

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 6

February 2018

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

The children have continued to work hard this term and are hopefully on track to achieve the challenging targets that they have been set. I hope that you will find Parents Evening useful. Your support as always is crucial. The difference you make when you support your child with reading and homework is always noticeable in school and I cannot stress enough how much staff appreciate this.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

12 January			19 January		
Owl Class	-	Maisey Fowler	Owl Class	-	Ivy Smith
Kite Class	-	Lacey Mingar	Kite Class	-	Romeo Galla
Osprey Class	-	Amelia Tehan	Osprey Class	-	Sanna Sanyang
Falcon Class	-	Lily Young	Falcon Class	-	Aarav Rana
Kestrel Class	-	Kallum Daumann-Rattenbury	Kestrel Class	-	Poppy May
Merlin Class	-	Lilly Booth	Merlin Class	-	Ollie Mills
Hawk Class	-	Siteri Kama	Hawk Class	-	Rebecca Sauliga
Eagle Class	-	Ethan Swart	Eagle Class	-	Riley Nugent
26 January			2 February		
Owl Class	-	Holly Fryer	Owl Class	-	Kyla-Kim Sinclair
Kite Class	-	Benjamin Jeffery	Kite Class	-	Luca Scales
Osprey Class	-	Tyler Kray	Osprey Class	-	Emmy Turvey
Falcon Class	-	Laisa Kama	Falcon Class	-	Riley Williams
Kestrel Class	-	Oscar Webster	Kestrel Class	-	Phoebe Hearn
Merlin Class	-	Theo Fung	Merlin Class	-	Morgan Vincent
Hawk Class	-	Jayden Aggrey	Hawk Class	-	Lilly Tehan
Eagle Class	-	Rhys Roberts	Eagle Class	-	Kye Allison

Missing iPad

It has been brought to my attention that one of the school iPads has gone missing. Please can I ask that if you know where it is you let me know. This is only the second time an item of value has gone missing during my whole time as Headteacher at Thorney Island School (13 years). The laptop that went missing was returned by a parent when found in their child's bedroom! Sadly, I have a feeling the iPad is not lost but stolen as the lead to charge it has also gone missing. The school has been searched but it has not been found. Your support in this matter would be much appreciated.

Vacancy for Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor on the schools Governing Body. If you are interested in this position please contact Mrs McCrossan, Clerk to Governors for further information. The school very much values the contribution made by all governors in particular parent governors.

Gaming and Safeguarding

It has been brought to my attention that some children whilst gaming are communicating with others on line. One girl at school thought that this was acceptable even though we have very clear internet safety lessons in school. The website in question displays images to say that it is a safe site and it has quite a few mechanisms in place to prevent children from revealing personal details. However I have discovered that, although it requires parental permission, you can access the site without this. The children at school also gave me several tips on how to bypass the safety features. Please can parents be aware that if children are gaming at home you monitor this closely. I do not want any of our children being groomed! A second incident involving another site has also been reported to me today. This was far more serious. Fortunately through careful monitoring the parents picked up on this very quickly.

Registration for Free School Meals

Is your family income under £16,190? Are you in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no working taking credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

If the answer is yes, then your child may be entitled to receive Free School Meals. In addition the school will receive an extra £1,320 in Pupil Premium funding that could be used to support their educational needs.

If you would like further information or a registration form, please call into the school office and speak to Miss Rowe.

Indoor Football Tournament at the Bourne Monday 15 January & Monday 22 January

We had two very enjoyable evenings 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 on Thursday 18th January at the County Finals. It is the first time we will have taken a team to this tournament which includes much bigger schools including many private schools. If we play as we did on the 15th January I am sure we stand a good chance of going on to the Regional Finals. All the other schools commented and how good our players were and how well they played as a team.

Monday 15 January		Monday 22 January	
Chidham v Bosham	1 - 0	Compton v Funtington	2 - 4
Thorney v Westbourne	2 - 2	Southbourne v Thorney	0 - 2
Chidham v Thorney	3 - 6	Compton v Southbourne	0 - 6
Westbourne v Chidham	1 - 2	Thorney v Compton	4 - 0
Bosham v Westbourne	0 - 3	Funtington v Southbourne	0 - 7
Bosham v Thorney	0 - 3	Funtington v Thorney	0 - 7

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

Sussex County Football Finals

Results (Group Stage):

Thorney 1 v 0 Orchards Junior

Rory Dowding

Thorney 3 v 1 St Wilfrids CofE Primary

Harrison Annand

Rory Dowding (2)

Thorney 1 v 1 Southwater Junior Academy

Harrison Annand

Semi Final:

Thorney 1 v 2 Ocklynge Junior

Harrison Annand



The team played exceptionally well, progressing to the semi-finals as groups winners. Unfortunately after quite a competitive game they lost 2-1 in the semi-finals to the team that went on to eventually win the county finals. The team that we beat 3-1 in the group stage and came runners up in our group made it to the finals. To me that sums up the game of football. The boys gave it their all - we had no regrets and I was extremely proud of the effort they put in to every game.

