



Dear Parent/Carer,



Yesterday, to celebrate World Earth Day, Bears and Foxes were joined in their class, through the wonders of the web, by a Geologist! Sandy introduced them to the concepts of Deep Geological Time, the age of the Earth, and its formation; when Life appeared, and what it looked like; when animals appeared and what they first looked like. Then, when did we humans appear. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we hope to take part in more of this type of event to excite them about the themes they are learning and to expose children to a variety of jobs that they might aspire to in the future.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Evidence shows that reading for pleasure - fiction or non fiction - is associated not just with good achievement in reading, but across the whole curriculum, including Maths, in Primary School. It can be a challenge to encourage reading for pleasure in many young children, especially with so many other competing activities at their disposal! The best way to do this - is to read to them. All the evidence is showing that children who are read to, as well as reading to someone on a regular basis, make super progress. That is why we make time each day in all year groups from EYFS to Year 6 to read a great book to the children. I know that many parents at Thundersley both hear their children read as well as reading to them - and it shows in the progress the children are making. There is nothing better than cuddling up before bedtime with a book. Reading to children increases their general knowledge, vocabulary, comprehension, empathy, their love of reading and it also counts towards their Thundersley 5 a week! So this weekend, grab a book to share - we'd love to hear your recommendations for good books you have shared to include in the newsletter

at admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk or on our twitter page @Thundersley_P_S.

Please also help your child to learn their number bonds and multiplication tables! There are lots of good websites and songs to help this - just Google.

Enjoy your weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 16th April 2021 there were fifteen classes who achieved 97% attendance or above.

Well done to Robins who 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	97.6%	97.7%
Dragonflies	95.3%	96.8%
Rabbits	99.3%	98.5%
Frogs	98.3%	98.9%
Dormice	97.0%	96.3%
Ladybirds	97.3%	99.0%
Robins	100%	96.6%
Doves	97.3%	95.8%
Owls	97.0%	97.2%
Bears	97.2%	97.5%
Foxes	99.0%	98.3%
Ants	99.2%	97.6%
Sparrows	94.6%	97.8%
Voles	99.1%	96.9%
Badgers	99.2%	98.0%
Kestrels	97.8%	96.6%
Squirrels	97.8%	95.0%
Whole School	97.7%	97%

Congratulations to this week's winners

Robins

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

97%

Charity Head Shave for the Little Princess Trust

As you know, Connor Harringley (Ants) shaved his head last weekend for the Little Princess Trust and tells below of how he felt on the day:-



"I was excited and nervous at the same time. My mum had to put my hair into little ponytails before. While all the ponytails were being cut off I felt like paper. I did it on Facebook livestream so people could watch it live. I felt proud after and would like to raise more money for charity going forward. By Monday, I had raised £550."



Congratulations - Chief Scout's Silver Award



Many thanks to anyone who has donated to the Little Princess Trust. If you would like to support Connor and this worthy cause you can still donate by following the link below:-

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ConnorTHarringley

Well done Connor - just amazing!

Rays of Sunshine - What would I give campaign (Total)



Wow what a 36 hours that was! Thank you so much to everyone who donated, and shared our posts! Together we have made a difference and Rays of Sunshine can continue to spread sunshine to seriously ill children and their families. Thank you so much. Please see attached flyer for the totals raised. Team Axford.



We would like to congratulate Kaitlan Harrod (Sparrows) on receiving the Chief Scout's Silver Award recently. Kaitlan gives details below of what she had to do to earn the award:-

"I've been at Cubs for almost 2 years and I'm really pleased that I have been able to earn my Chief Scout's Silver Award as this is the highest award a Cub can earn. To complete my Silver Award I had to earn at least 6 Activity badges (I have earned 18 so far) and also all of the 7 Cub Challenge awards. The Challenge awards are all about challenging yourself to do things



that you wouldn't normally do; they are the World, Skills, Outdoors, Adventure, Teamwork, Team Leader and Personal challenges. All of these badges have lots

of different parts. For the Adventure challenge I had to join in different outdoor activities (some of my favourites were flying a kite that I made, building and lighting a fire and tracking) whilst our camping nights away helped me complete the Outdoors challenge. Last year, during the first Lockdown, I chose to learn and master all of my times tables as part of my Personal Challenge award. Of the 18 Activity badges that I have, my favourite one to complete was probably the Book Reader badge. For this I had to write down at least 6 books that I had read, tell my Leaders about 3 of them, show that I know how to look after my books and why a library is good, show that I can use a dictionary and thesaurus and finally write a book review. Cubs is a brilliant place to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun. I love going to Cubs and I'm looking forward to moving on to Scouts."



Well done Kaitlan on achieving such a prestigious award. It sounds like you have a fantastic time at Cubs and enjoy completing all your challenges.

Celebrating Achievements

If your child has an achievement, they wish to share with the school community, please email admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk.



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SumDog Competition

SumDog is launching a competition today so please encourage your child to participate.



It would be great to see if Thundersley can take the top ten places! Good luck everyone.

Polite Reminder

School Dinner Money

Please ensure that your child's school dinner or dinners (if they have them) are paid for at the end of each week. We have an increasing number of parents not settling their accounts on time which, as you can appreciate, is very time consuming and costly to chase. Thank you for your co-operation.

Healthy Snacks



Just a reminder that if you are sending your child in with a snack for break, it should be a healthy one eg. a piece of fruit or vegetable. Thank you.

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_15

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Brendon Fairbrass (Badgers)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Lily Harvey, Joe Anderson and Annabelle Wright

Year 5:- Mitchell Wilson, Millie-Mae Morgan and Heidi Wood

Year 4:- Isabella Dean and Bobbi-Lei Ross

Year 3:- Belle Benny

Year 2:- Rosie Horsman, Chase Gray-Harman, Darcie Vine and Chase Goodwin

Year 1:- Finley Barber and Sophia England-Cowan

EYFS:- Ronny Reid, Ollie Smith and Hermione Delf

Playground Stars of the Week

Jaidon Kaufman, Jack Wood, Luca Van-Looy, Heidi Wood, Felicity Warren, Daniel Aram, Willow Leer, Louie Hulton, Charlie MacDonald, Louise Martin, Henry Painter, Tom Clayton, Lillie-Mai Williams, Ronnie Hogan, Nicholas Johnson, Evan Taylor and Charlotte Milton

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 1,765 points - Green Dragons

2nd with 1,614 points - Red Arrows

3rd with 1,612 points - Golden Eagles

4th with 1,481 points - Blue Dolphins



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. 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

Free Lateral Flow Test Packs

We would like to make you aware that you can obtain up to four free Lateral Flow Test packs per family from Rishi's Pharmacy in Thundersley Village.

The Deanes School - Holiday Programme Whitsun Half Term 2021

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

03/05/21 - Bank Holiday





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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

