

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 5

January 2017

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the start of spring and the end of winter! The school continues to prosper due to the hard work of all those involved and I would just like to thank you for your continued support - It is much appreciated.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

6 January			13 January		
Barn Owl Class	-	Ava-Faye McClarty	Barn Owl Class	-	Luca Scales
Tawny Owl Class	-	Harrison Fowler	Tawny Owl Class	-	George Heatley
Osprey Class	-	Racheal Kafeero	Osprey Class	-	Alexis Scott
Falcon Class	-	Finlay Sawyer	Falcon Class	-	Corey Johnston
Kestrel Class	-	Ellie McCarthy	Kestrel Class	-	Cayden Bowman
Merlin Class	-	Jake Sherrington	Merlin Class	-	Grace Heatley
Hawk Class	-	Rees Mitchell	Hawk Class	-	Rhys Roberts
Eagle Class	-	Ella Matthews	Eagle Class	-	Lauren Fowler
20 January					
Barn Owl Class	-	Romeo Galla			
Tawny Owl Class	-	Arielle Daye			
Osprey Class	-	Jessica Eaves			
Falcon Class	-	Maisie Jefferys			
Kestrel Class	-	Madison Reynolds			
Merlin Class	-	Stephen Long			
Hawk Class	-	Rory Dowding			
Eagle Class	-	Sean Khumalo			

Choir at Springfield Residential Care Home



On Wednesday 14 December Miss Whiting and the school choir visited Springfield Residential care home in Emsworth to sing Christmas Carols for the residents. All the children sang beautifully and brought smiles to many faces.

Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Cleaner to work alongside our current Premises Staff. Application forms and job description are available from the school office.

Hours of work: Monday - Friday, term time only (3.00 - 5.15pm)

Salary: £7.66 per hour

Thorney Island School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practice reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Congratulations Miss Hodges

Congratulations to Miss Hodges who gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Tuesday 29 November at 10.48pm. Milo William weighed 7lbs 8oz.

Cards and Presents

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank parents and children for all the cards and presents received at the end of last term. The comments written in the cards were much appreciated by everyone.

Attendance - Autumn Term 2016

Whole School	97.24%		
Kestrel	97.64%	Falcon	97.31%
Osprey	97.61%	Tawny Owl	96.94%
Eagle	97.59%	Hawk	96.66%
Merlin	97.37%	Barn Owl	96.61%
Girls	97.39%		
Boys	97.08%		

Boys have been absent from school $4\frac{1}{2}$ days more than girls this term.

Ofsted use attendance statistics to judge the overall performance of a school. We have extremely high standards in this area and value the support given to us by the parents of the children that attend our school.

53 children had 100% attendance last term - This is outstanding and makes such a difference to your child's education. Please note there is a very strong correlation between attendance and attainment at school.

Congratulations Class of 2015/16

The league tables for 2015/16 have been released and I am proud to report that Thorney Island School has come 6th out of 289 in the Local Authority for attendance. It's now up to the current cohort to see if we can better that figure this year.

Mid-Year Reports

I hope that you find your child's Mid-Year Report on Behaviour and Personal Attributes useful. Please discuss any issues raised in the report with your child so improvement can be made. Any areas of concern can then be discussed at Parents Evening in February. Mid-Year Reports will be sent home on Friday 20 January. Please note children in Owl Class do not receive these reports. The attendance comment is generated by the attendance statistic. As stated previously we have very high expectations with regard to attendance due to the fact that there is a very strong correlation between attendance and attainment at school.

Class - Curriculum Letters

You should, at the beginning of term, have received a copy of your child's curriculum letter from their class teacher. This contains information on what your child will be learning this half term and how you can support them with their learning. Parental support is key to a child's success at school and can make such a difference to their attainment. NB All curriculum letters can be found on our website which makes accessing the links provided much easier. (www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk)

PE Kit

On Monday 16 January when Merlin Class had PE, **5 children did not have PE kits**. This is unacceptable. PE kit forms part of the school uniform. It is difficult to blame young children for not having their kit. Please can parents ensure their child has a PE kit and it is in school from Monday to Friday.

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 and with our website having nearly 21,000 hits so far it is obviously used quite a lot. (www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk)

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start again week beginning 16 January and end week beginning 20 March. Regular attendance at after school clubs is expected. If a club is cancelled at short notice, i.e. because of the weather, we will send a text message to inform you. The school governors are extremely grateful that staff give up their own time to run clubs after school. Staff have listened to the views of parents and we have tried to ensure that there are clubs for all year groups. We are utilising our Sports Grant to bring in more sports coaches to work with the children.

As some clubs have limited spaces we cannot guarantee that children get to take part in every club they would like to. In an attempt to be fair to everyone, we try to ensure that each child gets at least one of their club choices. Please only sign your child up for clubs they want to do; in the past we have had children very upset because they are doing a club that a parent wants them to do, not what they want to do.

Parking outside of school

I have become aware that parents are parking on the zig-zag lines by the zebra crossing outside the school entrance. I appreciate that you may only be parked for a couple of minutes; however this is a busy crossing especially at the beginning and end of the school day. We are very fortunate that there is lots of parking around the vicinity of the school; please don't risk seriously injuring a child for your convenience. **PLEASE PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY.**

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Once again we will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Last year we were able to 'buy' some great PE equipment that children across the school have enjoyed using. Vouchers can be brought into school and posted in the collection box in the School Hall. Active Kids Vouchers can be collected from all Sainsbury's stores and Sainsbury's online from 25 January to 25 April 2017.

Passing messages to children

An increasing number of parents are telephoning the school asking for messages to be passed to their children. Please be aware that whilst it may be only a '2 minute job', when several messages have to be passed on, this does become time consuming. Having Miss Rowe out of the school office delivering messages also results in reduced first aid cover and the phone not being answered, often at a very busy time of day. **Please only ask for messages to be passed to your child in an emergency.**

Locality Football Tournament - Thorney Win On Goal Difference!

Chidham v Bosham	0 - 3
Thorney v Westbourne	4 - 1
Chidham v Thorney	1 - 5
Westbourne v Chidham	1 - 0
Bosham v Westbourne	2 - 1
Bosham v Thorney	2 - 2

The boys played extremely well. As one parent said the most skilful they have played all year. This certainly showed in the score line in some games against strong opposition. I would just like to thank all parents for their support and the sportsmanship showed by all was tremendous. As the headteacher at Westbourne wrote in an email to me - 'Excellent football today and Thorney were worthy winners.'

Team: Luca Fung, Rory Dowding, Rees Mitchell, Mason Vince, Nicholas Bolton, Rhys Roberts, Matthew Horsfield and Riley Nugent

Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

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

2 - World Book Day

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

26 - Locality Football and Netball Tournament

May 2017

1 - Bank Holiday - children do not attend school

8 - 12 - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6

30 - 2 June - Half Term

29 - Bank Holiday - children do not attend school

June 2017

7 - Group/Class Photos

26 - 30 - Bikeability Cycle Training, Year 6

12 - 16 - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

July 2017

5 - Transition Day

6 - Area Sports

12 - 14 - Sayers Croft Residential for Years 5 & 6

19 - Fun Sports Afternoon

20 - 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