Team: Rory Dowding, Harrison Annand, Mason Vince, Rhys Roberts, Nick Bolton, Liam Wheatley, Charlie Porter, Rees Mitchell, Riley Nugent

Growth Mindset

I thought it would be useful to share a few YouTube clips with parents on Growth Mindset. This reinforces what we focussed on last year as a school. I used part of these in my assembly on Monday 29th January and it was quite surprising what the children had remembered.

Each clip is between 5 and 3 minutes long.

<https://youtu.be/NWv1VdDeoRY> Carol Dweck Praise v Effort for Parents

<https://youtu.be/2zrtHt3bBmQ> - For younger children to watch.

<https://youtu.be/d0jEF66xSBA> - What is growth mindset? Can you exercise your brain? Please note this presenter uses some language we would never use in school.

Locality Netball Tournament

I did not get to see the netball tournament but from the match results the team have certainly improved. The team won 4 - 0 against Bosham, drew 1 - 1 against Westbourne B and lost 2 - 1 to Westbourne A.

Miss Hodges felt they had an excellent first match against Bosham and the second game against Westbourne was extremely close. I would just like to say a huge well done to all that took part especially the new players. Miss Hodges told me that Taione and Heilala's shooting skills were amazing. The team will continue to train on a Monday after school in order to be ready for the next tournament in the summer. Again parental support was amazing and much appreciated. I would also like to thank Miss Hodges for taking the team and preparing them so well.

Team: Taione Vunicagi, Heilala Waqanisau, Joshua Toroca, Riley Bowman, Rebecca Sauliga, Chippy Wainwright, Ella Matthews and Evie Joyce.

Update from the West Sussex WorthLess Campaign

As I am sure you are aware, West Sussex Headteachers are continuing their campaign for fair funding for our schools. On our website (under NEWS) you will find copies of a letter and fact sheet that were published recently.

Two Job Vacancies - 1 x Cleaner; 1 x Lunchtime Supervisor

Due to Mrs Delana leaving us to start her Maternity Leave, we are looking to recruit a Cleaner and a Lunchtime Supervisor to work alongside our current Premises and Lunchtime Staff. Application forms and job description are available from the school office.

Cleaner

Hours of work: Monday - Friday, term time (3.15 - 4.45pm)
Plus additional hours in school holidays
Salary: £7.90 per hour (pay award pending)
Benefits: Contributory Pension, 5 weeks paid annual leave
Start Date: 12 March 2018

Lunchtime Supervisor

Hours of work: Monday - Friday, term time (11.30am - 1.05pm)
Salary: £7.90 per hour (pay award pending)
Benefits: Contributory Pension, 5 weeks paid annual leave
Start Date: 12 March 2018

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 check by the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly Criminal Records Bureau) along with other relevant employment checks.

Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

February 2018

- 7 - Parents Evening, 3.15 - 6.00pm
- 8 - Parents Evening, 3.15 - 5.30pm
- 12-16 - Half Term
- 19 - INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day

March 2018

- 1 - World Book Day
- 26-29 - Bikeability Cycle Training, Year 6
- 29 - End of Term

April 2018

- 16 - Back to school - First day of Summer Term

May 2018

- 1 - Merlin Class trip
- 7 - Bank Holiday - children **do not** attend school
- 14 - Owl Class trip
- TBC - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6
- 25 - INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
- 28 - Bank Holiday - children **do not** attend school
- 29-1 - Half Term

June 2018

- 4 - INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
- TBC - Group/Class Photos
- TBC - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 25-27 - Year 5 & 6 Residential to Cobnor

July 2018

- 4 - Transition Day
- TBC - Area Sports
- 17 - Beach Day
- 20 - Fun Sports Afternoon
- 23 - Thorney's Got Talent
- 24 - Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
- 24 - End of Summer Term

Term Dates 2017/18

- 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

Kitchen Assistant required **At Thorney Island School**

Term time only
11.30am – 1.30 pm

Uniform and training supplied.
Full DBS check will be carried out
Prior to acceptance

Interested?

Contact
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