



Dear Parent/Carer,



In a first for Thundersley, this week, Year 6 children have been working

in our recording studio with a recording artist to produce their leaver songs! They have had a fantastic time and hope to top the download charts next week!

In the next three weeks, children in Year 6 are looking forward to a number of events, arranged for the end of their time here, including a special Ford DT project, making their own film, Euros Football Tournament, Ready Steady Cook and a Bouncy Castle afternoon.

Our wonderful PTA have arranged a Leavers' Hawaiian Festival for them - I know they are going to have a ball!

Our non-uniform day, in support of equality and diversity, was a fun day for all and a chance to discuss our diverse world, in an age appropriate way, in all year groups. It was lovely to see them out of school uniform, expressing their own individuality - something we absolutely want to celebrate at Thundersley. Children's outrage at discrimination is always humbling and makes us even more determined to ensure we help them to go out into the world tolerant and respectful future citizens.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting you all virtually over the next week or so. Each appointment is only 10 minutes with 3 minutes in between appointments, so please do be ready to start the meeting at your allotted appointment time. Those of you who have come across the system before will know that it cuts off after the allotted time. If you have any problems, do please contact us.

You will receive your child's report today and will find out who your child's new teacher will be next year on 15th July 2021 (class swap morning).

A big football day tomorrow for us all - I, of course, have now moved my allegiances to England! It's coming home!!!



Enjoy the match and enjoy the weekend.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 25th June 2021 there were ten classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Voles. 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	94.3%	97.2%
Dragonflies	94.9%	96.0%
Rabbits	97.8%	98.6%
Frogs	98.7%	98.2%
Dormice	90.3%	96.1%
Ladybirds	98.7%	98.8%
Robins	90.3%	95.9%
Doves	98.8%	96.4%
Owls	97.7%	97.2%
Bears	97.3%	97.2%
Foxes	97.1%	98.0%
Ants	97.5%	97.5%
Sparrows	96.0%	97.1%
Voles	99.2%	96.4%
Badgers	96.8%	98.2%
Kestrels	97.1%	96.8%
Squirrels	96.7%	95.7%
Whole School	96.1%	96.8%

Congratulations to this week's winners
VOLES

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

Equality and Diversity Day



On Wednesday, the children celebrated equality and diversity with a Non-School Uniform Day to raise money for three charities - Stonewall, Scope and Show

Racism the Red Card. The total amount raised will be announced in next week's newsletter. Pippa Hawkins (Doves) gives details of the day below:-

"We had a special assembly on Monday about diversity. On Wednesday, we all wore our own clothes to celebrate how good it is to be different. In class, we did a Premier League Superstars lesson where we talked about how everyone is different and how boring it would be if we were all the same. We then made some posters to celebrate diversity at Thundersley Primary School."





Well-being Warriors

The Wellbeing Diploma is going brilliantly. At last count, we had 92 children enrolled on to the Google Classroom! There has been some detailed and thoughtful projects submitted. We certainly have kind and thoughtful children at Thundersley Primary. We are delighted to announce that we have our first graduate, Katie Allen from Ladybird class. It isn't too late to enrol on the course. Your child will need to meet with



Miss Hause, Miss Parmenter or Mrs Hoeb one Thursday lunchtime in the Frogs' garden to get the class code.

After School Clubs

Please note that After School Clubs will finish next week. Therefore, please collect your child(ren) at the end of the day as normal from the week commencing 12th July 2021.

Polite Reminders

Ear-rings

We would just like to remind you that children are not allowed to wear ear-rings for PE. If your child is unable to remove them themselves on the day, please ensure that you remove them before they come to school. Please also note that only stud style ear-rings are allowed to be worn in school. If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, we kindly request that they are done at the beginning of the summer holidays so it does not impact on your child's learning when they return to school in September. Thank you.

Long Hair

Please note that all shoulder length hair and longer needs to be tied back at all times during the school day. Thank you.

COVID Testing



Regular testing remains a vital part of the approach to managing the virus, whether an individual has symptoms or not (asymptomatic). It is

vital that anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 self-isolates immediately, along with other members of their household and organises a PCR test. It is not appropriate to use rapid lateral flow tests when individuals have symptoms of Covid-19. The symptoms of Covid-19 remain the same - cough, high temperature and loss of sense of taste or smell can be found here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/).

We also continue to strongly encourage staff, students and their households to take part in regular testing if they are not showing symptoms. This will help to reduce the risk of the virus unknowingly entering the school community. School staff and students of secondary age have access to twice-weekly asymptomatic Covid-19 testing through their school or setting. Households of staff, children and young people attending primary schools or settings also have access to twice weekly testing.

You can access a free LFT in a number of ways, including at the local LFT site in your district, by collecting a home LFT kit from a test site, or by ordering a home test kit online. More information about these options can be found here: [Regular Rapid Lateral Flow Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Tests](https://www.essex.gov.uk/support-if-you-are-self-isolating).

Schools and settings remain responsible for contact tracing following a positive case. Any individual identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 has a legal obligation to self-isolate if advised to. There is help available, including financial support, if you are required to self-isolate and are unable to go out to work or work from home - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/support-if-you-are-self-isolating>

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Harrison Chapman (Badgers)

Well done, you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Harry Fairbrass, Rajan Sangha and Brendon Fairbrass

Year 5:- Voles, Coral Aston, Sparrows and Ants

Year 4:- Isabella Dean and Hollie Cumming

Year 3:- Harley Duffield and Riley Placeson

Year 2:- Paighton Brown, Delilah Stone and Oscar Gladwin

Year 1:- Jacob Nevill and Darcey Rowland

EYFS:- Briar Bilkey and Harry Robinson



Playground Stars of the Week

Lilly Howlett, Rajan Sangha, Brendon Fairbrass, Harry New, Jessica Knight, Marnie O'Connell, Arther Davison, Esmae Emin-Wyatt, Sydney Greig, Freddy Peryer, Hollie Agass, Kyle Clarke, Quinn Godfrey, Elsie May, Emily Duggan and Logan MacKenzie

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

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





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Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

PTA News

Fathers' Day Present Palace



Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised a fantastic **£427.88** profit.

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

Eat Well for Less

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

National Youth Choirs Great Britain

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Southend United Football Club

SUFC will be delivering their Summer Soccer Schools to ages 5-13. For further information please visit:-

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/southendunited/southend-united-courses.html?p=2>

ACL Sessions - July 2021

Please find attached information in respect of 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

