



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have staff members who have lost loved ones to COVID and I know a number of our families have too so it was very appropriate that on Monday we took part in the minute's silence for the National Day of Reflection. Our children and staff stood on the field, or in the hall in their class bubbles, a bell tolled and silence fell. When the bell rang again, everyone clapped. A fitting tribute to those we have lost, to the amazing efforts of all involved in keeping the country going, fighting the disease and to a brighter future.

Thanks to your generosity, last Friday we raised £528.16 for Comic relief! I know the children thoroughly enjoyed their Dance challenge - and they looked great in their red!



Yesterday, six of our Year 6 children took part in the first ever BATIC Zoom Spelling Bee! They did a wonderful job and came

4th out of 10 schools. Some of the words were extremely hard - how many of us can spell the word chauffeur?

We know that educational success in pretty much all subjects is determined by children's ability to read and their knowledge of words. Children need to read aloud every day to make the best progress - so please keep reading alongside your child. Reading page about helps your child keep motivated and gives them a good role model to copy. My son is in Year 6 and we are reading the Hunger Games together - I am loving it!

Please, keep using your lateral flow tests throughout the holidays and test on the Sunday night or Monday morning that your child returns to school to keep us all safe.

You will know that from Monday, at last, we can meet up outside and in our gardens, let's hope the sun shines!

Thank you to you all for your wonderful support.

Have a happy Easter.



Miss Dawson
Headteacher

Return to School

Please note that we return to school on **Monday, 12th April 2021**.

Attendance



For the week ended 19th March 2021 there were **fourteen** classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits

and Squirrels who both 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:-

Class	Week	Year to date
Chipmunks	97.8%	97.8%
Dragonflies	93.2%	96.9%
Rabbits	100%	99.2%
Frogs	98.0%	98.5%
Dormice	97.3%	96.1%
Ladybirds	99.0%	99.1%
Robins	97.7%	96.4%
Doves	99.0%	95.6%
Owls	96.6%	97.0%
Bears	99.7%	98.1%
Foxes	98.6%	98.2%
Ants	98.3%	97.7%
Sparrows	98.3%	98.1%
Voles	92.9%	96.9%
Badgers	99.6%	97.9%
Kestrels	97.8%	96.6%
Squirrels	100%	95.0%
Whole School	97.6%	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
Rabbits & Squirrels

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

Summer Uniform

Please note that when the children return after the Easter break, they are required to wear our Summer uniform which is:-

Boys:- Yellow Polo shirt (School logo)
Grey trousers or shorts
Grey sweatshirt (School logo)
Sturdy shoes/trainers

Girls:- Yellow Gingham dress
Yellow Polo shirt (School logo)
Grey trousers or skirt
Grey cardigan (School logo)
Sturdy shoes/trainers

Please also note the following:-

Children with shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back during the school day.

Children must not wear nail varnish or makeup.

Children may wear stud earrings only (which **must** be removed for P.E.)

Comic Relief Day



Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief Day. Thanks to your generosity, we raised the magnificent sum of

£528.16.



Polite Reminder

Mobile Phones

Just a polite reminder that children must not bring mobile phones to school. Children in Year 6 who walk to and/or from school on their own are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons but these must be handed in to the teacher on arrival and parents must complete and sign a permission form. Thank you.



Year 3 - The Secret Sky Garden



For the first week back at school, Doves and Owls looked at The Secret Sky Garden and did lots of activities based on this book. They had lots of fun painting kites, making seed bombs, planting seeds and thinking about how they could make our environment more pleasant.



Olivia Collins said "It was lots of fun making the seed bombs and getting messy. We let them dry out for a day and then we threw them at the end of the field. Hopefully the seeds will grow."



They look good because they are bee friendly."

This book has fired up an enthusiasm for gardening and the Year 3s are hoping to make their concrete balcony more attractive by planting flowers and plants. Every Friday a group of children do some gardening during Golden Time.



"It's really fun watching the seeds grow. We have planted beans, sunflowers and cosmos and when the weather is better we will put them outside."

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.

Lily Crawford (Frogs)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Evan Taylor and Alfie Horsman

Year 5:- Megan Prosser and Lucy Williams

Year 4:- Marnie O'Connell and Harry Thompson

Year 3:- Lucas Rowland and Luke Avison

Year 2:- Ava Lake, Kyle Clarke & Sophie Axford

Year 1:- Frankie Venneear and Henry Walters

EYFS:- Mason Major

Playground Stars of the Week

Cooper Kenrick, Isobel Hawkins, Freddy Peryer, Joshua Nix, Harry Fairbrass, Delilah Thomas, Kayaan Patel, Charlotte Onsloe, Aaliyah Hussein, Hollie Cumming, Emily-Beau Morrell, Attila Somer, Evie Hardiman and Brooke Watts

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 1,750 points - Red Arrows
- 2nd with 1,569 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3rd with 1,530 points - Green Dragons
- 4th with 1,350 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.

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,



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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

Future Term Dates

29/03/21 to 09/04/21 - Easter Break
12/04/21 - Start of the Summer Term
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

