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Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge congratulations to Brooke Watts and Oliver Horwood who are our new Head Girl and Head Boy and our Deputies Teddy Newton, Lola Baker and Evie Hardiman. They should be extremely proud of themselves to be chosen by their peers and staff for these important roles in school. It was an extremely hard decision for everyone this year as it is such a lovely year group with many children who have been excellent role models since they have been at this school. I know they will make their classmates and school community proud. Their first job will be to introduce themselves in assembly to the school this afternoon.

This afternoon, a first for Thundersley, through the wonders of Google Meet, all children will be given the chance to vote for their House Captains - we are all looking forward to hearing their speeches.



I know that many parents in their phone calls with the teachers have been

asking what they can do to support their children's Maths and the answer is SumDog. We have used this programme for many years and it never fails to astound me how much the children enjoy it and how effective it is. All children in Years 1-6 should have login details and the games can be played on any digital device. Today would be a great day to start as it marks the beginning of an Essex wide SumDog competition. The programme sets the work at children's level - so parents, please do not help your child with their calculations! This is a call to arms TPS - let's win, win, win!

Thank you for your co-operation in the mornings. Please remember to drop your child off on time (not early or late) and please do not loiter once you've dropped your child off as the number of cases are rising in this area and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Have a super weekend and stay safe.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 2nd October 2020 there were thirteen classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to

Squirrels who achieved 100%! They will be 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	94.9%	96.0%
Dragonflies	94.7%	94.7%
Rabbits	98.6%	99.2%
Frogs	99.0%	98.9%
Dormice	98.9%	97.1%
Ladybirds	99.3%	99.0%
Robins	98.9%	96.2%
Doves	97.7%	97.1%
Owls	98.7%	97.1%
Bears	97.1%	97.1%
Foxes	98.3%	98.2%
Ants	96.0%	97.9%
Sparrows	95.4%	96.1%
Voles	99.1%	96.8%
Badgers	99.6%	98.0%
Kestrels	99.6%	97.9%
Squirrels	100%	98.3%
Whole School	97.8%	96.8%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

SQUIRRELS

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:-

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

Polite Reminders

School Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Please ensure you drop your child off on time in the mornings as follows:-

EYFS	-	8.55am
Year 1	-	8.55am
Year 2	-	8.50am
Year 3	-	8.45am
Year 4	-	8.45am
Year 5	-	8.45am
Year 6	-	8.45am

Please ensure you pick up your child on time in the afternoons as follows:-

EYFS	-	2.55pm
Year 1	-	3.00pm
Year 2	-	3.05pm
Year 3	-	3.15pm
Year 4	-	3.15pm
Year 5	-	3.20pm
Year 6	-	3.15pm

Thank you.

Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies

Over the last couple of weeks, the children who wished to be considered as Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl gave speeches to their peers as to why they wanted these prestigious roles within the school and why they would make





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good ambassadors. The Year 6 children and all staff members then voted and last week in our weekly Celebration Assembly it was announced that the following children had been chosen:-

- Head Boy - Oliver Horwood
- Head Girl - Brooke Watts
- Deputy Head Boy - Teddy Newson
- Deputy Head Girl - Lola Baker
- Deputy Head Girl - Evie Hardiman

For the first time ever, we have two Deputy Head Girls who both received the same number of votes.

Oliver and Brooke tell below of why they wanted to represent Thundersley as Head Boy and Head Girl and their excitement at being voted in:-



"I wanted to be Head Boy because I thought it would be a great achievement to finish my time at TPS. I thought about what I wanted to say and do and my mum helped me write my speech. I was nervous when I read it out but was really pleased and proud when I found out I was in the top four. I was nervous all week and thought about it every day because I wanted to be Head Boy. When I found out I had been chosen, I was really pleased and my friends cheered and bundled me. Thank you to everyone who voted for me."
(Oliver Horwood)

"First, we had to do a speech to all Year 6s to get through to the finals. We then had to do the speech again to the whole school over Google Meet. I was so nervous! I said that I was friendly and approachable and would represent the views of the children and it would be a real honour to hold the position. In assembly, Miss Dawson announced the results! I was so shocked when she read my name out but was really excited and happy too and cannot wait to start my new role. Everyone that went for Head Boy or Girl should be really proud - it was tough competition and thank you to everyone who voted for me."
(Brooke Watts)



Echo - EYFS First Class 2020 Supplement

The Echo will be publishing the First Class 2020 supplement on Tuesday, 13th October 2020. So if you would like to see your child in print on their first day at school, please ensure you purchase a copy from a local stockist.

Blue Peter Badge



We would like to congratulate Esmae Emin-Wyatt on receiving the coveted Blue Peter Badge recently for sending in a piece of writing called 'Embrace our differences' which Esmae wrote as part of her home learning project during Lockdown. We have attached the piece of writing for you to read. Esmae was very excited to receive a letter from the Blue Peter team congratulating her on achieving a Blue Peter Badge and also explaining that she will receive a Blue Peter Badge Card which will allow her into over 200 Blue Peter Badge attractions. Esmae said "I was excited and happy because I waited for it to come for ages. I think they liked my work as I tried hard and I got a badge!"

Well done Esmae! A lovely piece of writing and well deserved. Wear your badge with pride.

Virtual London Marathon in aid of Rays of Sunshine - Update

We would like to congratulate Isla Sinclair (Chloe Bradsell's mum) on completing the virtual London Marathon and raising the amazing sum of £885 for the charity Rays of Sunshine. Please find attached an update from Isla.



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.

Mrs. Ellis (Teacher)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Tyler Anderson, George Sugg and Hardy Thompson

Year 5:- Grace Honey and Noah Paton

Year 4:- Joshua Hedges and Charlotte Dowsing

Year 3:- Etta-Mae Duke and Ethan Abas

Year 2:- Cienna Thompson and Beau Lewis

Year 1:- Isla Bedford and Evie Barber





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Playground Stars of the Week

Joshua Sandford, Ethan Fitzmaurice, Liam Seymour, Cienna Thompson, Delilah Thomas, Belle Benny, Ava Woodward, Theo Moyo, Abbie Ioannou, Jacob Wood, William Hurd, Brooke Watts, Jermaine Cambridge and Maddison Littler

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 1,560 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 1,445 points - Green Dragons
- 3rd with 1,395 points - Red Arrows
- 4th with 1,237 points - Golden Eagles



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 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.daniellesshop.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.

Community News

Benfleet Teaching School Alliance Recruitment Event - 20th October 2020

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

A Parents Guide to Relationship and Sex Education - Online Training Dates

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

The Deanes Holiday Camps - October Half Term 2020

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SUFC Soccer Schools - October Half Term 2020

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Kidz Camps - October Half Term 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
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

