



Newsletter No. 3

25th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge welcome to our new children and families in Early Years. Yesterday the children came in for the first time all together, after their initial 'getting to know you' sessions and they had a fantastic time. They settled in remarkably well - thank you to all parents for preparing them. I know it is going to be a super year with our new Dragonflies and Chipmunks!

Sadly, this year we cannot invite all parents in to school for our normal curriculum meetings. Instead the teaching teams have put together a Loom video presentation for you to watch alongside your child. We hope you find these useful. If you click on the link for your year group below the video should open - there is no need to download Loom.

Each of the year groups emphasise the importance of the relationship between home and school and how this year, more than ever, we need your help to motivate the children to complete their homework - particularly reading. I have been amazed by your response to this - last week we had more children than ever read at least 5 times per week. Thank you for all you are doing.

EYFS

<https://www.loom.com/share/3aeb650dff694a3a8341dbc1950d7351>

Year 1

<https://www.loom.com/share/d6832b5ba3b3b44dfb14ac307a2812cc7>

Year 2

<https://www.loom.com/share/06f8dbc056ad47209e4aab82202a0df6>

Year 3

<https://www.loom.com/share/6385ff69143a449d9d9ea676e7dbdad8>

Year 4

<https://www.loom.com/share/86ec583a015d499fa66327d2d7da3932>

Year 5

<https://www.loom.com/share/ea0223aa87e34adfa6a1fec704502b60>

Year 6

<https://www.loom.com/share/064c995ea5f54a4d88ab3d9b5b5f73dd>

As always, if you have any concerns, do not wait for your child's teacher to make a call to you - contact us by email to admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk or give us a call.

Have a super weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

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:-

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

Census Day - 'Welcome Back' Themed Lunch on Thursday, 1st October 2020

On Thursday, 1st 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.**

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.

Attendance



For the week ended 18th September 2020 there were eight classes who achieved 97% attendance or above.

Well done Frogs and Ladybirds 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	Year to date
Rabbits	99.3%	99.1%
Frogs	100%	99.7%
Dormice	98.5%	97.6%
Ladybirds	100%	98.8%
Robins	95%	97.2%
Doves	96.2%	97.4%
Owls	95.8%	95.7%
Bears	95.8%	96.6%
Foxes	97%	97.3%
Ants	99.1%	98.6%
Sparrows	98.4%	97.2%
Voles	96.2%	98.5%
Badgers	94.8%	97.1%
Kestrels	96.5%	96.8%
Squirrels	97.5%	98.3%
Whole School	96.7%	97%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

FROGS & LADYBIRDS





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

97%

Thunderbolts Reading Lists

Every child in school has a Thunderbolts Reading List in their Reading Diaries. This is a list of suggested reading books that we hope your child will enjoy. We would like them to read as many of these books as possible, so that by the time they leave TPS they will have enjoyed a huge range of literature. Your child does not have to read the books independently. If an adult reads one of the books on the list to your child, then your child can still mark the book as read. Children of all ages should still be listening to stories read by adults as this allows them to access books that they might not be able to read by themselves. It really helps them to develop their vocabulary and comprehension skills and children really enjoy listening to stories. Teachers will occasionally choose books from the Thunderbolts lists to read to their class so children can tick these titles off too. We have all of the KS2 Thunderbolts books in school and many of the EYFS and KS1 books, although we are hoping to stock up on these throughout the year. Perhaps, once your child has finished a book on this list they might like to donate it to the school so that other children can enjoy it. (We will, of course, quarantine any donated books before putting them into circulation).

Virtual Marathon in aid of Rays of Sunshine

Isla Sinclair, mum to Chloe in Bears, is running a

virtual marathon on Sunday, 4th October 2020, in aid of Rays of Sunshine and is holding a raffle to raise funds. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Special Thank You



We would like to say a special thank you to the Lions Club of Castle Point for donating £200

towards books for our Library and also to Alton Garden Centre for donating lots of plants at the beginning of Lockdown which the Keyworker children enjoyed watering each day around the school grounds. They looked beautiful!



Honesty is the best policy!

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

Faye Chan (Bears)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Alfranco Murphy, Luca Van Looy and Aidan Tune

Year 5:- Beth Jiggins, Freya Dyne and Sophia Avison

Year 4:- Isabel Green and Alisha Anderson

Year 3:- Grace Crawford and Lara Tune

Year 2:- Robert Foster-Pasterfield, Macey Robinson and Oscar Gladwin

Year 1:- Mavis Heckles and Willow Leer



Playground Stars of the Week

Daisy Avison, Jacob Nevill, Rosie Anstis, Isla Taylor, Zara Higgins, Paisley Laver-Davies, Jack Dudley, Oscar Muscat, Phoebe Newson, Blake Stewart, Grace Honey, Rosina Pickup, Serenity Donaldson and Joe Anderson

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 986 points - Red Arrows & Blue Dolphins

2nd with 847 points - Green Dragons

3rd with 789 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Red Arrows & Blue Dolphins!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

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





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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.

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

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.daniellesshop.co.uk

Community News

Virgin Care Coffee Morning - Mental Health

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps - October 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

