

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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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

13 October		20 October	
Owl Class	- Gareth Simonaitis	Owl Class	- Alesha Carasco
Kite Class	- Molli Holden	Kite Class	- Oliver McFarlane
Osprey Class	- Kelsang Tamang	Osprey Class	- Harry Bigby-Sutton
Falcon Class	- Amelia Delana	Falcon Class	- Savannah Slater
Kestrel Class	- Gloria Rokotakala	Kestrel Class	- Owen Simpson
Merlin Class	- Marian Delana	Merlin Class	- Miley Floyd
Hawk Class	- Lohan White	Hawk Class	- Martin Rokotakala
Eagle Class	- Evie Joyce	Eagle Class	- Oliver Fowler
3 November		10 November	
Owl Class	- Meli Waitaqa	Owl Class	- Tulisa Morley
Kite Class	- Elliot Roberts	Kite Class	- Sienna Males
Osprey Class	- Arielle Daye	Osprey Class	- Gracie Morris
Falcon Class	- Isaac Matthews	Falcon Class	- Holly Mizon
Kestrel Class	- Fatou Sanyang	Kestrel Class	- Xavier Williams
Merlin Class	- Leyla Swart	Merlin Class	- George Branchett
Hawk Class	- Joshua Young	Hawk Class	- Harry Hargrave
Eagle Class	- Chippy Wainwright	Eagle Class	- Rory Dowding

Reading - Message from Mr Hallam - Chair of Governors.

Please can I just stress how important it is that parents read with their children. It makes such a difference to the progress they make in school. If any parents are free to come and help hear readers in school this would be much appreciated. If you are able to volunteer please inform the school office.

Curriculum Letters

All class curriculum letters which contain useful information for you to support your child at home with their learning as well as useful website links can be found at:

http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/curriculum_letters.html

Bonfire Night Poster Competition



Colonel Coulson was very impressed with the standard of poster produced and found it very difficult to choose a winner. However in the end he chose the one produced by Molli Holden in Kite Class. Well done Molli.

Harvest and St Josephs



I would just like to thank everyone who donated goods at the schools harvest festival and to Mr Matthews, Ella and Isaac for helping to transport the produce over to Chichester. The staff at St Joseph's Night Shelter were very impressed with the amount of produce they received. This will go a long way to feeding the people at the hostel over the coming months. This year Stonepillow has supported over 200 people with more than half regaining their independence and now living in a home of their own. Such acts go a long way to the children understanding and achieving the school mission statement which is: To excite, challenge and support all learners to progress, **make a positive contribution** and achieve their potential.

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.

PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE - October 2017 Results

I would just like to thank all the parents who completed the parental questionnaire. The results show the areas we need to work on. Staff and governors are well aware that the behaviour of a very small minority of children needs to improve but as parents recognise the vast majority of children behave extremely well. Having a 100% recommendation rate is outstanding and much appreciated.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither or N/A	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child is happy at this school.	109	27	1	1	
2. My child feels safe at this school.	112	21	3	2	
3. My child is making good progress at this school.	103	33	1	1	
4. My child is well looked after at this school.	108	29	0	1	
5. My child is taught well at this school.	104	32	1	0	
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	100	36	9	2	
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	93	40	3	2	
8. This school deals effectively with bullying.	69	49	16	2	
9. The school is well led and managed.	110	25	1	1	
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	96	34	5	1	
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	100	35	1	1	
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent. (Please circle)	Yes		No		
	136		0		

For Q8 - This school deals effectively with bullying. Many parents put neither. In the past they have clarified by saying they had no experience of this.

10 Disagrees came from one questionnaire

Comments received:

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

I have spoken to the teacher about this. Referred to her child feeling unsafe at school.

Lovely school with lovely staff. My child will be sad to leave.

Outstanding school, would not want my child to be taught anywhere else. Thank you.

Sometimes punishment one does not fit all. i.e. Children with ADHD etc. standing on the line does not make much difference.

