



Dear Parent/Carer,

A super week of sport at Thundersley - the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed that, despite not having taken part in many competitions this year, they haven't lost their fighting spirit! The winning team will be revealed to the children in assembly today.

The children look amazing today and have broken every rule possible! They have really gone to town! We are really missing our lovely Dragonflies and Chipmunks this week, but they have joined in with the Break the Rules Day and looked amazing in the Google Meet!

This is our last newsletter at the end of what has been another most remarkable year! A year in which, once again, we worked together to keep our fabulous Thundersley children learning! You have been the most wonderful support to your children and to us as a school and for that we thank you all. Children's success in education is determined by the partnership between school and home and I truly believe that these two years have made us stronger as a community and enhanced that partnership.

Goodbye



As I mentioned in my letter to you yesterday, we are saying a fond farewell to some valued team members - Mrs English who has kept our children safe and happy at lunchtime for the past 3 years, the talented Miss Carter, who has nurtured the artistic talents of countless children over the past 13 years, Mrs Monti whose patience and kindness has helped guide children beautifully over the last 8 years and Mrs Godier, who has been a wonderful support to many, many children and their families and who, after 26 years at this school, is retiring to start a new adventure across the Irish Sea. I know you will want to join me in thanking them and wishing them all the very best for the future.

Finally, we wish a fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6 children - Badgers, Kestrels and Squirrels. You have been a credit to this school and we know that you are going to do exceptionally well in Secondary School. Hold your heads high and 'Be the best you can be'. We will miss you all!

Thank you



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who despite the limitations have still worked exceptionally hard to raise money and give the children some normality. Your child will receive a keepsake on Wednesday and this is all thanks to the PTA and one of our talented parents.

I would like to say a personal thank you to every member of staff, Governors and Trustees for their hard work, courage and dedication again this year. I can honestly say I have never worked with such a brilliant team of people and never felt more proud.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday, 2nd September 2021.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Parent survey

On Monday, you will receive a link to a parent survey which we would really appreciate you completing. We want to continue to improve as a school and really value your feedback.

Attendance



For the week ended 9th July 2021 there were four classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bears and Fs. They will be sharing looking after Attendance Ted next week. 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	96.6%	96.0%
Dragonflies	96.7%	96.0%
Frogs	92.3%	98.1%
Dormice	96.8%	96.1%
Ladybirds	94.7%	98.5%
Robins	88.5%	95.5%
Doves	95.1%	96.3%
Owls	93.6%	97.2%
Bears	98.6%	97.3%
Foxes	98.6%	98.1%
Ants	95.7%	97.5%
Sparrows	96.0%	97.2%
Voles	94.6%	96.4%
Badgers	98.3%	98.1%
Kestrels	96.5%	96.8%
Squirrels	97.1%	95.9%
Whole School	95.2%	96.8%

Congratulations to this week's winners

BEARS & FOXES

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

97%

Office Closure

Please note that the Office will be closing at 3.30pm on Wednesday, 21st July 2021.

Uniform

Please note that from September the children are required to wear the winter uniform as detailed below:-





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EYFS:- White Polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and trainers which can be washed easily.

EYFS PE kit:- Yellow t-shirt with school logo, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls (optional plain coloured tracksuit for outside PE).

KS1:- White Polo shirt/white shirt (tie optional), grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and sturdy black school shoes or black trainers.

KS2:- White shirt, tie, grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and sturdy black school shoes or black trainers.

KS1/KS2 PE kit:- Yellow t-shirt with school logo, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls (optional plain coloured tracksuit and trainers for outside PE).

Please note that all clothing should be clearly labelled and long hair must be tied back at all times. Earrings must be removed for P.E. and Swimming (we kindly request that if your child is going to have their ears pierced, they do so at the beginning of the summer break in order that they can participate in P.E. and Swimming on their return to school in September). Thank you.

Return to School

Please note that the children return to school on **Thursday, 2nd September 2021**.

TCS Change of Menu - Tuesday, 20th July 2021

We would like to advise that there is a change to the dinner menu on Tuesday, 20th July 2021 as follows:-

Chicken/Veggie Nuggets
Chips
Beans

Jelly

Sports Mornings



On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, we hosted our annual Sports Days here at Thundersley. The children took on a variety of challenges and activities, including jumping, throwing and running. The children were superb and their sporting spirit shone through. There was a fantastic atmosphere and every single child gave 100% effort.

A special well done to Red Arrows who won the Years 5 and 6 Sports morning, and to Golden Eagles who won the Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Sports morning.



Congratulations to our overall winners the Golden Eagles. Red Arrows came 2nd, Blue Dolphins came 3rd and Green Dragons came 4th.

