

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'



10th February 2020

Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 27th January 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 3rd February 2020:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Adam (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn
Nikos (Oak)
Chloe (Maple)
Dylan (Elder)
Charlie (Elder) Given out 10th Feb
Harvey (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Alhannah (Acorn)
Erin (Oak)

Headteacher & Governor Award

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Marcus (Oak)
Isla (Oak)
Matthew (Maple)
Mable (Elder)

Hall of Fame

Time to Shine!



Congratulations this week to Beth, Janneke and Max for your outstanding achievements outside of school.

Congratulations too for last week to Amber for her outstanding achievements outside of school.



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Health & Safety

This year all schools in WSCC are being audited by the County on all aspects of Health & Safety. We are pleased to announce that following our audit we scored 96%, which is testament to the level of importance and hard work we put into this very essential aspect of school life. We will continue to reflect on our practice (like Ruby!) and build on our success.

Communications

We are shortly hoping to have any trip or consent forms managed electronically. This should save you and our Secretaries in the office a lot of time. In the meantime, please can I respectfully remind you to send in any paper slips etc in to school with your child as these are collected in the mornings in a class wallet and delivered to the office in 1 trip. This therefore means you do not need to queue to drop off slips at the beginning/end of the day.

We would like to share key events more dynamically with you and will be increasing our use of Twitter in the future. We would like to encourage you to follow us – please see our twitter feed Thakeham_PS

I thought it would be useful to remind all parents of some key aspects of our Communications Policy too which is available on our school website. Class teachers are generally always available for a ‘quick word’ at the start/end of the day, though some do run clubs after school and are busy setting up/settling children in at the beginning of the day. Therefore for more detailed or personal conversations with the class teacher, an appointment for a meeting would be more suitable. Appointments can be made through the school office (phone or email).

We ask that wherever possible you discuss any queries or concerns regarding your child with the classteacher initially, as they are often the most direct source of support in addressing these for you. In some circumstances you may need to speak to me directly if the concern is of a more serious nature. Again appointments can be made via the school office.

Safeguarding or child protection matters should always be discussed with myself as the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in my absence Mrs Hopkins in her role as Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Office This Week

Thank you for bearing with us last Thursday/Friday with temporary staffing changes in the office. Mrs Hall will also be off this Thursday and Friday with staff helpfully covering the role. Mrs Hall should be back with us after half-term.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy

From September 2020 it will be statutory for all Primary Schools to teach Relationships and Health Education. WSCC have been very proactive in setting out a supportive framework known as Education for Safeguarding in which RHE is one part:

- Relationship and Sex Education
- Digital and Media Literacy
- Physical Health & Well-being
- Emotional Health & Well-being

Teaching about sex education at Thakeham has always been set in the context of learning about relationships and health, so this is something we plan to continue to do. Working with other STARS headteachers, we have begun to write our school policy which we will consult with parents, pupils, staff, governors and the local community on shortly.

Online Safety

Tuesday 11th February is a global Online Safety day. Archie, George, Terry & Leonie will be leading our assembly on this year's theme: **Together for a better Internet - Free to be me.**

The UK Safer Internet Center has some excellent resources for you to share with your child at home when discussing their safety on the Internet.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

With Best Wishes

Sam Norton
Headteacher

Reading Volunteers

We have a fabulous team of volunteers at Thakeham Primary who come in across the school week and support our children with their reading. They have been a valued support to our teaching of reading. We would love to expand that team so that we can offer even more children the opportunity to be heard reading, enjoy talking about books and help them to become fluent readers.



If you are able to offer anytime and would be interested please contact Mrs Hopkins.



A call to all **Acorn parents**, please don't forget to add any learning comments to your children's online journal. We really welcome your input with the wow's certificates; we would also appreciate any online photos and comments too.

We are going to run a support workshop accessing Tapestry on Friday 14th February at 9.00 if you would like to come along please speak to Mrs Hoare or Mrs Turner. Many thanks for your continued support.

Fish Keeper Fry Programme Maple Class



Last week we collected our first fish, six Zebra Danios, and welcomed them into our beautifully prepared aquarium. As well as meeting their fish and adding them to the aquarium, the children learnt how to feed the fish the correct amount without upsetting the balance of the aquarium and completed their water tests as well as learning some of the basics of photosynthesis in relation to adding plants to the aquarium. Each week we have a 'Fishkeeper of the week'. Week one was Maddie for helping to set up the tank, Week two was Terry for his fantastic understanding of how to test the water in the tank and this week our 'Fishkeeper of the week' was awarded to Matthew for helping to introduce our new visitors into the tank and feeding them the perfect amount. This fantastic project has been possible as a result of Maidenhead Aquatics.

Maple Class Fishbourne Roman Palace Visit

In preparation for our Romans topic after half term, Maple class enjoyed a visit to Fishbourne Roman villas. The children were able to explore the museum that detailed the excavation of the palace and view the artefacts that had been uncovered. They especially liked playing mosaic bingo and searching across the remains on the mosaic floors to find specific shapes and patterns. The children took part in a Roman workshop where they found out about Roman life at Fishbourne and got to play some games from the roman period, have a go at writing roman numerals in ink and even dressed up as Roman prince and princesses.



Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

This was a close one! Only 1 point was between Thakeham in second and the first place team! Everyone who took part was fantastic, whether that was through their dribbling, passing, shooting or just general teamwork, it was an excellent display of all the skills they have learnt in their PE this half term.



NHS Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme Feedback

Thank you for your participation in the Flu Vaccination Programme 2019/20.

The NHS have analysed the data for all schools across Sussex and have pleasure in attaching Thakeham's excellent results.

Congratulations!

NHS
Sussex Community
NHS Foundation Trust

Thakeham Primary School
Are Fantastic Flu Fighters!

The national target for 2019/2020 uptake of the flu nasal spray at school in West Sussex was 65%.

Your school achieved 88%



Excellent care at the heart of the community