

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island CP School

### Newsletter No 11

June 2017

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This is just a short newsletter to keep you up to speed with things happening at the school and to remind you of dates for your diary. Please ensure you make a note of all those important dates such as the new Sports Day and visits that have been planned.

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

9 June			16 June		
Barn Owl Class	-	Lacey Rose Oliver McFarlane	Barn Owl Class	-	Tommy Harling
Tawny Owl Class	-	Harry Bigby-Sutton	Tawny Owl Class	-	Gracie Morris
Osprey Class	-	Connor Murray	Osprey Class	-	Filomena Baleiveicau
Falcon Class	-	Jake Herbert	Falcon Class	-	Xavier Williams
Kestrel Class	-	Lucy Spink	Kestrel Class	-	Maisie Wade
Merlin Class	-	Stephen Long	Merlin Class	-	Lilly Tehan
Hawk Class	-	Ethan Swart	Hawk Class	-	Harrison Edwards Rory Dowding
Eagle Class	-	Bailey Dodd	Eagle Class	-	Lauren McClarty

#### **Goodbye to Miss Whiting and Mrs Swallow**

I would just like to say goodbye and thank you to Miss Whiting who has worked at the school for 11 years and Mrs Swallow who has worked at the school for 2 years. They have both contributed to the school fully during their time with us. Mrs Swallow started as a Midday Meals Supervisor before qualifying to become a Teaching Assistant. Miss Whiting started as an NQT in January 2007 and was my first ever Teacher appointment as Headteacher. She has led on such things as Music and Geography but her passion has always been for Early Years and she was promoted to Head of Early Years whilst at Thorney. In this role she has led across the locality forming a strong and cohesive team of Teachers who work together well. Miss Whiting is now seeking to develop her leadership skills further and has found a new teaching position in Portsmouth where she will lead the Early Years Team in a four form entry infant school.

We will miss them both Miss Whiting and Mrs Swallow and wish them both well for the future. I have been extremely proud of Miss Whiting for her endless energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the school. Miss Goss who now takes over from Miss Whiting could not have had a better mentor.

#### **P.E. Kits**

Please could parents ensure P.E. Kits are in school every day. P.E. Kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. I am receiving constant complaints from staff about children not having their kit in school or them wearing the wrong kit. By accepting a place at our school you do agree to adhere to our policies and uniform code. Please ensure that kit is named and your child has footwear that fits them. Many children have plimsolls that are too small for them.

### **New Class Teacher: Miss Rutter**

On Monday 19 June, school governors interviewed two very strong candidates and at the end of the interview process appointed Miss Rutter to teach in our second Year 1 Class which will be called Kite Class. The governors were very pleased with the appointment made and Miss Rutter is looking forward to working at Thorney Island. She chose to apply to Thorney Island due to its excellent reputation, and the feeling she got when she visited. She felt the staff were happy and friendly and the children polite and hard working.

### **Class Organisation for September 2017**

It is fast approaching the time of year where we start to think about our class organisation for the new academic year. If you know your child(ren) will be leaving us at any point between now and the end of the school year (July), please can you inform Miss Rowe in the school office. Not only will it help us with our planning, it will ensure that we have all the necessary paperwork in place to aid a smooth transition for your child(ren) to their new school.

### **Sports Day - Postponed until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

It was not an easy decision to postpone Sports Day but schools are informed of Weather Alerts from the Met Office and with a high alert being issued for extreme hot weather Mrs Moody made the decision to postpone with the full agreement of both myself and the Chair of Governors. With high allergy levels, children with asthma would have been at high risk. UV levels are also very high so the risk of sunburn for children, parents and staff was also at an unacceptable level. Thank you to the parents who instantly showed their support for this decision it was much appreciated. Apologies to those who have taken time off work but we did not want to make the decision any earlier just in case things changed. Other activities planned for this week will go ahead as we are in much better position to manage any risks and the forecast is an improving one.

### **End of Year Reports**

I am still finalising where class teachers and teaching assistants will be next year and will let parents know as soon as a decision is reached. It has been more complicated than usual this year due to late staff resignations and staff being on maternity leave etc.

Mrs Gibson will continue as PPA Teacher in Key Stage 2. With Mrs Jackson being on maternity leave until February, I am still working on arrangements for a PPA cover in Year 1, Year 2 and Early Years.

Parents will receive End of Year Reports on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June which will inform you of which class your child will be in next year. For Year 1 and Year 2 this will also contain National Assessment Test Results. Year 6 results will follow later as we do not receive this information for a few more weeks.

### **Dates for your Diary - See attached sheet**

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### June 2017

- 22 - It's a Thorney Knockout - whole school activity
- 23 - Skate School - Year 2 to 6
- 28 - Sports Day, 1.15pm (whole school)
- 26 - 30 - Bikeability Cycle Training, Year 6
- 30 - Year 5 taster day at Bourne Community College

### July 2017

- 3 - Last week of after school clubs
- 5 - Transition Day
- 6 - Area Sports Competition, Years 5 & 6
- 6 - Parents Open Evening, 3.15 - 4.30pm
- 12 - Golf Day, Years R - 4
- 12 - 14 - Sayers Croft Residential for Years 5 & 6
- 19 - Fun Sports Afternoon, whole school activity
- 20 - Thorney's Got Talent, whole school activity
- 21 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
- 21 - End of Summer Term

### INSET Days

Monday 24 July 2017 & Tuesday 25 July 2017

### Term Dates 2017/18

- 5 September 2017: Back to school
- 23 - 27 October 2017: Half Term
- 20 December 2017: Break-up for Christmas holiday
- 4 January 2018: Start of Spring Term
- 12 - 16 February 2018: Half Term
- 29 March 2018: Break-up for Easter holiday
- 16 April 2018: Start of Summer Term
- 28 May - 1 June 2018: Half Term
- 24 July 2018: Break-up for Summer holiday

### INSET Days

Monday 4 September 2017

There are four additional dates still be arranged.