Year 6 Transition visits to Respective Secondary Schools

Recently, our Year 6 pupils had their transition visits in preparation for starting their Secondary Schools in September. Unfortunately, some of the children had their visits cancelled due to COVID. Please find below some of the children's experiences:-

The Appleton School - Evie Hardiman (Badgers)

When I arrived at The Appleton School, they took us down to the P.E. Hall and explained what lessons we are going to do. Then they told us all about the rules and uniform. After that, they took us on some taster lessons and I really enjoyed them. The one bit that I didn't like was the tests! Apart from that I loved it.



The King John School - Divia Pal (Squirrels)



Nervously I arrived at the front gates of my Secondary School. I was given a warm greeting by the Head Boy and Girl. I was told where to go and was delighted to see some of my friends who were also waiting anxiously. During the day, we did simple subjects like Maths, English, Science and Drama. Science was a bit like a game. I'm very excited to go to my new school.

Westcliff High School for Boys - Rajan Sangha (Kestrels)

On the 2nd July 2021, I went on my induction day at Westcliff High School for Boys. When I walked through the school, there were many people I didn't know. Luckily, I had my friend with me so I didn't feel lonely. I sat down on the freshly cut grass and waited for everyone to arrive. We started our activities for the day: Maths, Problem Solving, English, Group Tasks, Science activities and P.E. which was running and football. By the end of the day, I made a few friends and I had a great time.





The Deanes School - Kitty Gaskin (Kestrels)



I had a wonderful time at The Deanes for my induction day. I did lots of different subjects such as: Science, Food Tech, Art and History. Other than just learning different subjects, we also got to meet new friends, the Head of Year, the Head of School and so many other amusing people. The Deanes School feels like the right place for me because the people are friendly and so are the teachers. Although it is a bit nerve wracking, you get used to it after a while.

Fitzwimarc Secondary School - Teddy Newson (Badgers)

The teacher from Fitzwimarc, Miss Lilly, came to Thundersley and we all went into the Yellow Hall to watch a slide presentation. The presentation informed us of the Olympic based Summer School and starting in September. She also told us about the subjects, discipline, uniform and more.



Sweyne - Alex Abbott (Badgers)



Sweyne cancelled their induction days but I am going for a 1 hour walk around next week. I am looking forward to trying lots of different sports and meeting new friends. Also walking from class to class because sitting down all day is hard!

Shoeburyness High School - Harry Fairbrass (Squirrels)

I am really looking forward to Secondary School because I want to make new friends and get into the sport. I really like my Headteacher, she is really



nice. I also like the school. It is a really big school and the sport is amazing.

Southend High School for Boys - Pratap Srivastava (Kestrels)



When I went to my Secondary School (Southend High School for Boys) I was extremely nervous as I had nobody from Thundersley going there but immediately I made a few friends. The school was massive: two blocks like mountains and an enormous field like a sea of grass. All the teachers were welcoming which made me feel very relaxed. As the day came to an end, I didn't want to leave but when I did, I left with a huge smile on my face.

Chase High School - Charlotte Milton (Squirrels)

I'm really excited to go to Secondary School. I'm really interested in trying Chemistry and Geography. I would like to make new friends and have a fun time.



Belfairs Academy - Hardy Thompson (Badgers)



When I arrived, the teachers took us around the school showing us the Year 7 classes. After that, they showed us a classroom and we watched a video about our behaviour, uniform and the Head of Year 7 teacher talking about the school. It was an interesting video. After that, I walked home.

Year 6 Roots to Food Day



On Monday, the Year 6 children were treated to a cookery lesson from the Roots to Food team. The smell of gorgeous fresh food cooking could be smelt all around the corridors and the children had a fantastic

time. Lilly Harvey (Kestrels) gives her account of the session below:-



"I really enjoyed the cooking workshop. First thing, we were introduced to Darren and his assistant. Secondly, we marinated the chicken with garlic powder, chilli flakes and raw ginger and many more ingredients. After that, we cut mangetout, carrots (we cut and steamed them first), pepper, spring onion and a red onion. We stirred it all together and then put it in a pan and cooked it for a minute and a half and then we took out the carrots and put them in the pan as well. With the cutting there were quite a lot of techniques like the bridge, the claw and



many more. We waited for





the food to cook - it took up to two minutes. It was finally finished. We tried it and IT WAS AMAZING! I even went to get seconds. Mostly everyone liked it (except some people). I also had thirds!"

Music Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Faye Chan (Bears) who has recently passed her Grade 1 Piano exam and also her Music Theory with a Distinction. Despite the lockdown and home schooling, Faye has been busy learning Piano with her mum. Faye is super proud

and so is her mum. Faye is now working towards her Grade 2 level and she is really enjoying playing the Piano. Good luck for your next exam Faye!

