

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island CP School

### Newsletter No 2

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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

<b>14 September</b>		<b>21 September</b>	
Owl Class	- Isabelle Tehan	Owl Class	- Leandro Galla
Osprey Class	- Thea Jennings	Osprey Class	- Meli Waitaqa
Prairie Falcon Class	- Finley Williamson	Prairie Falcon Class	- Matthew Holden
Peregrine Falcon Class	- Kelsang Tamang	Peregrine Falcon Class	- Darcie Allison
Kestrel Class	- Lubanzi Sithole	Kestrel Class	- Laisa Kama
Merlin Class	- Lewis Hatton	Merlin Class	- Poppy May
Hawk Class	- Ollie Mills Cailen Annand	Hawk Class	- Lilly Booth
Eagle Class	- Luke Stainsby	Eagle Class	- Riley Bowman
<b>28 September</b>		<b>5 October</b>	
Owl Class	- Soraya Scott	Owl Class	- Callum Fowler
Osprey Class	- Corey Meir	Osprey Class	- Phoebe Holcroft
Prairie Falcon Class	- Tommy Harling	Prairie Falcon Class	- George May
Peregrine Falcon Class	- Sanna Sanyang	Peregrine Falcon Class	- Finley Harrison
Kestrel Class	- Shaniqua Mtekateka	Kestrel Class	- Connor Murray
Merlin Class	- Maisey Kettle	Merlin Class	- Olivia Palliser
Hawk Class	- George Branchett	Hawk Class	- Cayden Bowman
Eagle Class	- Ellie Higgs	Eagle Class	- Joshua Young

**School Website - [www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://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.

[www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk)

**School Photographer**

The school photographer will be visiting the school on Wednesday 10 October. All children will be photographed individually and with their siblings. Pre-school siblings are welcome and should be brought to school by 8.30am but not before 8.15am.

## 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 but may be needed due to a gas leak, dog on the playground etc. In 13 years we have only had to use this procedure twice and one of those was 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 - Parents Welcome - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

We have split our Harvest Festival in to three parts this year with Owl and Osprey 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.**

## 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.

## 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. You can make such a difference to how your child attains in school. Please never underestimate how important it is for you to be positive about your child's achievements both in and out of school.

## School Disco - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 6.15pm

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

## Lunch Boxes/Water Bottles/Coats

A growing number of lunch boxes, water bottles and coats are being brought into the school office during the mornings. Miss Rowe 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, water bottles and coats be sent in with the children when they come in to school otherwise your child/children will have to collect them from the office.

## Flu Vaccinations - Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October

The Immunisation team will be coming into school on Thursday 11 October to deliver the flu vaccine (a nasal spray) for children in Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 who returned their consent forms before 20 September.

## Starting School in September 2019

**If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 is it now time to apply for their school place.**

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online by visiting [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

**Online applications open on Monday 1 October 2018**

**The closing date of starting school applications is Tuesday 15 January 2019**

If your application is received after the closing date, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Visits to Thorney Island School for prospective parents are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

## 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 2018

- 8 - Boys indoor football at the Bourne
- 10 - School Photographer - Individual & siblings (inc pre-school) only
- 11 - Flu vaccinations Yrs R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- 12 - Harvest Festival Assemblies - Parents welcome to attend:  
9.00am Owl, Osprey Classes  
10.30am Falcon & Kestrel Classes  
2.30pm Merlin, Hawk & Eagle Classes
- 15 - International Week - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
- 17 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6.00pm
- 18 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- 22 - 26 - Half Term

### November 2018

- 2 - School Disco KS1 4.00 - 5.00pm (Owl, Osprey, & Falcon Classes)  
KS2 5.00 - 6.15pm (Kestrel, Merlin, Hawk and Eagle Classes)
- 12 - Indoor netball at the Bourne
- 16 - Children in Need - Information to follow later from the School Council
- 19 - Last week of After-school Clubs
- 19 - Girls indoor football at the Bourne
- 20 - Owl Class 'Play & Share' session, 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 26 - Eagle Class to Winchester Science Museum
- 29 - Rainbow Theatre Company performing 'Cinderella' to Whole School

### December 2018

- 6 - Carol Service 10.00am (Owl & Merlin Classes)
- 7 - Carol Service 10.00am (Owl & Merlin Classes)
- 11 - Christmas Performance Falcon & Kestrel Classes (1.30pm)
- 12 - Osprey Class to Pantomime at Kings Theatre, Southsea
- 12 - Christmas Performances Falcon & Kestrel Classes (6.00pm)
- 18 - Christmas Parties

### Term Dates 2018/19

4 September 2018:	Start of Autumn term
22 - 26 October 2018:	Half Term
19 December 2018:	Break-up for Christmas holiday
3 January 2019:	Start of Spring Term
18-22 February 2019:	Half Term
5 April 2019:	Break-up for Easter holiday
23 April 2019:	Start of Summer Term
27-31 May 2019:	Half Term
23 July 2019:	Break-up for Summer holiday

### INSET Days

Monday 3 September 2018  
Friday 8 February 2019  
Friday 24 May 2019  
Monday 22 July 2019  
Tuesday 23 July 2019