

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It has been a very busy start to the term but also a very productive one. The children all appear very happy and settled and are making very good progress in their learning. Please discuss with your child's class teacher at parents evening how best you can help and support your child with their learning. Support with homework, reading, minute games etc. will always make a difference.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

8 September		15 September	
Osprey Class	- Gracie Morris	Owl Class	- Grace Hydes
Kite Class	- Finley Williamson	Osprey Class	- Tyler Kray
Falcon Class	- Joshua Fox	Kite Class	- Vance Stewart
Kestrel Class	- Lewis Hatton	Falcon Class	- Essense Starkey
Merlin Class	- T J Long	Kestrel Class	- Jenson Edwards
Hawk Class	- Liam Woolcombe	Merlin Class	-
Eagle Class	- Liam Wheatley	Hawk Class	- Sienna Hester
		Eagle Class	- Angglina Rai
22 September		29 September	
Owl Class	- Harry Smith	Owl Class	- Maddison Herbert
Osprey Class	- Harriet Beevor	Osprey Class	- Tommy Harling
Kite Class	- Darcie Allison	Kite Class	- Elodie Fung
Falcon Class	- Shaniqua Mtekateka	Falcon Class	- Alexis Scott
Kestrel Class	- Maisie Kettle	Kestrel Class	- Dannii Higgs
Merlin Class	- Nyerah Charles	Merlin Class	- Eva Hydes
Hawk Class	- Heilala Waqanisau	Hawk Class	- Riley Bowman
Eagle Class	- Nicholas Bolton	Eagle Class	- Charlie Porter
6 October			
Owl Class	- Thea Jennings		
Osprey Class	- Lily Knight		
Kite Class	- Isabelle Green		
Falcon Class	- Connor Murray		
Kestrel Class	- Mackenzie Roberts		
Merlin Class	- Nischal Gurung		
Hawk Class	- Lohan White		
Eagle Class	- Inoke Heinemann		

Emergency Procedures - Fire Drill - Lock Down

I would just like to inform parents that fire drills are practised termly. The older children are very used to these. The alarm is quite loud and some children do find it frightening. However it is a legal requirement that this is carried out. For those children that do find it difficult we do provide a warning as it is often the shock of the alarm going off that is the problem. We do practise them at different times so the children are aware of what to do in all eventualities.

All schools are now required to have a 'Lockdown Policy'. Unlike a fire drill where the aim is to evacuate everyone from the building this policy allows us to ensure all staff and children are kept safe in the building. This procedure is used very infrequently. It may be due to a gas leak, dog on the playground etc. In 13 years we have only had to use this procedure twice once for having a very aggressive swan on the field. In the event of a lockdown related to a serious incident parents will be contacted via Parent Mail and asked not to come to the school. It is highly likely in these circumstances police and the Guardroom will have been informed and on their way to site. The school and its grounds will be locked and parents will not have access to the building until the emergency is over. This is a precautionary policy which we hope not to use but we have to be prepared.

The school also has an Emergency Response Plan in place which the station is aware of and this allows the school the use of gymnasium if necessary. We are very fortunate to have the support of our community around all of these issues.

Harvest Festival - Reminder - Parents Welcome - Thursday 12th October

We have split our Harvest Festival in to three parts this year with Owl, Osprey and Kite Classes leading the Harvest Festival at 9.00am, Falcon and Kestrel Classes leading the Harvest Festival at 10.30am and Merlin, Hawk and Eagle Classes leading the Harvest Festival at 2.30pm. By doing it this way we only have a third of the school in the hall at a time which means we can invite parents along to watch this special event. I would also like to thank you in advance for all your kind donations. **This has really got the children thinking about homeless people and what they can do to make a positive contribution to the lives of others.**

School Website - www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk

We continue to update our school website with new information and links for parents. Some are there because we see them as essential others because the government has now made it statutory for us to do so. If there is anything you feel we could add that is not there, please let me know. We constantly try to improve the service we offer for families.

