



# Newsletter No. 14

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,



It has been a joy to hear the happy laughter of children ringing around school this week! We all loved our Key Worker

bubbles, but nothing beats a full school. I hope you have managed to have your lives return to something resembling normality, albeit still under the current restrictions, and have enjoyed some peace and quiet! The children have been amazing! From the moment they ran in through those gates on Monday, they seemed to just settle back into school and get on with their learning and have been proud to show their teachers and peers what they have achieved during lockdown. With delight, I have given out lots of pen licenses to children who had made it their mission to improve their handwriting over the past 8 weeks and many children have told me how they have mastered the next times table. Children have talked about being nervous coming in on Monday, but of those nerves quickly receding and giving way to happiness at being back at school with their friends. Aren't our children resilient? I do think though that they are tired - we all are! Once again, thank you to all that you did to keep learning going during lockdown - we can clearly see the results of your efforts.

Of course, it would be naive to think that all of our children will have come through the events of the past year without it having some effect. Staff will of course keep an eye on them all and contact you if we have any concerns. Please let us know immediately if you have any concerns as we can support them or access a range of support services easily. Our wonderful BATIC Counselling Service has recently received funding for short term interventions for children, so we have some extra capacity across all of the BATIC schools. One area where we will be paying particular attention to, is children's fitness which we have noticed has generally taken a knock. We are

committed to children having at least an hour each day of physical activity in addition to their PE lessons. This means that we will be encouraging them to be active during their break times and also having regular active breaks when we make sure their heart rate increases. We are planning to restart Extra-curricular Clubs after Easter and will be using our Sports Premium Funding to subsidise this. Please look out for these clubs and encourage your child to take part. If we are to retain our District Sports title, we need to get 'match fit'!

### Polite reminder

One of our Golden Rules is to be 'Kind and respectful'. Please can all parents/carers also adhere to this when dealing with residents in the surrounding area. We have had a number of complaints from residents of parents/carers being very rude when asked to move their cars which have been blocking drives. The weather is lovely - please walk to school if you can. It is a great way to improve children's fitness too.

Miss E. Dawson,  
Headteacher

### Christmas Jumper Day



It seems a very long time ago now but we would like to inform you that we raised **£499.08** for Save the Children from participating in the Christmas Jumper Day in December 2020.

### 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.)

### Office Hours

Please note that the office is now open for telephone calls from 7.45am until 5pm (Wednesdays 4.30pm).

### Blue Peter Badges



We would like to congratulate Callum and Sophie Axford (Ants and Ladybirds) who have received a Silver Blue Peter Badge and a Music Blue Peter Badge recently. Last year, during lockdown, Callum and Sophie received their very first Blue Peter Badges. At the beginning of this recent lockdown, they received their Silver Badges for all the charity work they have done including the Charity Day at school for Rays of Sunshine. Last week Callum and Sophie received their Music Badge for being part of the Rays of Sunshine Choir and the School Choir plus for when Callum





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was part of Young Voices at the O2 with Mrs. West's Choir.

Callum said "I was really excited to open these in the post, especially the Music one because I knew Mrs. West would like it."

Sophie said "I opened my Music Badge when I was on my Google Classroom meeting. I was really happy to show all my class."

### SumDog Competition



A huge congratulations to Kaitlan Harrod (Sparrows) and Trisha Patel

(Rabbits) who came 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively in the SumDog competition. Doves, Badgers, Rabbits and Ants came in the top 10, with Sparrows just outside at 11<sup>th</sup> and other classes not far behind. Also, a belated mention for Dexter White (Ladybirds) who came 4<sup>th</sup> in a previous SumDog competition, well done Dexter! A great effort all round by TPS!

### Jet Wheel & Tyre - Schools' Incentive Reward 2020

We would like to thank Jet Wheel & Tyre



who presented us with a cheque for £45.20 recently as part of their Schools' Incentive Reward Scheme. Jet Wheel & Tyre provide brakes, exhausts, puncture repairs, batteries, tyre pressure monitoring systems, air conditioning, steering joints, nitrogen inflation, wheel straightening, oil and filter change plus much more and if you use them and mention Thundersley Primary School, we receive 5% of your total spend for our school funds. Please let your family and friends know. Thank you in advance for your support.

### 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.

Kaitlan Harrod - Sparrows  
Arlo Puckey - Owls

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

### 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. Bezdell 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)

### PTA News

#### Christmas Cookies



The PTA would like to thank those who ordered Christmas Cookies before we broke up at Christmas. They raised **£58.59** for our

school funds.

### Community News

#### Benfleet Teaching School Alliance - 2021 Recruitment Events via Zoom

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Mega Camps - Easter Holidays

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### HARP - Spring Walk 2021

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### 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





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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

