



# Newsletter No. 2

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our children are an amazingly resilient bunch. They have worked extremely hard this week, building up their learning stamina and remembering what it is to be a Thundersley Learner - to believe in yourself, learn from mistakes, work hard and never give up! These attitudes have been mirrored in our assemblies, which have focussed on self-efficacy or self-belief. The children have been encouraged to 'have a go' at set targets and keep on trying. They have seen examples, through fictions and the stories of people's lives that you can improve your self-efficacy through setting goals and being determined. If you can continue this theme at home, we would be most grateful. Next week's theme is 'Hope'.

With this newsletter, you will find our plan for 'Step-up September' which shows how we are supporting all children to get back to normal in respect of their learning. It also includes strategies for supporting those who are struggling emotionally or have fallen behind academically. You can see that you form a vital part of this, particularly as working one to one with children is more tricky now. Sadly, we cannot have our normal huge band of volunteers to help with reading, so it is absolutely crucial that children are reading at home, which I know can be hard to fit in, but I am not overstating the case to say that your children's future literally depends on it! If we find that families are not managing to read, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will make contact to find out what we can do to help. Just as was the case during Lockdown, we are all in this together - and I know we can step up to the challenge.

The links to the curriculum presentations for each year group will be listed on the newsletter next week.

Our new little EYFS children start their school life at Thundersley next week so we are looking forward to welcoming them all.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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

### Attendance



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For the week ended 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 there were eleven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done Ladybirds and Voles who both

achieved 100%! They will be sharing 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
Rabbits	95.7%
Frogs	99.3%
Dormice	97.8%
Ladybirds	<b>100%</b>
Robins	98.2%
Doves	97.6%
Owls	93.9%
Bears	96.1%
Foxes	98.6%
Ants	94.7%
Sparrows	97.5%
Voles	<b>100%</b>
Badgers	98.4%
Kestrels	97.4%
Squirrels	98.3%
Whole School	97.3%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

**LADYBIRDS & VOLES**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2019 - 2020 is:-  
**97%**

### COVID Symptoms

We would just like to remind parents/carers that if your child has any of the following symptoms, they will need to be tested and the results received before they can return to school:-

- A temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell

Please **do not** send your child in if they are displaying any of these symptoms. If a child is being tested then the whole family need to isolate. Thank you.

### 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:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

### Census Day - 'Welcome Back' Themed Lunch on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, it is our 'School Census Day' when the



Government requires us to send them information, which will determine our funding for the next academic year. On this day, the number of children taking school dinners is registered and our funding for school dinners for the future is calculated. **In light of recent funding issues, it is imperative that as many children as possible in EYFS/KS1 have a dinner on this day and we thank you in advance for booking your child in.**





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The menu for the day is as follows:-

- Chicken Nuggets/Veggie Nuggets
- Chips
- Beans
- Oaty Biscuit

The cost of the meal is £2.30 for KS2 children. The meal is **free** for EYFS/KS1 children.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Parent/ Grandparent/Carer Governor to join our Local Governing Body. You do not need any previous experience, as training and mentoring will be provided. What we are looking for is someone who can work in a team and is committed to help to improve and support Thundersley Primary School.

We are interested in (but not limited to) the following skills:

- (a) Legal profession
- (b) Human Resources
- (c) Bid submission
- (d) Education

Please contact the Clerk to the Local Governing Body ([clerk@robusmat.essex.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@robusmat.essex.sch.uk)) for further details and an application form.

In case we have more applicants than vacancies, you will be required to provide a written profile (up to 200 words) which can be published for a parent vote.

All applications to be received by Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### Paul Harrod Chair of Governors

### Polite Reminders

### Water Bottles



Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them every day. Unfortunately, the water fountains are currently out of use. Thank you.

### P.E. - Earrings



Please note that earrings must be removed for P.E. either before school or by the child on the day. Thank you.

### 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.



### The Amy May Trust - Christmas Card Vote



The Amy May Trust has recently run a competition to design a Christmas Card. Sophie Axford (Ladybirds) sent in her entry but now needs people to vote for her to win. If you would like to help get Sophie's design printed this year, please click on the link below, go to Under 7s, type your name and Sophie Axford and press submit. Fingers crossed Sophie!

<https://amymaytrust.com/vote>

### Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Maddison Littler, Brooke Watts and Ruby Abbott

**Year 5:-** Jack Allen, Megan Hare and Alfie Hulton

**Year 4:-** Michael Baldock and Issabella Reeves

**Year 3:-** Mason Hills and Finley Fitzmaurice

**Year 2:-** Bobby Foster-Pasterfield, Macey Robinson and Lily Downing

**Year 1:-** Olivia Oswald and Isobel Hawkins



### Playground Stars of the Week

B.F., Harry Lawrence, Elliott Thomas-Smith, Jack Brooks, Poppy Abbott, Mason Hills, Sydney Greig, Zara Higgins, Isla Taylor, Bonnie-Lou Puffett-Preshaw, Quinn Godfrey and Isla Bedford

### House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 1,324 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 943 points - Red Arrows
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 922 points - Golden Eagles
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 861 points - Green Dragons



Well done Blue Dolphins!

Please note that Stars of the Week, 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 Offices.





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### 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)

### 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

