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Dear Parent/Carer,

We welcomed back Bears and Sparrows this week - and celebrated all the lovely work they did whilst learning at home. They really have shown that they are super TPS learners - helped by the wonderful staff in those classes. Thank you to all parents, staff and of course the children for your hard work, inventiveness and good humour! The Google Meets were a hit, I think!

As we slide into December, despite the risk assessments and restrictions, we are determined that our children will be able to feel Christmassy. Although we cannot invite you in to see any performances, we will be bringing the performance to you! EYFS will be doing their own nativity and the rest of the school are planning something special for you too.



As you know, we have asked you to sign your child up to Christmas Dinner, we will be having Christmas Parties and our annual

Christmas Jumper Day. We will not be having Christmas Enterprise Day, but we are hoping perhaps next year that we can have a Summer Enterprise Day. Sadly, your child will not be able to bring in Christmas cards due to the logistics of quarantining etc. However, we are going to have a think about how they can send their cards digitally - and save some trees in the meantime! We are crossing our fingers that perhaps Father Christmas will still be able to peek through some windows and deliver the class presents which will, of course, have been quarantined! Crikey, there is so much to think about!

You will now know that Essex will be going into Tier 2 next week, please continue to be careful and stay safe.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 20th November 2020 there were eleven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above.

Well done to Chipmunks,

Bears and Sparrows 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	100%	97.6%
Dragonflies	96.5%	97.6%
Rabbits	97.9%	97.8%
Frogs	99.4%	98.7%
Dormice	98.3%	97.2%
Ladybirds	99.0%	99.3%
Robins	94.3%	96.8%
Doves	94.0%	97.4%
Owls	96.7%	97.3%
Bears	100%	97.6%
Foxes	98.3%	98.3%
Ants	98.2%	98.4%
Sparrows	100%	98.3%
Voles	98.3%	97.2%
Badgers	97.1%	98.2%
Kestrels	94.3%	96.3%
Squirrels	94.8%	97.1%
Whole School	96.9%	97.4%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

Chipmunks, Bears & Sparrows

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

97%

Message from the School Crossing Patrol Service

With effect from Monday afternoon 30th, November 2020, a School Crossing Patrol will operate both mornings and afternoons on the zebra crossing in Hart Road, to assist parents/carers/pupils on their journeys to and from Thundersley Primary School.



Can you please assist the Patrol to cross you safely by:-

Remaining on the kerb until the Patrol is in the middle of the road.

Patrols are trained to assist pedestrians but also to maintain traffic flows by gathering pedestrians in groups. If traffic is heavy this may mean waiting a few seconds to enable some traffic to pass before the Patrol stops the traffic to assist you to cross.

Can pupils please dismount from and walk their bikes and scooters over the zebra crossing for the safety of the Patrol and other pedestrians.

Lastly, can you please maintain social distancing when near the Patrol.

Thank you.

Year 3 - Biscuit Stone Henge



Last week, as part of their work on the Stone Age, Year 3 enjoyed making Stone Henge out of biscuits! Here is Emilia



Weedon's (Owls) description of what the children got up to.



"First we looked at some pictures of Stone Henge. Then Miss Hause gave us some biscuits and some icing so we could start building our Stone Henge. We started building the outside first, it was very difficult to get the biscuits to stand up so we used the icing to stick them together. Then we built the inside, we used a biscuit covered in icing to be a fallen stone. We decided to scatter biscuit crumbs in the middle to look like moss. We really enjoyed building our Stone Henge and luckily it didn't fall down - it was the funnest activity we have ever done!



Blue Peter Badges



This week we have had three more pupils who have recently received Blue Peter Badges. Jack Allen (Ants), Katie Allen (Ladybirds) and Isaac Swaby (Ladybirds).

Jack loved Conservation Club at school working on the school pond so much that

in Lockdown he made a Water Wildlife Pond from an old plastic paddling pool. He added flowers, bug hotels and lots of wildlife habitat.



Jack had lots of visitors to the pond including frogs, toads, Damselflies and also has a few fish. For his efforts, he achieved his Green Blue Peter Badge, which is for people who care about the



environment and nature. Jack received a lovely letter from the Blue Peter team. Jack said "It was lovely to see all the types of wildlife that used my water wildlife garden and seeing it change over the summer. We had frogs, toads, Damselflies and bees. It was so nice to get the Blue Peter Badge as I really enjoyed doing it and bringing more wildlife into our garden."

Katie made a video about being a Weather Girl, showing different types of weather and made a map of the UK to forecast the weather. Katie had lots of fun and the mini video was a great achievement. For this she received a Blue Peter Badge which she is very proud of. Katie said:-



"I had lots of fun and laughs being a Weather Girl. I got the idea from looking at the UK map and doing a weather chart for school. It was lovely to get a Blue

Peter Badge and I have lots of places to visit when we can."

Isaac received his Blue Peter Badge and a lovely letter from the Blue Peter team for writing the following story about Bernie the Robot:-

Bernie was a curious fellow. One day he went for a walk and he spotted some flowers. The flowers were so beautiful he sniffed them. Aaa.....choo. He went home feeling very poorly. The next day he was still feeling poorly. He stopped in bed again. On the 3rd day he felt lots better and went for a jog with a face mask on to keep him safe from flowers and COVID 19. That was handy wasn't it. He grew legs as well. The end.



Isaac said:-

"My cousins had Blue Peter Badges and I decided to try and get one so I sent in my story, Bernie the Robot, as I was so proud of it. I was really surprised when I got a letter addressed to me as I had forgotten that we had sent it in Lockdown. I was so pleased!"

Well done to you all, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Christmas Cards

Please note that due to the current situation, the children will not be





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able to bring in Christmas Cards this year.

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.

Harry Fairbrass (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Alfie-Lee Horsman and Fraya Kemp

Year 5:- Isla Laver-Davies, Jacob Wood and Lexcye Nharara

Year 4:- Frankie Bullen and Jake Hodson

Year 3:- Chloe Crawley

Year 2:- Sam Clark and Theo Preston

Year 1:- Elsie Thompson and Phoebe Barron

EYFS:- Charlie Baker and Zach Dalton



Playground Stars of the Week

Nellie Gaskin, Leo Jackson, Eleanor Henry, Tilly-Lee Redfearn, Harry Cecil, Henry Frost, Luke Avison, Ethan Abas, Michael

Baldock, Jaidon Kaufman, William English and Francesca Vickers

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 1,003 points - Red Arrows
- 2nd with 965 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3rd with 846 points - Golden Eagles
- 4th with 836 points - Green Dragons



Well done Red Arrows!

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

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

www.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA News

Christmas Present Palace - COVID Friendly - Friday, 11th December 2020

How will it work?



- This year the children will choose their gifts via The Secret Santa Sacks rather than visiting The Present Palace itself.
- The Secret Santa Sacks will contain a variety of pre-wrapped gifts either for ladies, men or a chocolate/biscuit alternative.
- Each class bubble will have its own set of sacks which will have gone through a quarantine process.

Why is it being changed?

- Normally in the morning the children would come to The Present Palace, class by class to choose their gifts but as you can appreciate, that's just not a safe option this year!
- We have worked with the school to ensure the children still get to buy a present in the safest way possible.
- The Secret Santa Sacks mean the children can all still take part and you can help us to raise funds for the school.

What we need you to do!

- The Secret Santa Present Palace will take place on Friday, 11th December 2020.
- As always, the gifts will be limited to a maximum of 2 gifts per child, priced @ £2 per gift.
- **On the day - please send your child in with their money in a sealed envelope clearly marked with:-**





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- **Amount**
- **Name**
- **Class**

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

