



Dear Parent/Carer,



Next week, our children will be taking part in the Sports Partnership 'Santa Dash'!

Essentially, they will be completing our daily mile track for a short session each day and totalling up the miles they achieve. We will be in competition with other schools in the area, which we hope will spur the children on. It would be great if we could reach Lapland - which by my reckoning is 2112 miles or 3574km! If children would like to bring in a festive hat to wear for their Dash each day, we would love to see them! Let's hope for crisp, sunny weather!

Congratulations to all those children who received their 11+ results this week - whatever their score, they should be extremely proud of themselves for the hard work and determination they showed in taking the test this year of all years.

It is fantastic news that the UK will be starting a vaccination programme soon - we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. However, we are not there yet! Thank you for your continued support at the beginning and end of the day. Can I just ask that any older siblings who are collecting please wear masks and that only one person is there to pick a child(ren) up. Can Year 2 parents please remember it is only those with siblings who should be arriving at 8.45am - all others should arrive at 8.50am. If everyone comes at 8.45am, the lane is too busy and you are all too close together. I am sure you will have seen the case numbers in Basildon - and we want to avoid that at all costs in Castle Point. Also a reminder that if any member of your household or childcare/support bubble is waiting for a COVID test result or is showing symptoms, the whole family needs to self-isolate.

Can you donate a device?

As you will be aware, if children need to isolate, the Google Classroom is our means of delivering remote learning. For some

of our families this is a challenge due to not having an appropriate device or if they have they are being used for parents working at home. If you have a device that you are not now using and feel that you could donate it to school so that it could be in our bank of those we loan out, we would just be delighted. Any laptop, tablets, iPads or Chromebooks which run Google Chrome can be used.

Have a wonderful, safe weekend.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance



WOW!!! For the week ended 27th November 2020 there were **thirteen** classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. This is a record for

Thundersley. Well done to Chipmunks, Rabbits, Frogs, Dormice, Ladybirds, Sparrows, Badgers, Kestrels and Squirrels 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:-

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%

Chipmunks, Rabbits, Frogs, Dormice, Ladybirds, Sparrows, Badgers, Kestrels and Squirrels

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

97%

Class	Week	Year to date
Chipmunks	100%	97.9%
Dragonflies	98.9%	97.9%
Rabbits	100%	98%
Frogs	100%	98.9%
Dormice	100%	97.2%
Ladybirds	100%	99.4%
Robins	99.6%	97.1%
Doves	81.6%	96%
Owls	89.7%	96.6%
Bears	98.9%	97.7%
Foxes	99.7%	97.1%
Ants	93.5%	97.9%
Sparrows	100%	98.4%
Voles	96.4%	97.1%
Badgers	100%	98.3%
Kestrels	100%	96.6%
Squirrels	100%	96.7%
Whole School	96.2%	97.3%

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

This year, we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as the Christmas Dinner (Wednesday, 9th December 2020) so your child may come into school wearing their school uniform or PE kit (if it is their PE day) and Christmas jumper in return for a donation of any amount you can spare. We look forward to seeing the children wearing their Christmas jumpers and raising money for Save the Children.



Blue Peter Badges

This week it is the turn of Harper Adair (Ladybirds) to share how she gained her Green Blue Peter Badge. Harper wrote a letter to the Blue Peter Team about the environment and planting seed bombs in the woods and in the garden to help bees and butterflies. Harper worked very hard on the letter and was inspired by her friend Katie's big brother Jack's wildlife garden. It's because of him and his





amazing garden that Harper is interested in helping the environment. Harper said:-

"I felt so excited and happy to get my badge.

I'm looking forward to going to Adventure Island and Hyde Hall with it. I worked really hard on my letter and planting my seeds for the butterflies and bees."

Well done Harper, you should be very proud of yourself especially for helping the environment!

Polite Reminder

Medication

Please be reminded that we are unable to administer medication and children must not bring medication into school to administer themselves. 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

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Brendon Fairbrass (Badgers)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

We would also like to say a special congratulations to Alfranco Murphy (Squirrels) for handing in a parent's debit card he found yesterday. As you can imagine, the parent was very pleased to have it returned. Well done Alfranco!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Toby Wade and George Sayer

Year 5:- Jessica Agass, Freya Dyne and Barney Burgess

Year 4:- Max Taylor and Ronnie Hogan

Year 3:- Emilia Weedon and Luke Avison

Year 2:- Sophie Axford

Year 1:- Quinn Godfrey and Lily Crawford

EYFS:- Harry Hills and Charlie Elliott



Playground Stars of the Week

Aiden Clarke, Lucas Bartrup, Florence Rawles, Poppy Hemmings, Katie Allen, Lillie-May Archer, Esmee Emin-Wyatt, Riley Frost, Lilly Leaford, Joseph McNeeley, Megan Newitt and Luca Van-Loo

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 1,267 points - Red Arrows

2nd with 1,156 points - Golden Eagles

3rd with 1,115 points - Green Dragons

4th with 1,101 points - Blue Dolphins



Well done again 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. Bezdell 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

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





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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:-**

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

Holiday Activity Camps for children in the local area. These will take place on 21st, 22nd, 29th and 30th December 2020 with a choice of activities each day. If you would like to book a place for your child and view their updated risk assessment please visit:-

www.deanessportscentre.com/holiday-camps

Runnymede Swim School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

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

Community News

The Deanes Community Sports Centre has now reopened. As part of their community offer, in line with the newly updated national guidance, they have decided to offer a series of Christmas