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Internet Safety

In school we have a filtering system which aims to prevent children accessing anything from the internet that is unsuitable. I realise at home that this is not always the case. Please can parents be vigilant when your child is using the internet. Recent news stories are a great cause for concern and we are doing our best to educate children in school about what to do when using the internet to keep themselves safe. It is also advisable that parents check the history section on the internet tool bar to ensure that children are not accessing unsuitable sites. If the history section has been recently deleted on your child's computer I would ask them why. As you are all aware there are adults out there who try to make contact with children over the internet. I would not want any of our children to become the victims of such people. Thank you.

Visit: <http://ceop.police.uk/> for more information.

School Disco - Friday 3rd November

I would like to thank staff who have volunteered to give up their Friday evening to support this year's School Council in the organisation of a disco as requested in Class Meetings by the children. The timings are as follows:

Owl, Osprey, Kite & Falcon Classes: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Kestrel, Merlin, Hawk & Eagle Classes: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

There is no charge for the disco. Drinks and biscuits will be provided by the school.

Class Meetings

The school governors and I would like to thank all the parents who have attended class meetings. The feedback has been very positive and I know the teachers found the meetings very useful.

Bonfire Night - Build A Guy Competition - Win V.I.P Tickets to the Fair

As a school we have been invited to build a guy for the bonfire on Thorney Island which will be held on Thursday 2nd November. Guys need to be in school on Tuesday 31st October and they will then be judged by Lt. Col. Ian Colson on Wednesday 1st November. The winner I am assured will win V.I.P. tickets to the fair on the night. I am hoping that this will mean free access to all rides for that child. I am hoping that there will be prizes for second and third place but that is still to be confirmed.

Lunch Boxes

A growing number of lunch boxes and water bottles are being brought into the school office during the mornings. With Mrs McCrossan away, Miss Rowe is the only person 'manning' the office and is spending a considerable amount of time delivering them to classrooms rather than being available to answer the telephone and deal with any first aid issues that arise. Please can lunch boxes and water bottles be sent in with the children when they come in to school.

Flu Vaccinations - Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Tuesday 10th October

The Immunisation team will be coming into school to deliver the flu vaccine for children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 on Tuesday 10th October for those who returned consent forms before 25th September.

Book Fair 12th - 18th October

Travelling Books will be hosting a Book Fair at school from 12th - 18th October. Children will be bringing home a leaflet with further information and how to order.

Year 6 Children - Secondary School Applications

If you have not already done so, please ensure that Secondary School Applications are submitted before the closing date of 31 October.

Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

October 2017

- 10 - Flu vaccinations Yrs R, 1, 2, 3 & 4
- 12-18 - Book Fair
- TBC - Red, White and Blue Day - Non-School Uniform Day
- 12 - Harvest Festival Assemblies - Parents welcome to attend:
9.00am Owl, Osprey & Kite Classes
10.30am Falcon & Kestrel Classes
2.30pm Merlin, Hawk & Eagle Classes
- 16 - Indoor Football at the Bourne
- TBC - International Week - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
- 18 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6.00pm
- 19 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- 23 - 27 - Half Term

November 2017

- 3 - School Disco KS1 4.00 - 5.00pm (Owl, Osprey, Kite & Falcon Class)
KS2 5.00 - 6.30pm (Kestrel, Merlin, Hawk and Eagle Class)
- TBC - Children In Need - Information to follow later from the School Council
- 20 - Last week of After-school Clubs
- 20 - Girls Football Tournament at the Bourne
- 21 - Owl Class 'Play & Share' session, 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 30 - Rainbow Theatre Company performing 'Cinderella' to Whole School

December 2017

- 7 - Carol Service 10.00am (Owl & Merlin Classes)
- 8 - Carol Service 10.00am (Owl & Merlin Classes)
- 12 - Osprey & Kite Classes to Pantomime at Kings Theatre, Southsea
- 12 - Christmas Performance Falcon & Kestrel Classes (1.30pm)
- 14 - Christmas Performances Falcon & Kestrel Classes (6.00pm)
- 19 - Christmas Parties

Term Dates 2017/18

- 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
- Monday 30th October 2017
- Monday 19th February
- Friday 25th May
- Monday 4th June