



Newsletter No. 6

16th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,



Congratulations to you all! 83% of children read 5 times last week which was the highest we have ever seen. Children in EYFS have made an excellent start on this front, so I have a feeling they are going to be super readers. I cannot overemphasise the importance of children getting into the habit of reading at home - especially this year. Children who read for enjoyment are known to do better in all aspects of education for the rest of their education and that starts in Primary by getting into the habit of reading every day and finding a love of books. I know sometimes this is hard, but it doesn't need to be the child reading always. To my disappointment, neither of my sons are keen readers! I have therefore spent many years reading word about, paragraph about and trying to find them books that they will get into. It has finally paid off with my eldest son and in the meantime I have read the most wonderful children's books. If you are having difficulty finding books your child will enjoy - please let their teacher know and they will make recommendations. In KS2, our Thunderbolt books have something for everyone. Keep up the great work and thank you.

Children have also been busy at home playing SumDog and we had the most children ever taking part in the recent competition. SumDog is a super system which lets the child practise skills at their own level whilst playing against children who are at all levels. For consolidating Maths at home, this and TT Rockstars are second to none! Thank you too for encouraging your children to take part in the competition. There is another starting on 6th November 2020, so let's go for gold!



In these strange times, I feel incredibly proud of our children who are proving to be resilient, kind, enthusiastic and happy learners, despite all the hand washing, new systems and separation from children in other classes. They are also amazingly

caring about their teachers and adults around the school - I am humbled by the hundreds of children I see stepping aside in corridors as adults walk past, stepping back as they talk to an adult so that they are not within 2m of them. You should be very proud of your children!

Have a super weekend.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 9th October 2020 there were fifteen classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Dragonflies, Frogs and Robins 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	94%	95%
Dragonflies	100%	97.1%
Rabbits	98.3%	99%
Frogs	100%	99.2%
Dormice	97.3%	97.4%
Ladybirds	99.3%	99.5%
Robins	100%	96.6%
Doves	99.3%	97.3%
Owls	98%	97%
Bears	99.6%	97.4%
Foxes	98.7%	98.5%
Ants	99.1%	98.1%
Sparrows	99.2%	98.5%
Voles	98.7%	97%
Badgers	99.6%	98.3%
Kestrels	96.1%	97.6%
Squirrels	99.2%	98.5%
Whole School	98.2%	97.4%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%
Dragonflies, Frogs & Robins

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2020 - 2021 is:-
97%

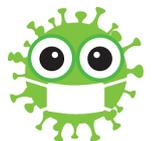
Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place by 31st October 2020. To register your choice please visit:-

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

COVID Test Results

If your child or a family member has a COVID test and the result returns as **positive**, please ensure that you inform us as soon as you receive the results (even if it is out of school hours) in order that the appropriate action can be taken before the next school day begins. Please use the following email address:-



support@thundersley.essex.sch.uk

Please email **negative** results to:-

admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk

Please also note, that all staff will be wearing face coverings when moving around the school from today. As you are aware, Essex will be moving to Tier 2 from tomorrow due to the rising cases of COVID 19 so, if you are visiting the school office or are attending a meeting, you will not be allowed in without a face covering (unless exempt) from Monday. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.





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TCS - Change of Menu on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020



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

Chicken Breast Bites (G1,E)

Veggie Nuggets (G1)

Filled Jacket Potato

Oven Baked Potato Wedges

Baked Beans, Peas

Chocolate Crispie Cake (D,G1,S*)

The Night of the Blitz by Jessica Hayter (Squirrels)

The Year 6 children have been learning about children in WWII as part of their History topic and Jessica Hayter (Squirrels) has written a lovely piece about The Night of the Blitz, which we have attached for you to read. Well done Jessica!



Year 3 - International Postcard Day



The 1st of October was International Postcard Day. In Year 3 we decided to make friends with children from another school and design and write postcards to them. We were very lucky to get some postcards back from the children who go to Radlett School.

"It was fun writing to a real person."

"I liked finding out all about their school, it sounds nice."

"I would like to write to them again."

It was lovely to see how hard our Year 3 children worked on writing their postcards and we are hoping to do this again.

Mrs. Farmer and Miss Huse

Polite Reminders

Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them every day in order to keep hydrated. Please note that our water fountains

have been turned off due to COVID restrictions and therefore your child cannot access water this way at the moment. Thank you.

Toilets

Please note that we no longer have a spare toilet for siblings or adults to use as all toilets are allocated to specific class bubbles. If a Thundersley pupil needs to use the toilet before or after school they must go to their allocated toilet only. 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.

Twitter

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

@Thundersley_P_S

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Rajan Sangha and Stanley Sycamore

Year 5:- Blake Stewart and Faith Jewell

Year 4:- Nicholas Johnson and Arther Davison

Year 3:- Dylan Savage and Noah Judd

Year 2:- Jaxon Grange, Sophie Nix, Lois Oke and Ivy Cook

Year 1:- Toby Sutherland and Dylan Williams

EYFS:- Daniel Arram and Alex Muir



Playground Stars of the Week

Oscar Wooden, Evie Chapman, Henry Frost, Nathan Cirin, Teddy Brewer, Darcie Hearne, Connor Harringley, Sienna Stone, Evie Hardiman, Harry Egleton, George Cox

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 1,440 points - Red Arrows
- 2nd with 1,321 points - Green Dragons
- 3rd with 1,285 points - Golden Eagles
- 4th with 1,223 points - Blue Dolphins



Well done Red Arrows!

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,





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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.danielllesshop.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

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 27th 2020.

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