Indoor Football Tournament at the Bourne Monday 16 October

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. Our next big tournament will take place in Chichester during November. It is the second time we will have taken a team to this tournament which includes much bigger schools. Last year we progressed to the area final and I am hoping this year we will go even further. As you can see from the results Thorney won all 3 games 4 - 0, 4 - 0 and 5 - 0. If we play as we did last night I am sure we stand a good chance of going far this year. All the other schools commented and how good our players were and how well they played as a team. I was very proud of how clinical and sportsman like they were.

Chidham v Bosham	2 - 0
Thorney v Westbourne	4 - 0
Chidham v Thorney	0 - 4
Westbourne v Chidham	1 - 2
Bosham v Westbourne	1 - 0
Bosham v Thorney	0 - 5

Team: Mason Vince, Rhys Roberts, Nicholas Bolton, Rees Mitchell, Riley Nugent, Charlie Porter, Harrison Annand and Rory Dowding.

Fiji Day

I would just like to thank Mr Peters and the Fijian Community for inviting the school to their celebrations on Friday 20th October. Merlin Class had a great time and learnt a great deal about how food can be cooked. Food and children are always a good combination. The last set of pictures I have of the school attending was in 2008. Time certainly does fly. Once again thank for making the school and the children part of your special day.



Parent Governors

A vacancy for a Parent Governor has arisen on the schools Governing Body. Please contact the school office for further information if you are interested in this position. The school very much values the contribution made by all governors in particular parent governors.

Bonfire Night Guys



Well done to Angel Hunt in Osprey Class who won the guy competition. Lt. Colonel Colson found it very difficult to make a final decision. However he thought that all of them had outstanding features and wanted me to pass on his congratulations to all of the children that took part. All will receive prizes and will be put on the bonfire on Thursday. (That is the guys not the children!) Well done to Liam Wheatley in Eagle Class, Noah Foxcroft-Boyd in Kite Class, Lucy Spink in Merlin Class, Harriet Beevor in Osprey Class and Amelia and Lilly Tehan in Osprey and Hawk Class.

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 ordered 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.

National School Meals Week

National School Meals Week (13th November - 26th November) is fast approaching and that means it's the perfect time to get feedback from parents on how Chartwells are doing with the provision of the children's school meals. It is a requirement of West Sussex County Council that Chartwells carry out annual surveys of the school meal service and the data collected is used to further improve what is offered.

Chartwells 'We're All Ears' parent survey will be running between **Monday 13th November - Sunday 26th November 2017** and can be accessed by following the link: www.westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/nsmw

Children in Need - 17th November

This year's Children in Need day is Friday 17th November. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing their pyjamas, a onesie or 'something different' in return for a donation of £1.

Congratulations to Mrs Kirsty Jennings and Mr Ian Gray



On behalf of all the children, staff and governors I would just like to congratulate Mrs Jennings on her marriage to Mr Ian Gray. It was so nice to see so many staff both past and present at the wedding as well as parents and children. I know that Mrs Jennings was so grateful for all the kind words and cards that were sent on the day. Miss Whiting was also on hand to sing which made the occasion extra special. Mrs Jennings is missing being at school but at present she has a great deal to focus on at home having to care for four children and look after Mr Gray. As always our thoughts are with her at this challenging time.

Pokemon Cards - Now banned from school

Teachers, teaching assistants and mid-day meals supervisors have had increasing problems with Pokemon Cards. I have tried really hard along with the school council to try and come up with rules to make sure that children did not get upset over swapping cards etc. but this has not worked. Due to the increasing number of complaints from children and parents I have no option but to ban the cards. I have tried my best as I know some children love bringing them to school. However when rules are repeatedly not followed I have had to resort to this decision which I deeply regret as some children were sticking to the rules. Too much learning time is being lost and too many children are now becoming upset for me to allow cards to be brought to school. I hope that parents understand why I have to make this decision.

Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

November 2017

- 13 - Netball Tournament at the Bourne
- 13 - Hawk Class to The Planetarium and Tim Peake Exhibition
- 17 - Children In Need
- 20 - Last week of After-school Clubs
- 20 - Girls Football Tournament at the Bourne
- 21 - Owl Class 'Play & Share' session, 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 23 - Boys Football Tournament at Chichester University
- 27 - Eagle Class to Winchester Science Centre
- 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