



# Newsletter No. 7

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,



On Wednesday and Thursday, our children were rewarded for their amazing learning attitudes and hard work this term with a wonderful drumming session!

They absolutely loved it and wowed their teachers with their rhythms! Thank you to Rhythm Connection's Marc Cecil for a fantastic two days! We hope you will be back!

In her communication to schools yesterday, Clare Kershaw, Director of Education, congratulated schools on what has been achieved this term in getting children back loving learning. I think as parents, we all appreciate more than ever the hard work of staff in classrooms in inspiring our children, so I would like to thank all the staff for their dogged determination and courage in this half term.

I would also like to thank you. You have queued, worn masks, queued again, talked to your child's teacher on the phone, read loads, made sure your child can access the Google Classroom, supported your children wonderfully in returning to school and queued some more! Together we are truly helping our children to 'Be the best they can be'

Have a super half term.

**Miss E. Dawson,**  
**Headteacher**

## Attendance



For the week ended 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 there were fourteen classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to

Ants who achieved 100%! They will be looking after Attendance Ted next week and will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class. We



have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week	Year to date
Chipmunks	97.9%	96.0%
Dragonflies	99.3%	97.7%
Rabbits	98.5%	97.4%
Frogs	98.1%	99.0%
Dormice	97.3%	97.2%
Ladybirds	99.3%	99.1%
Robins	97.9%	97.0%
Doves	99.0%	97.8%
Owls	96.5%	97.1%
Bears	97.9%	97.4%
Foxes	99.3%	98.4%
Ants	100%	98.4%
Sparrows	97.6%	98.3%
Voles	99.2%	97.5%
Badgers	98.4%	98.2%
Kestrels	93.0%	96.8%
Squirrels	95.2%	98.0%
Whole School	97.5%	97.4%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

**Ants**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2020 - 2021 is:-

**97%**

## Return to School

Please note that children return to school on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.**

## Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a

Secondary School place by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. To register your choice please visit:-

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

## How can you help our wonderful PTA to raise funds for our school from the comfort of your own home?



In the lead up to Christmas and particularly this year

when so many more of us will be shopping online. This is a great way to support our school. So far we have raised £9.00 - let's make that £900! Our PTA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! We will get an extra £5 for every £5 raised if we do the refer a friend part. These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:-

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thundersleyprimaryschool-1603297238-459717606/?invite=THBVK4&referral-campaign=c2s>

## And more!

Lord's Barbers has agreed that they will donate 10% of all haircuts to our school if your child attends TPS. Thank you Lord's!



## TCS - Change of Menu on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Please note that due to ordering logistics on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 the menu will be:-



Chicken Breast Bites (G1,E)



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- Veggie Nuggets (G1)
- Filled Jacket Potato
- Oven Baked Potato Wedges
- Baked Beans, Peas
- Chocolate Crispie Cake (D,G1,S\*)

## Rhythm Connections - African Drumming Workshop



On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Rhythm Connections visited to conduct Covid safe African Drumming workshops for the children. All the children had a fabulous time and learned lots of different rhythms. Charlie Cecil (Foxes), whose dad conducted the workshops, tells of his experience below:-



"Today, my dad came to Thundersley to teach us some African drumming. We did a 'rumble' which is when you bash the drum fast. We had to copy my dad.

We also had to play two rhythms on our drum and everyone had to copy. We did 'Fish and Chips' when you bash the drum in the middle two times and then bash the drum three times on the side of the drum. It was fun!"

Jeremy D'Aleo (Chipmunks) said "We did loud drumming and slow little drumming. I liked banging it really loud. We were all good at playing the drums."



## Whole School Half Term Reading Challenge

For half term, we are setting a whole school reading challenge where the children post a photograph of themselves reading on their Google Classroom. This can either be in the form of a 'cosy read' or an 'unusual place to read' or they could do both! House Points will be awarded to children for the cosiest and most unusual location for reading.



## eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform. We kindly ask that you download the eSchools

App, which is free, in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school. We thank you for your support.

## Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley\_P\_S

## Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Isla Cousins (Bears)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Kitty Gaskin and Mason Johl

**Year 5:-** William Hurd, Leo Field and Joseph

McNeely

**Year 4:-** Amara Khan and Oscar Muscat  
**Year 3:-** Esmae Emin-Wyatt and Penny Sycamore

**Year 2:-** Lucas Jackson, Katie Allen and Evie Chapman

**Year 1:-** Lola Tucker

**EYFS:-** Bella-Nicole Arscott and Nellie Gaskin



## Playground Stars of the Week

Ruby Moorcroft, Lily Crawford, Louella Church, Edward Potts, Isaac Swaby, Henry Frost, Harrison Punt, Joshua Benton, Ronnie Hogan, Charlie Cecil, Joshua Nix, Megan Hare, Joseph Sullivan, Noah Smith and Kitty Gaskin

## House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 1,975 points - Golden Eagles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,783 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,707 points - Red Arrows
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 1,543 points - Green Dragons



Well done Golden Eagles!

Please note that Stars of the Week,





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Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

## Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to 6.00pm) each day. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Bezdel in the Green Building Office.

## Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,  
15-17 Kents Hill Road,  
South Benfleet,  
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

[www.pennuk.com](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.  
Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

## PTA News

### Discounted Adventure Island Tickets - October Half Term 2020

If you are thinking of visiting Adventure Island during the October Half Term we would like to



advise that the PTA still has discounted Adventure Island tickets available to buy and you can purchase them from Tracy Slate via the Friends of Thundersley Primary PTA Facebook page or the Pet Pantry in Thundersley Village.

## PTA - Fundraising Halloween Cookie Boxes!



With the help of online cookie company 'Cookies That Count', you can order a Halloween cookie box online for delivery to your home, or as a gift to other children that will arrive in time for the Halloween weekend. Friends of Thundersley Primary PTA will receive 50% of the profits from every sale. This offer is open to all, you do not need to be a parent of the school to purchase. The cookie boxes are £4, which includes delivery. They contain two chocolate & pumpkin spice cookies in spooky character packaging with paper confetti and a personalised card. Cookies can be ordered at:

[www.goodeats.io/trickortreat](http://www.goodeats.io/trickortreat)

Select either the regular, or gluten free cookies box and then select \*Essex, Thundersley Primary School\*. Simply enter the name and address of the recipient and a message into the information box, and your cookies will be sent out on October 29th 2020 by first class post. The cookie store will be open 24 hours a day from October 5th 2020 to October 27<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## Community News

### Lord's Barber Studio - 10% donation to Thundersley Primary School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Mega Camps - October Half Term 2020

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Future Term Dates

26/10/20 to 30/10/20 - Half Term  
21/12/20 to 01/01/21 - Christmas Break  
04/01/21 - Start of Spring Term  
15/02/21 to 19/02/21 - Half Term  
29/03/21 to 09/04/21 - Easter Break  
12/04/21 - Start of Summer Term  
03/05/21 - Bank Holiday

31/05/21 to 04/06/21 - Whitsun Break  
21/07/21 - Last day of Term

## \*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\*

02/11/20  
22/02/21  
07/06/21  
08/06/21

