity to involve themselves in a positive way in their community, acquiring new skills and abilities that will benefit both themselves and others around them.

The Rotary Clubs in Australia, where this was founded, noted a strong positive impact on the children in many ways including:

- They will discover their community and the vast range of cultures and opportunities - on their door step.
- They will learn new skills and improve their physical, mental, emotional health.
- They will have greater self-confidence and amongst them could be the leaders of the future.
- It can serve as an introductory step to Duke of Edinburgh Award.

When children sign up they will be given a handbook which gives further information and ideas of how it can be completed and what is involved. The participation takes place outside of school and is entirely optional.

The Award is divided into 4 areas: Community Service, Physical Recreation, Social Experience and Skills. The children will need to demonstrate a commitment to the areas across their school year. For example, in Physical Recreation, they may attend a swimming lesson each week and a coach could sign their handbook to say they have improved an element of their swimming. The handbook gives further ideas and suggestions for each area. Each area has a section in the handbook to be signed by an adult. The children don't need to complete all 4 areas at the same time and can do it in stages over the course of the academic year.

The school-based coach will check in with the children regularly to ensure they are making progress and sign their handbooks.

When the children complete the Award there will be a celebration fully supported by the local Rotary Club in which certificates and badges will be given by an invited guest of note.

As this program requires a commitment at home, we would kindly ask you to speak with your child to see if this is something they would be excited to take on and that you are able to support.

If your child is interested and keen to take part, please email Miss Brown (missbrown@sfjs.org.uk) by Friday 3rd July with your child's name and class, so that we are able to gauge numbers.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Brown

