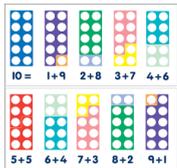




Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a happy Easter and to all families observing Ramadan, wishing you all the blessings of the holy month.



A super start to the term, with children ready to learn, working hard and determined to succeed. More than ever, the children's

well-being is key to their success, so our focus on Personal, Social & Health Education continues, as well as a commitment to having children be active for an hour each day through clubs, active breaks, PE lessons and daily active sessions in class. If you feel your child needs support socially or emotionally please let us know.

Although, our rich, exciting curriculum continues, we have four main aims for children's learning this term:-

Improved oracy - we know that children who are exposed to and can use a wide vocabulary in their speech read and write better.

Improved reading - we know that this is the key to all learning and that to improve, the children need to read lots of high quality texts at home and at school.

Improved automaticity in number - we know that children need to be able to quickly recall their number bonds and times tables without using objects or their fingers to work them out.

Improved problem solving in maths - children need to be able to understand what needs to be calculated before they can attempt to solve a problem, which involves comprehension.

We really need your help in this! Every child should be reading at least 5 times per week, practising their Lucky Listeners homework daily and practising their number facts whether number bonds or times tables.

This is quite a commitment, I know, but if every child has the support at home to do this, they will end this year far from having lost learning, but having made significant progress. Please help your child not only to make up on lost learning, but to fly! In KS2 particularly, those children who can answer a multiplication question - and the related division questions in the wink of an eye have a huge advantage compared to those who can't. By the end of Year 4 children should know all their times tables to 12 X 12 automatically. Every child, except possibly those with particular needs in maths, is capable of learning number facts - it just takes practise. Thank you for your support in this.

Teachers will continue their half termly calls this term. However, if you have any concerns, do contact them through the office or catch them on the playground at the end of the day.

Have a super weekend and as restrictions ease, keep safe.

**Miss Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

### Attendance



For the week ended 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 there were **ten** classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Owls and Foxes.

They will be sharing 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	97.2%	97.7%
Dragonflies	96.6%	96.9%
Rabbits	99.0%	98.9%
Frogs	97.3%	98.5%
Dormice	98.3%	96.2%
Ladybirds	97.3%	99.1%
Robins	95.8%	98.9%
Doves	96.6%	95.6%
Owls	99.3%	97.1%
Bears	88.6%	97.5%
Foxes	99.3%	98.3%
Ants	97.6%	97.5%
Sparrows	97.9%	98%
Voles	93.5%	96.7%
Badgers	98.4%	98%
Kestrels	96.2%	96.6%
Squirrels	95.5%	95.1%
Whole School	96.2%	96.9%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**Owls & Foxes**

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

### Easter Cards for Care Homes

Just before Easter, Kerry Steele, Community Champion at Morrisons, contacted us to ask if any of the classes would like to make some Easter cards which Morrisons would then deliver to Care Homes to combat loneliness. Year 3 took





up the challenge and made some beautiful cards which were distributed over Easter. Kerry sent the following email to say thank you:-

'I just wanted to say a massive thank you for the cards, they are amazing and are really going to put a smile on the residents at the care homes they are going to. I really appreciate the children's hard work.'

### Charity Head Shave for the Little Princess Trust

Connor Harringley (Ants) is shaving his head for the Little Princess Trust this weekend. The charity donates real hair wigs to young people with illness. Connor gives an insight into why he wanted to donate his hair below:-



'I have decided to donate my hair to charity because I have seen many adverts on the television and I wouldn't like people getting bullied/laughed at or just feeling sad or anxious because of their hair. It's also good for people who are going through hard times. I love making people smile. I have already donated some of my own money. In order to get the most length of hair to donate, I have to have my whole head shaved! I hope my hair can make a wig to make a sick boy or girl feel more confident.'

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

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ConnorTHarringley](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ConnorTHarringley)

Look out for photos of Connor's head shave in next week's newsletter.

What an amazing thing to do Connor - we're sure someone will be very grateful to you for their new wig.

### Piano Success

We would like to congratulate Evie Raymond (Sparrows) on receiving a Distinction for her Grade 1 piano exam she took recently. Evie has learnt to play the piano over Skype with her Auntie Monica who is a piano teacher in Surrey. Evie has only had one face-to-face lesson whilst she has been learning. The exam was delayed due to the pandemic but then they allowed an adapted virtual submission. Evie had to introduce herself and verbally explain what four pieces of music she would then play. Evie describes what she did for the exam below:-

'For the piano exam my dad had to set the camera up and then I had to read some information on what I was going to have to do in the exam. Then, after that, I had to film all four songs in one shot. It took quite a few goes and in one of them, my alarm clock went off so I had to start again. One of them was almost perfect and when we watched it back, we knew that it was the one. I felt nervous but it was really exciting too. My dad sent the video to my nannies and my grandad to watch and then a while after, there was a phone call and it was my auntie who teaches me piano. My mum came and got me and put the phone on speaker. My auntie said that I had a Distinction. At first, I thought it was bad as I didn't know what it meant but then everyone was acting all happy. It was only after the call that I asked my mum what it meant and she said it was the highest mark I could get. My dad and my brother came home and said that they had heard the news and they were really happy for me. I knew I was good but I didn't know I was as good as that. I was so happy with myself and it has made me feel a lot



more confident in myself with my piano.

Well done Evie, you should be very proud of yourself!

### Celebrating Achievements

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

### Polite Reminder

#### Uniform

Please note that children **must** have a coat with them in school every day as the weather is so changeable. Also, if your child has long hair, they must have it tied back during the school day and children must not wear nail varnish in school. 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\_S

### Honesty is the best policy!

#### Special Mention

We would like to give a special mention to Lola and Gracie in Year 6 who, during the Easter break, found a purse over the park and were trying to find the lady who it belonged to. Mrs. Farmer happened to be in the park so together they found the address on her driving licence and returned it. As you can imagine, the lady was extremely grateful. Well done girls and Mrs. Farmer!





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

Mrs. Robinson (Macey's mummy in Ladybirds)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

## Stars of the Week



**Year 6:-** Kabirat Adeniji

**Year 5:-** Leo Field, Kaeshiv Pal and Kyah Donovan-Toone

**Year 4:-** Daniel Sanders and Isabella Legg

**Year 3:-** Honey-Mae Hayes and Luke Avison

**Year 2:-** Nojus Lukosevicius

## Playground Stars of the Week

Megan Prosser, Lincoln Bellinger, Dawson Halls, Lillie-Mai Williams, Beatrice Turner, Max Taylor, Connor Harringley, Dominik Siemianowicz, Lilly Fenemore and Kehatoun Dan-the

## House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1<sup>st</sup> with 1,761 points - Red Arrows

2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,738 points - Blue Dolphins

3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,614 points - Green Dragons

4<sup>th</sup> with 1,234 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 26<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## 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.danielllesshop.co.uk](http://www.danielllesshop.co.uk)

## Community News

### Rays of Sunshine - What would I give campaign

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Harp

To see Harp's latest newsletter please visit:-

<https://www.harpsouthend.org.uk/one-roof-0321>

## 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

