

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 3

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to Christmas. This is often the busiest half term of the year in school so please make a note of all the important dates as it is not always possible to send out reminders.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

4 November			11 November		
Barn Owl Class	-	Darcie Allison	Barn Owl Class	-	Sienna Males
Tawny Owl Class	-	Harvey Palmer	Tawny Owl Class	-	Harry Bigby-Sutton
Osprey Class	-	Annabelle Meir	Osprey Class	-	Wilbur Palmer-Ward
Falcon Class	-	Alfie Bowley	Falcon Class	-	Kayla Smith
Kestrel Class	-	Morgan Grisley	Kestrel Class	-	Leyla Swart
Merlin Class	-	Luke Stainsby	Merlin Class	-	Sai Levanatabua
Hawk Class	-	Harrison Edwards	Hawk Class	-	Mason Vince
Eagle Class	-	Taylor Palmer	Eagle Class	-	Dekota Starkey
18 November			25 November		
Barn Owl Class	-	Vance Stewart	Barn Owl Class	-	Maisie Bryant
Tawny Owl Class	-	Harriet Beevor	Tawny Owl Class	-	Aiden Gurung
Osprey Class	-	Lacey Robinson	Osprey Class	-	Taku Kufakwedu
Falcon Class	-	Jasmine Bryant	Falcon Class	-	Oscar Webster
Kestrel Class	-	Scarlett Wheatley	Kestrel Class	-	Alfie Porter
Merlin Class	-	Martin Rokotakala	Merlin Class	-	Connor Elwin
Hawk Class	-	Chippy Wainwright	Hawk Class	-	Kaydance Booth
				-	Arleigh Williamson
Eagle Class	-	Ella Brown	Eagle Class	-	Isabella Palmer Ward

Vacancy for Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor at Thorney Island School. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Sarah McCrossan (Clerk to Governors) for more information. You will also find useful resources on the new schools information portal - West Sussex Services for Schools, which you can access by following the link:

<http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Services/3164>

Owl Classes Play and Share Sessions

I would just like to thank those parents that were able to attend these sessions. I hope that you found them useful. I know some working parents find it difficult to attend such sessions but if you have any concerns please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to see them.

PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE - October 2016 Results

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither or N/A	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child is happy at this school.	121	27	1		
2. My child feels safe at this school.	127	18	2	2	
3. My child is making good progress at this school.	113	36			
4. My child is well looked after at this school.	119	30			
5. My child is taught well at this school.	125	21	2		
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	103	38	5	3	
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	109	33	5	2	
8. This school deals effectively with bullying.	84	24	37	3	1
9. The school is well led and managed.	120	26	2		
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	111	24	14		
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	122	25	2		
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 148		No 0		

For Q8 - This school deals effectively with bullying. Many parent put neither but clarified by saying they had no experience of this.

Comments received:

My child is so happy here, her progress is a credit to the inclusive nurturing and professional ethos of the school - Thank you.

I am happy with my daughter's progress. She is happy and enjoys coming to school. Thank you for making my child's time so enjoyable. My child has thoroughly enjoyed International Week and is keen to tell me about it at home.

(I have changed wording slightly so that individuals can not be identified. i.e. replaced specific name with 'child'.)

Emily Spicer - Cake Sale for Pilgrims Hospice

Thank you to everyone who came along to support Emily in her fundraising cake sale for Pilgrims Hospice. In total she raised £137.14 for this very worthy cause.

www.pilgrimshospices.org/community-supporters/emilys-cracking-cake-sake

Indoor Football Tournament at the Bourne 31.10.16

We had a very enjoyable evening with all the boys showing great skill. You can definitely see how the boys have improved over the years playing indoors. They understand that close control and quick passing is vital. Many of our players are in Year 5 so I look forward to having some very competitive matches over the next 2 years. Our next big tournament will take place in Chichester during December. It is the first time we will have taken a team to this tournament which includes much bigger schools. As you can see from the results Thorney won 2 games and lost 1 meaning they came second out of four teams.

Thorney v Funtington	5 - 2
Southbourne A v Southbourne B	1 - 2
Thorney v Southbourne A	2 - 1
Southbourne B v Thorney	3 - 0
Funtington v Southbourne A	4 - 2
Funtington v Southbourne B	3 - 4

Team: Mason Vince, Rhys Roberts, Nicholas Bolton, Luca Fung, Oliver Fowler, Sean Khumalo and Rory Dowding.

Owl Class Cakes

What a talented group of parents and children we have; the cake designs were amazing. The School Council had a very difficult decision to make choosing the winner. They had no idea who had made each cake they just had to stand by their favourite and say why they had chosen it. I loved the Lego and Dinosaur Cake but my favourites were the Owl Cakes because they contained chocolate fingers which are my favourite! So the winners of the competition were Elodie Fung, Harry Bigby-Sutton and Elliot Roberts, but in my eyes all the children were winners. Thank you so much for making so many fabulous competition entries. I certainly put on a few pounds that day!



