



# Newsletter No. 21

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,



This week, I have been impressed by some excellent writing from across the school. The

children are really working hard to improve, not just the content and flow of their work, but their handwriting too. In Year 6, they are flipping the pen and using the Chromebooks to write a biography of Charles Darwin, whose work they are studying in science. Once their drafts are refined and edited, they will 'flip the pen' and write these up for publishing. This is a great way for the children to hone their keyboard, handwriting and writing skills. I look forward to seeing their finished pieces.

Our before and after school Sports Clubs have been a great success! A huge number of children are taking part in



our 16 Bubble Clubs led by Thundersley staff, coaches from The Deanes Sports Partnership and Joe and his team from Essex Elite. Joe and his team are also taking each class for extra fitness sessions one afternoon per week. We are determined to support the children to regain their pre lockdown fitness through these clubs and at least an hour of PE and exercise per day. We know how important physical fitness is in helping children to be emotionally healthy too. If your child isn't yet booked into their club and wants to join, please call the office to check if there are spaces available.

Thank you to those families who have told us what they are reading together- please keep those recommendations coming.

Have a super weekend.

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



## Attendance



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For the week ended 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 there were six classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Kestrels who achieved 99.5%. 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	94.8%	97.4%
Dragonflies	90.9%	96.4%
Rabbits	97.4%	98.9%
Frogs	98.3%	98.3%
Dormice	92.4%	96.2%
Ladybirds	99.2%	99.0%
Robins	96.9%	96.7%
Doves	93.1%	95.8%
Owls	96.3%	97.3%
Bears	94.1%	97.4%
Foxes	96.6%	98.2%
Ants	94.1%	97.5%
Sparrows	86.9%	97.4%
Voles	99.0%	96.8%
Badgers	99.0%	98.2%
Kestrels	99.5%	96.7%
Squirrels	94.0%	95.3%
Whole School	95.3%	97%

Congratulations to this week's winners

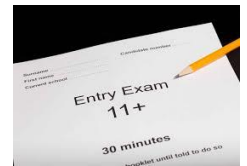
**KESTRELS**

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

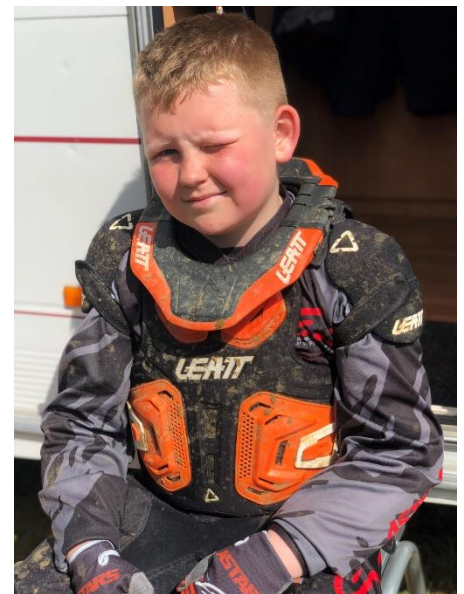
97%

## 11+ Applications for September 2022 Intake

We would like to advise that the 11+ online applications for the September 2022 intake can be made from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Please visit [csse.org.uk](http://csse.org.uk) for more information.



## Motocross Race



We would like to wish George Sugg in Kestrels good luck this weekend as he will be participating in his first ever Motocross race this Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. George has been riding since he was 4 years old and has been practicing as and when it has been possible. He was due to race when the first lockdown hit but obviously, as everything came to a close, so did his race. With restrictions opening up, George got the green light that he wanted for his racing to start again. George will be



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competing in the Kensworth Schoolboy 85cc Motocross Group. George and his family are nervous but also excited and will be proud whatever position George comes.

Good luck George, have a great day!

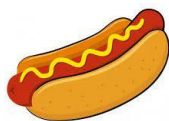


## Census Day Fun Lunch – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

We would like to advise that on Thursday, 20th 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



## Polite Reminders

### Lost Property – Labelling

Please remember to label your child's clothing clearly. We have lots of lost property which cannot be returned as it is not labelled. If clothing is named, it will be returned to the owner. Thank you.



### Absence

#### *Reporting an absence.*



If your child is absent for any reason, please call the office

on 01268 793251 before 9.15am on the first morning. On your child's return, please send in a note explaining their absence for our records. Thank you.

### Book Recommendations

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:-** Oliver Caley, Harry Parmenter and Brooke Watts
- Year 5:-** Nicholas Fallon, Charlie Haggis and Harry Lawrence
- Year 4:-** Missy Burton-Moore and Lexi Kaufman
- Year 3:-** Arlo Puckey and Harry Green
- Year 2:-** Isla-Rose Frimley and Klaudia Siemianowicz
- Year 1:-** Louie Hulton and Melis Balci
- EYFS:-** Snow Peacock and Felicity Warren



### Playground Stars of the Week

Finley Fitzmaurice, Serenity Donaldson, Noah Smith, George Sayer, Ruby Blair, Bear Norton, Sophia Avison, Jude Evans, Bears, Rosie-Belle Horsman, Bonnie-Lou Puffett-Preshaw, Darcey Rowland, Jack Wigington and Isabella Kaufman

## House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 1,759 points – Blue Dolphins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,306 points – Green Dragons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,068 points – Red Arrows
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 1,045 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.

## 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](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)





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## 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

