



Dear Parent/Carer,

A super, sunny start to learning in this last half term at Thundersley!



Regardless of whether the roadmap for wider opening goes ahead on June 21<sup>st</sup>, it is doubtful that the guidance for schools will change to any great extent and we will continue to work in bubbles in school. However, in order that children can make a good transition to their next year group, we will be having some outdoor mixing of classes in year groups. The risk of transmission outside is much less and this will enable some socializing across classes, which I know children are yearning for. In year groups in which we are mixing the classes next year - Years 2 and 3 - it will mean that they can spend time with children across the year group in preparation for September. Children will have two 'meet your new teacher' sessions, which will also take place outside.

We are in the process of planning Sports Day and although we would dearly love to invite parents, unless the guidance for schools changes significantly, that will not be possible.

We are very aware that our EYFS children and parents did not have the normal transition into school and so we will be inviting parents from EYFS, in groups of ten, to join their child to make Calm Boxes as an aide to transition into Year 1. The EYFS children have been amazing this year, despite the very odd start they had to life at school.

Teachers are in the process of writing short reports, which will come out to you in time to be discussed at a virtual Parents' Meeting. Your children's books will also be sent home before the meeting for you to have a good look at and celebrate all they have achieved.

You will know that our staff are carrying out lateral flow tests twice weekly to try to identify any asymptomatic cases of COVID. I know many families are also

doing this and we are most grateful to you. If your child is unwell, please **do not** send them to school - and if they have COVID symptoms, please have them tested using a PCR test which you can either get at a testing centre or send off for. If we can get to the end of this term with no classes having to learn remotely, I am sure we would all be delighted!

Thank you for all your hard work with your children - we had our highest percentage ever of children reading 5 times per week recently! We feel very lucky to be part of such a supportive community.

Enjoy your weekend.

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

### Attendance



For the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 there were seven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Frogs 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:-

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**FROGS**

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

Class	Week	Year to date
Chipmunks	97.3%	97.5%
Dragonflies	93.6%	96.0%
Rabbits	97.1%	98.8%
Frogs	100%	98.3%
Dormice	96.2%	96.3%
Ladybirds	96.6%	98.7%
Robins	93.0%	96.4%
Doves	96.4%	96.4%
Owls	99.3%	97.3%
Bears	96.3%	97.3%
Foxes	96.3%	98.1%
Ants	99.6%	97.4%
Sparrows	94.7%	97.1%
Voles	82.1%	96.3%
Badgers	97.6%	98.2%
Kestrels	92.5%	96.7%
Squirrels	97.0%	95.5%
Whole School	95.5%	96.9%

### Dance Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Cara Sanders on achieving merits in both a Ballet exam and Modern exam which she took recently. Cara had all her lessons and exam tuition during lockdown, taught via Zoom by Mala Dance. Care is now very happy to be having lessons back in the studio and is going to take her first Tap exam in July. Well done Cara, you are obviously very talented and we wish you good luck for your Tap exam in July!



### 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. Siblings should also remain at home. **Therefore, if anyone in your household is testing for COVID, your child or children 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>).

### Leave of Absence

As you are aware, all leave of absence is unauthorised unless there are extenuating circumstances. If your child needs leave of absence then a form needs to be requested from the main School Office, completed and returned at least two weeks beforehand. Thank you.

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Evie Strang (Kestrels)  
Lucas Sand-Hughes (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!



We would also like to give a special mention to the following children who found a wallet and various credit cards etc., strewn across the school field, for handing them in to the office. The wallet and contents have been returned to the owner who was extremely grateful. Well done children - you too, should be very proud of yourselves.

Grace Crawford (Owls)  
Serena Hawkins (Owls)  
Lillie-May Archer (Doves)  
Delilah Thomas (Doves)  
Arther Davison (Bears)

### Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Rhys Oakley, Alexia Cirstian and Sonny Groombridge  
**Year 5:-** Gracie-May Rowland and Harry Lawrence



**Year 4:-** Jude Evans and Rosie Groombridge  
**Year 3:-** Olivia Hession and Maxwell Blagg  
**Year 2:-** Matilda Willers, Isla Taylor and Edion Avdija  
**Year 1:-** Jemima Evans, Millie Smith and Daisy Avison  
**EYFS:-** Lucas Bartrup, Mason Wheeler, Kitty McCombe and Ivy Dove

### Playground Stars of the Week

Rhys Oakley, Harry Egleton, Lola Baker Kaeshiv Pal, Isla Church, Beatrice Turner, Dylan Savage, Jaxon Grange, Darcie Vine, Bailey Paton, Trisha Patel, Scarlett-Grace Cater, Arbie Beswick, Harry Molloy and Renley Baker

### House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 2,799 points - Red Arrows
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2,735 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 2,648 points - Green Dragons
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 2,004 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores are for the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### 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.

### PTA News

#### Fathers' Day Present Palace - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

We will be holding a Fathers' Day Present Palace (Covid style) on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If you would like your child to participate, please see the email sent to all parents yesterday.

### 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)

Please find attached a price list for 2021.

### Community News

#### Little Footprints Day Nursery - Staff Vacancies



Little Footprints Day Nursery urgently requires more staff!

They have hardly any spaces for new children until September 2023 and so are seeking:-

Full & part-time staff.





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Experience in childcare or perhaps considering starting a career in this field.

Available to start as soon as possible.

Initial contact please by phone on 01268 795577 (ask for Debs or Vicki) or email [debs@littlefootprintsnursery.org.uk](mailto:debs@littlefootprintsnursery.org.uk).

### CAVS Various Important Updates

Please find attached information regarding the above.

### Lets' Keep Covid in Check

Please find attached information regarding the above.

### Future Term Dates

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\*\*\*\***

01/09/21

Additional Non Pupil Days are yet to be confirmed