School iPod

A very big thank you to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Porter for donating iPods to the school; the children will be very happy.

Bonfire Night Guys

A big thank you and well done to the children in Owl Class for making a fantastic Guy for the station bonfire celebrations on Thursday 3rd November. A special mention must also go to Lilly and Lola Rye for taking the time to make two brilliant Guys over half term, well done girls!

Chartwells Hot School Lunches

If you would like to order a hot school lunch for your child this can only be done via Chartwells website www.mealselector.co.uk or by telephone on 01243 836130. Orders CANNOT be taken by the school office. All meals must be ordered and paid for at least seven days in advance.

Hot lunches for children in Years R - 2 are order by the school.

If you have ordered a hot lunch and your child is sick, you will need to call Chartwells on 01243 773239 to cancel.

Girls 6-a-side Football Tournament, Monday 21 November

The girls played extremely well this being the first time many of them had played together in an indoor tournament. I had a great evening and would like to thank all the parents for their support. The score line in some games did not reflect how close that game really was. I would like to thank all the girls who played with such enthusiasm and energy. The girls from all schools showed real sportsmanship throughout and gained experience in playing in a number of positions. I now have a better feel for the positions they will play in the next time we play. Any support from parents on passing and shooting before our next tournament would be appreciated. We have some talented players who just need to be a bit more accurate in their shooting and passing.

The results were as follows:

Thorney 0 v 2 Bosham
Bosham 1 v 1 Funtington
Thorney 2 v 1 Funtington
Bosham 1 v 2 Thorney
Funtington 2 v 5 Bosham
Funtington 4 v 1 Thorney

Football Team: Renitor Kaferoo, Ella Matthews, Grace Toroca, Leanna Alderson, Evie Joyce, Madison Brierley, Lavenia Qalo, and Lauren McClarty.

Urgent Appeal for Parent Helpers

Many staff have asked if I could find parents to volunteer to help in school for a few hours to hear readers etc. each week. If you are able to spare a few hours each week please could you pop into school to see me. This would be much appreciated and make such a difference to the academic performance of all our children.

Lateness

An increasing number of children are arriving at school in the morning late and missing vital inputs for the morning's lessons. School starts at 8.50am; children arriving after this time are marked in the register 'Late'. Children arriving after 9.20am are marked 'Unauthorised Absence'. A child who has more than 10 unauthorised absence marks in a 10 week period, may be referred to Pupil Entitlement (formerly known as Education Welfare) who will consider the issuing of a **Fixed Penalty Notice**. Ofsted take a very dim view of persistent lateness and this may be reflected in the grade that is awarded to the school.

It is imperative that if your child is ill or has an early morning medical appointment, you phone the school before 9.20am to let us know why they won't be in.

Children Playing in the Park Before School

Over the past few days we have had to administer First Aid to several children who have come to school with injuries that they have sustained whilst playing in the park before school - one being a nasty bump to the head, another being a suspected fracture. Could I ask that parents speak to their children about taking care whilst playing in the park, the last thing any of us want is a serious injury to a child.

Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

November 2016

- 28 - Last week of After-school Clubs
- 28 - Rainbow Theatre Company performing 'Snow White' to Whole School

December 2016

- 6 - Osprey & Merlin Classes to Pantomime at Kings Theatre, Southsea
- 8 - Carol Service & Nativity, 10.00am (Barn and Tawny Owl & Eagle Classes)
- 9 - Carol Service & Nativity: 10.00am (Barn and Tawny Owl & Eagle Classes)
- 13 - Christmas Performance Years 2 & 3 (1.30pm)
- 14 - Christmas Performance Years 2 & 3 (6.00pm)
- 15 - Christmas Parties

January 2017

- 3 - Back to school – First day of Spring Term

February 2017

- 15 - Parents Evening, 3.15 – 6.00pm
- 16 - Parents Evening, 3.15 – 5.30pm
- 20 – 24 - Half Term
- 27 - INSET Day – Children **do not** attend school

March 2017

- 24 - Red Nose Day – information to follow near the time

April 2017

- 7 - End of Term
- 24 - Back to school – First day of Summer Term

May 2017

- 1 - Bank Holiday – children do not attend school
- TBA - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6
- 30 - 2 - Half Term
- 29 - Bank Holiday – children do not attend school

June 2017

- 7 - Group/Class Photos
- 26 - 30 - Bikeability Cycle Training, Year 6
- TBA - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

July 2017

- 5 - Transition Day (provisional date; will be confirmed nearer the time)
- 12 - 14 - Sayers Croft Residential for Years 5 & 6
- TBA - Area Sports
- TBA - Fun Sports Afternoon
- TBA - Thorney's Got Talent
- 21 - Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
- 21 - End of Summer Term

INSET Days - There is 1 day still to set

Monday 5 September 2016

Monday 27 February 2017

Monday 24 July 2017

Tuesday 25 July 2017