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Dear Parent/Carer,

Oh my goodness me - what a wet day!

The children are really enjoying our assemblies which, of course, are all being held on Google Meets. These events give us a chance to see the whole school and to feel a sense of community. Last week we had the joy of hearing a shortlisted group of children from Year 6 who were putting themselves forward to be Head Girl and Head Boy. They did a wonderful job, showed great courage and were excellent role models for the rest of the school. We await the result of the vote with bated breath! Those who want to be a House Captain will do a similar exercise, thus giving the whole school the chance to vote for their Team Captain.



On Monday, we joined in with the Diana Awards BIG Anti-bullying assembly - such an important

aspect of our ethos at Thundersley. The children heard from celebrities about the importance of being kind and of who is

around to support them if someone is being unkind. We all stood up and made a pledge to put an end to bullying.



The rest of our assemblies this week have followed our PSHE theme, gratitude. In times such as these, it is sometimes hard to find things to be grateful for. However, studies suggest that finding things to be thankful for is important for our wellbeing, leading to physical and psychological benefits, as well as being a 'social glue' that connects people. The children have really enjoyed the assemblies. Next week our theme is 'connectedness'.

I am really grateful for your support in getting behind our Census Day school dinner! The more children who have school dinners on that day, the better this area of our budget is in the coming year. Yesterday our Cook, Lorraine, and her fabulous team made over 420 meals - a record for TPS! Chicken/veggie nuggets were a hit!

Our drop off and pick up system seems to be going well now, so well that we can tweak some of the timings! From Monday, in order that we do not have queues of siblings waiting for too long, especially as the weather gets colder and so that we maximise teaching time, we will be changing the times of EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 as follows:-

- EYFS - 8.55am and 2.55pm
- Year 1 - 8.55am and 3.00pm
- Year 2 - 8.50am and 3.05pm

The other year groups remain at their original times.

- Year 3 - 8.45am and 3.20pm
- Year 4 - 8.45am and 3.15pm
- Year 5 - 8.45am and 3.20pm
- Year 6 - 8.45am and 3.15pm

It is really important that you are on time, but not early! Please, please unless you have siblings who come in earlier, do not arrive at your queue before the prescribed time so that everyone has a chance to social distance. If it is really raining, we will let children in early, as we did today, to avoid you all queuing for too long.

Have a wonderful weekend - read lots and stay safe.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 25th September 2020 there were nine classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Foxes 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
Rabbits	98.6%	98.9%
Frogs	97.4%	98.9%
Dormice	94.8%	96.7%
Ladybirds	99.0%	98.9%
Robins	90.1%	95.4%
Doves	95.6%	96.9%
Owls	98.7%	96.6%
Bears	98.2%	97.1%
Foxes	100%	98.1%
Ants	98.3%	98.5%
Sparrows	94.4%	96.4%
Voles	90.1%	96.1%
Badgers	98.4%	97.5%
Kestrels	99.1%	97.4%
Squirrels	96.7%	97.8%
Whole School	96.3%	96.8%

Congratulations to this week's winners with 100%
FOXES

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:-





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

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy



Do you know someone who would like a rewarding opportunity within the community? We currently have a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol Officer at this school.

No experience is required and full training and uniform is provided. The role is part time and term time, assisting pupils and other pedestrians to safely cross the road. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested and want to find out more - please visit www.workingforessex.com or call the School Crossing Patrol Service on 03330 139788 or email your details to school.crossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk. Thank you.

Polite Reminders

School Office Hours

Open at 7.45am (for phone calls)
Closed at 5.00pm (4.30pm on Wednesdays)

Due to the current circumstances, visits to the main School Office are restricted and by appointment only. Thank you.

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day even if, when you set off in the morning it is nice weather, as it can be very unpredictable during the Autumn/Winter months. Thanks you.



Peanut Butter/Nutella/Nut Products



We would like to remind you that your child **must not** bring peanut butter, Nutella or any nut products into school as we

have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school at all times in order to keep hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.



Asthma Pumps



If your child requires an asthma pump, please ensure that your child has one in the main school office and one in their classroom. Please also check that the pumps are in date. Thank you.

Labels

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name in order that they can be returned if found. 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:- Lilly Howlett and Ellie Leighton
Year 5:- Harry New, Charlie Haggis and Eniola Adewumi



Year 4:- Aidan Taylor and Hollie Cumming
Year 3:- Aaliyah Hussein and Louie Tucker
Year 2:- Hollie Agass and Hollie Tinsley
Year 1:- Kody Hearne and Cooper Kendrick

Playground Stars of the Week

Sophia England-Cowan, Olivia Dean, Ella Sewell, Amelie Mara, Etta-Mae Duke, Freya Longmore, Chloe Bradsell, Tayfika Sara, Lexi Slate, Annabelle Monk, Jack O'Dell, Heidi Wood, Teddy Newson, Arek Szubert and Evie May

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 1,326 points - Golden Eagles
2nd with 1,288 points - Red Arrows
3rd with 1,181 points - Green Dragons
4th with 1,178 points - Blue Dolphins



Well done Golden Eagles!

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:-





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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

The Deanes Open Evening

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