Thundersley Rovers Football Semi-Finals

On Sunday, 4th July 2021, Delilah Thomas, Lara Tune, Olivia Collins and Lillie-May Archer (all in Doves) participated in their first ever tournament for Thundersley Rovers. The girls made it through to the semi-finals, playing some fantastic matches and had lots of fun, despite the rain. Their parents are very proud. Well done girls on your fabulous achievement - we might see you playing for England one day!



Harry Kane's Surprise!



Luke Avison (Doves) had the surprise of his life last week when he received a personalised signed photo from the England Football Captain, Harry

Kane. A family friend knows Harry and told him how much Luke looks up to him so he sent it to Luke as a positive bit of encouragement after a tricky year. Luke was very surprised and speechless at first and was very happy that Harry did it for him last week while taking part in the Euro 2020 competition. Luke put it straight into a frame at home in his bedroom to keep it safe. Wow Luke, what an amazing surprise!

Amazon Adventure

Last weekend, Jack Allen (Ants) and his dad went from Heybridge Lock to Paper Mill Lock as part of a canoe adventure to paddle the



equivalent length of the Amazon River (4,000 miles). Jack and his dad logged 7.5 miles towards the total and the rest of the miles will be contributed to by Cubs, Scouts and Explorers over July. Jack said "It took a long time but I got to see so much wildlife on the route. The hardest part was having to get the canoe out and then back in at the Weirs we passed." Well done Jack - maybe you will be able to canoe down the actual Amazon one day on your own adventure!

COVID Testing



Regular testing remains a vital part of the approach to managing the virus, whether an individual has symptoms or not (asymptomatic). It is

vital that anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 self-isolates immediately, along with other members of their household and organises a PCR test. It is not appropriate to use rapid lateral flow tests when individuals have symptoms of Covid-19. The symptoms of Covid-19 remain the same - cough, high temperature and loss of sense of taste or smell can be found here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms-in-children).

We also continue to strongly encourage staff, students and their households to take part in regular testing if they are not showing symptoms. This will help to reduce the risk of the virus unknowingly entering the school community. School staff and students of secondary age have access to twice-weekly asymptomatic Covid-19 testing through their school or setting. Households of staff, children and young people attending primary schools or settings also have access to twice weekly testing.

You can access a free LFT in a number of ways, including at the local LFT site in your district, by collecting a home LFT kit from a test site, or by ordering a home test kit online. More information about these options can be found here: [Regular Rapid Lateral Flow Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Tests](https://www.essex.gov.uk/support-if-you-are-self-isolating).

Schools and settings remain responsible for contact tracing following a positive case. Any individual identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 has a legal obligation to self-isolate if advised to. There is help available, including financial support, if you are required to self-isolate and are unable to go out to work or work from home - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/support-if-you-are-self-isolating>





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Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Emmie Heather and Evie Hardiman

Year 5:- Otto Gibson, Lincoln Tuckwell and Annabelle Monk

Year 4:- Phoebe Newson and Arther Davison

Year 3:- Mason Hills and Pippa Hawkins

Year 2:- Chase Gray-Harman, Isaac Swaby and Rose Beckford

Year 1:- Rabbits and Isaac Wood



Playground Stars of the Week

Francesca Vickers, Faith Jewell, Sonny Groombridge, Otto Gibson, Aiden Taylor, Isabella Legg, Alexia Lewington, Harry Green, Jaxon Grange, Amelie Mara, Charlie MacDonald, Stanley Evers,

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,656 points - Golden Eagles
- 2nd with 2,639 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3rd with 2,467 points - Red Arrows
- 4th with 2,278 points - Green Dragons



Well done Golden Eagles!

The House Point scores for the year are:-

- 1st with 39,542 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 39,328 points - Red Arrows
- 3rd with 37,294 points - Green Dragons
- 4th with 35,413 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.

PTA News

Break the Rules Day - Friday, 16th July 2021

The total sum raised for today will be announced when we return in September.

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

Community News

KidAround Magazine

Please find the linke below for the above magazine:-



<https://online.fliphtml5.com/uuelp/pwe/j/>

ACL Family Learning

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Activate - The Pulse

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

The Big Summer Festival

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

- 21/07/21 - Last day of Term
- 02/09/21 - Start of the Autumn Term
- 25/10/21 to 29/10/21 - Half Term
- 20/12/21 to 03/01/22 - Christmas Break
- 04/01/22 - Start of the Spring Term
- 14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term
- 04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break
- 19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term
- 02/05/22 - Bank Holiday
- 30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break
- 22/07/22 - Last day of Term

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

- 01/09/21
- 01/11/21
- 21/02/22
- 06/06/22
- 07/06/22

