



Dear Parent/Carer,

School closures and concerns about the effect that this has had on children's education and mental health has meant us re-evaluating our curriculum for this term and whilst we are still teaching a broad and balanced curriculum, our focus has changed. As well as our top four teaching priorities for English and Maths - oracy, reading, automaticity and reasoning - we are absolutely committed to supporting TPS children through high quality Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and getting children active through PE lessons, sport, extra-curricular clubs and active breaks throughout the day. Our extra-curricular active club programme has got off to a super start, with children taking part in sessions provided by staff in school, The Deanes Sports Partnership and Essex Elite. Sports Partnership coaches are also coming in during each lunchtime to encourage children to keep active and Essex Elite will be providing fun active sessions one afternoon a week for classes to take part in. We are using our Sports Premium money to fund these programmes because we know how important being physically active is to support children's mental health and therefore their learning. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please do talk to their class teacher or contact me through the school office or support email address. Far from being the media's 'lost generation' we want this to be the cohort of TPS children who fly!

Have a super Bank holiday weekend and keep safe.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 23rd April 2021 there were twelve classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits 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	95.9%	97.6%
Dragonflies	97.3%	96.8%
Rabbits	100%	99.0%
Frogs	97.3%	98.4%
Dormice	95.6%	96.2%
Ladybirds	99.0%	99.0%
Robins	97.0%	96.6%
Doves	97.0%	95.4%
Owls	99.0%	97.3%
Bears	96.6%	97.5%
Foxes	98.7%	98.3%
Ants	96.7%	97.6%
Sparrows	97.7%	97.8%
Voles	97.0%	96.9%
Badgers	99.6%	98.1%
Kestrels	96.1%	96.1%
Squirrels	99.1%	95.3%
Whole School	97.5%	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

RABBITS

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

97%

COVID



We would like to remind parents/carers that if your child has a cough, high temperature or loses their taste/smell, they need to have a PCR test before returning to school. Please **do not** send your child to school with any of the above symptoms. If anyone in your household is testing for COVID, your child must not come to school until that person receives a negative test result. Please note that Lateral Flow Tests are used to pick up any asymptomatic positive results. If your child has symptoms, they must take a PCR test at one of the COVID Test Centres (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>).

National Gardening Week - Donations

It is National Gardening Week and Year 2 are busy planting for their current topic. They are currently working on sprucing up the school garden and would welcome donations towards making a beautiful space for the whole school to enjoy. We would most kindly welcome donations of compost, bedding plants, watering cans, large plant pots, colourful wellies (to reuse as planters) and decorations to brighten up the area. We would really appreciate anything you can do to help. Please take your donations to the main School Office. Thank you.



Recommended Reading



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

The Naughtiest Unicorn by Pip Bird
Mummy, Fairy & Me by Sophie Kinsells
Fing by David Walliams
DK Eye Witness Books
Slime by David Walliams





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If your child has a book they would like to recommend to other children, please email admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk.



Change of Address, Email Address or Telephone Number



As you will know, it is paramount that we have the correct contact details for parents/carers and therefore kindly ask

that, if you have recently changed your address, email address or telephone number, you advise the office accordingly by emailing:-

admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk.

Thank you.

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Jude Tomlinson and Serenity Donaldson

Year 5:- Phoebe Horne, Sienna Stone and Faith Jewell

Year 4:- Lily Seager-Kiddell and Isla Church

Year 3:- Oliver Cambridge and Kitty Brazier

Year 2:- Theodore Trevallion, Hollie Agass and Kayaan Patel

Year 1:- Kyle Barter

EYFS:- Taylor Dwyer-St-Pier

Playground Stars of the Week

Faye Chan, Divia Pal, William English, Millie-Mae Morgan, Ronnie Ellis, Alfie Dwyer-St-Pier, Chloe Crawley, Olivia Collins, Maisie Upfield, Isaac Swaby, Dylan Oakley, Patrick Ridgwell and Alex Muir

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 1,936 points - Green Dragons

2nd with 1,762 points - Blue Dolphins

3rd with 1,746 points - Red Arrows

4th with 1,694 points - Golden Eagles

Well done Green Dragons!

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. 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

Community News

Essex Police Local Update



Please find attached Essex Police Local Updates for the Castle Point District and the Rochford District for your information.

Wild Cats Girls' Football Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Nexus Fostering

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

03/05/21 - Bank Holiday
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

