



# Newsletter No. 8

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hollywood has come to Thundersley! I am sure your child will have shared their excitement at the drone camera flying over our grounds yesterday and all day today we have had the film crew on site. It is amazing how much work and energy goes into 3 minutes of filming! Once the film is complete, we will be asking you to point parents with children starting in Early Years Foundation Stage in the direction of the website so that they can watch and get a flavour of our school.



We also have another film to share! The wonderful Marc Cecil from Rhythm Connections has put

together this super film to show just what our children enjoyed so much before half term. Watch and enjoy too! <https://youtu.be/2jf5nwl2uYI>

I hope by now you have been able to book your telephone appointment with your child's teacher. This will be an opportunity to focus on their progress, targets and what you can continue to do at home to support.

I would like to wish 'good luck' to all those children in Year 6 sitting the 11+ test tomorrow and Monday. This year has been a particularly challenging one with lockdown and then the test being delayed. They have worked incredibly hard towards it. Believe in yourself children and go for it! After Christmas, I will be starting a new 11+ club for Year 5 children who are interested in sitting next year, so keep an eye out for an email with the details.



Finally, I want to thank you for your caution this week at the gates. I really appreciate you all wearing face coverings, keeping apart from members of other households and moving off quickly to go home. Let's work together to keep us all safe.

Miss E. Dawson,  
Headteacher

### Attendance



For the week ended 23rd October 2020 there were eleven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above.

Well done to Rabbits and

Ladybirds who 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	Year to date
Chipmunks	98.7%	96.6%
Dragonflies	98.9%	98%
Rabbits	100%	97.8%
Frogs	95.0%	98.4%
Dormice	98.6%	97.4%
Ladybirds	100%	99.2%
Robins	94.9%	96.8%
Doves	98.0%	97.8%
Owls	98.7%	97.3%
Bears	96.9%	97.5%
Foxes	98.0%	98.4%
Ants	99.1%	98.5%
Sparrows	98.4%	98.3%
Voles	95.8%	97.3%
Badgers	98.4%	98.3%
Kestrels	95.4%	96.7%
Squirrels	93.1%	97.3%
Whole School	97.3%	97.4%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

**Rabbits & Ladybirds**

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

**97%**

Odd Socks Day - Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020, it is the start of Anti-Bullying week and the children are invited to wear odd socks on this day to support the campaign.



### Ventilated Classrooms

One of the protective measures for Covid is to ventilate rooms. As per Government guidance, we are keeping windows open across the school to ventilate the classrooms. If your child is finding it particularly cold, please feel free to let them wear a warmer jumper over their school uniform or skins underneath. As the weather gets colder, we will close windows for periods of time and then open them when the children leave the room to ventilate. Please also note that your child can wear extra clothing for PE too in order to keep warm.

### Lucky Listeners

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**LUCKY LISTENERS!**  
Have your student read this poem to you each night for a prize at school! Date and sign the paper each time they read it!

Our Poem This Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Signature

We have been setting Lucky Listeners homework for a while now and have found it has a significant impact on children's reading fluency. Being able to read fluently is

key to developing children's comprehension skills. On your child's Google Classroom page you will find a fact sheet that tells you a lot more about Lucky Listeners and also answers some of the questions that you may have. This homework is set on a regular basis from Years 1-5. In EYFS, the children will start to receive Lucky Listeners homework in the Summer Term and in Year 6 it is targeted at those children who still need some extra support with developing their reading fluency. If you have any questions that are not answered by the fact sheet, please ask your child's teacher or Mrs Marlow.





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## Reading Rewards

We are delighted that since the beginning of term, more and more children are reading five times a week. Many children have already received a Bronze certificate and in a few weeks, we will begin to give out the first Bronze awards. When calculating these rewards, we count a maximum of five reads a week during whole school weeks in term time. This means that reading carried out during school holidays or weeks when there is a non-pupil day are not counted towards the rewards. This is because we know that for some families it is tricky to keep the reading going during the holidays, for various reasons. The rewards are also spread across three terms, as we want to encourage the children to read regularly in term time throughout the whole school year. If your child has still managed to read a lot during the school holidays they may receive house points or other recognition in class and will, of course, have developed their love of reading and enjoyment of books!



## 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

## Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Jermaine Cambridge and Evie-Mai Wood
- Year 5:-** Ollie King and Noah Paton
- Year 4:-** Theo Moyo and Faye Chan
- Year 3:-** Ava Long and George Ridgwell
- Year 2:-** Henry Frost, Edion Avdiya and Amelie Mara
- Year 1:-** Trisha Patel and Ella Abbott
- EYFS:-** Reggie Collins and Tyler Lynch



## Playground Stars of the Week

Michael Clarke, Emily Clayton, Darcey Rowland, Elsie Thompson, Harry Sayer, Chase Gray-Harman, Lillie-Mae Archer, Jacob Sandford, Darcie Cowland, Frankie Bullen, Amelia Henry, Jessica Agass and Evan Taylor

## House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 1,549 points - Golden Eagles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,434 points - Red Arrows
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,400 points - Blue Dolphins
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 1,358 points - Green Dragons



Well done Golden Eagles!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores are for the week before half term.

## 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.daniellessshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellessshop.co.uk)

## PTA News

### PTA - Fundraising Halloween Cookie Boxes!



The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who ordered Halloween Cookie boxes. They received £56.50 in

commission.

## Future Term Dates

- 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\*\*\*\*

- 22/02/21
- 07/06/21
- 08/06/21

