



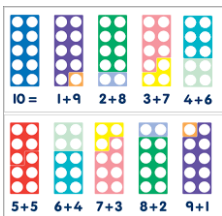
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am continually reminded of the resilience of our children - they have coped amazingly with all that has been thrown at them this year!

Thanks to your hard work at home and all the opportunities for language enrichment in school, reading across the school has held strong, despite the pandemic. This is quite a feat! We now need to turn our focus (as well as keeping reading!) to number bonds and multiplication facts. We need to make it our mission as a community.



In EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, the main aim is to develop children's knowledge of counting, numbers and number bonds

so that by the end of Year 2, they can rapidly answer questions within 20 without having to work them out - they just know that 5 and 6 makes 11, that 7 and 8 makes 15. If they can do this - any numbers higher than that can then be figured out with ease. In Year 2, they also start to learn multiplication tables. In Years 2, 3 and 4 they work their way through the tables and by the end of Year 4, children are expected to recall rapidly answers to multiplication and division facts to 12X12. In June, children in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in a version of the Government's Multiplication Check Test, where they are given 25 quick fire multiplication questions to answer with 6 seconds for each question. I know that children in both year groups are absolutely working their socks off to achieve this - please give them as much help at home as you can. Parents will receive the results of the check once completed.

Have a super weekend - let's make it COUNT!

**Miss E. Dawson,**  
**Headteacher**

## Attendance



For the week ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 there were twelve classes who achieved 97% attendance or above.

Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 99.3%. They will be 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	96.2%	97.5%
Dragonflies	93.3%	96.6%
Rabbits	98.3%	99.0%
Frogs	96.3%	98.3%
Dormice	98.7%	96.4%
Ladybirds	99.3%	99.0%
Robins	97.8%	96.6%
Doves	97.9%	95.9%
Owls	97.7%	97.3%
Bears	98.7%	97.5%
Foxes	98.0%	98.3%
Ants	99.2%	97.7%
Sparrows	98.8%	97.6%
Voles	94.3%	96.7%
Badgers	98.4%	98.1%
Kestrels	98.3%	96.7%
Squirrels	96.7%	95.4%
Whole School	97.4%	97%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**LADYBIRDS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2020 - 2021 is:  
  
97%

## Captain Tom 100 Challenge



We would like to congratulate Stanley Cook in Bears who has completed a Captain Tom 100 challenge last weekend in memory of Sir Captain Tom and to raise money for Meningitis Now, a charity close to his heart. Stanley completed 100 pogo stick hops and has already raised over £120, smashing his £50 target!

Stanley chose Meningitis Now, as his younger sister Ivy in Ladybirds was hospitalised at only two weeks old! Luckily, Ivy fought very hard and beat the illness returning home after a week in intensive care at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford.

Stanley's family are really proud of his attitude towards helping others and raising money for a great cause in memory of a great man!

A video of Stanley completing the challenge has also been posted on the Thundersley Primary School Twitter page.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please use the link below:-





<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-er-display/showROFundraiserPage?pageId=1280062>

Well done Stanley, that's quite a feat staying on a pogo stick for that long and raising such an amazing amount of money!

### Exciting News!



Some exciting news this week - we took delivery of our new minibus! In preparation for the return of normality at school we will be ready with our

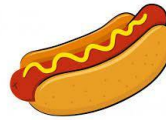
minibus to embark once again to sporting events and trips out and about. We are sharing our new vehicle with Kingston so don't panic if you see children in red uniforms riding in it. Over the next few weeks, we will have staff assessed and qualified to drive the minibus to ensure we comply with all Health and Safety regulations. It is very shiny and spotlessly clean and we can't wait to use it for our children.

### Census Day Fun Lunch - Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

We would like to advise that on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 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 will be:-

Hot Dog in a Roll  
Veggie Hot Dog in a Roll

Crispy Cubed Potatoes  
Sweetcorn  
Baked Beans



Sugar Ring Doughnut

### Well-being Diploma



Miss Huse, Miss Parmenter and Mrs. Hoeb have been busy designing a new Well-being Diploma and the School Council are trialling the system before it

is launched to the rest of the school. There are four main areas - mindful, health, hope and kindness and the children will be doing their own self-guided projects just like an Open University course! Once the diploma has been fine-tuned, the Well-being Classroom will be accessible to everyone in our school so watch this space.

### Recommended Reading

We have had the following books recommended to us if your child is looking for a good read:-



Alice Dent And The Incredible Germs by Gwen Lowe

The Day I Fell Into A Fairytale by Ben Miller

If your child has a book they would like to recommend to other children, please email [admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk).

### Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Lawrence Woodward, William Green and Jessica Libby

**Year 5:-** Blake Beale, Amelia Henry and Jaidon Kaufman

**Year 4:-** Stanley Cook

**Year 3:-** George Fillary and Tom Clayton

**Year 2:-** Fritz Eyong, Ellen Weeden and Jimmy Hunter



**Year 1:-** Koby Blackhall, George Oswald and Stanley Evers

**EYFS:-** George Elliott, Kadiee Barter and Lacey-Belle Fenemore

### Playground Stars of the Week

Jimmy Hunter, Jeremy D'Aleo, Tyler Lynch, Skylar Player, Lucy Sutherland, Jessica Turner, Dexter White, Jack Dudley, Bobbi-Lei Ross, Charlotte Savage, Lexi Slate, Freya Dyne, Macie Parry, Brooke Watts, Ruby Abbott and Ollie Pereira

### House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 2,355 points - Red Arrows
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2,188 points - Green Dragons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,969 points - Blue Dolphins
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 1,907 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Red Arrows!

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

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Sidney Barrett (Bears)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

### 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





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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](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.  
Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

## Community News

### Lord's Barbers

**LORD'S**  
Barbers  
79 Star Road Thundersley SS7 5PB

We would like to thank Lord's Barbers in the Village who called in this week to donate £65 to our PTA. Lord's offered to donate 10% of every child's haircut from Thundersley Primary School to our PTA before lockdown and of course, we welcome these funds during these difficult times.

### 11+ Summer School - Better Learning

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Future Term Dates

31/05/21 to 04/06/21 - Whitsun Break  
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\*\*\*\*

07/06/21  
08/06/21

01/09/21  
Additional Non Pupil Days are yet to be confirmed

