

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island CP School

### Newsletter No 7

March 2017

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It has been a very exciting start to the half term with many things happening such as World Book Day, lots of cooking which I have enjoyed tasting and a class visit to the Warner Brothers Studio. Both Owl Classes are looking forward to their Glitters and Sparkles Evening and I know many other teachers have visits or activities planned so as to fully engage and excite the children in their learning. The teachers have spent a great deal of time planning and organising these events including going on pre-visits. The children's enthusiasm throughout is always a pleasure to see which inspires the teachers to go above and beyond what is expected. As always I receive lots of feedback on the outstanding behaviour of the children when they are both in and out of school which is always good to hear if not expected.

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

17 February		3 March		
Barn Owl Class	Lacey Mingar Tommy Harling	Barn Owl Class	-	Stanley Steel
Tawny Owl Class	Elodie Fung	Tawny Owl Class	-	Bailey Cain
Osprey Class	Isaac Matthews	Osprey Class	-	Amelia Delana
Falcon Class	Alfie Bowley Ebrima Jallow	Falcon Class	-	Mackenzie Roberts Olivia Palliser
Kestrel Class	Ollie Mills	Kestrel Class	-	Jessica Price
Merlin Class	Lilly Tehan	Merlin Class	-	Jayden Aggrey
Hawk Class	Evie Joyce	Hawk Class	-	Angglinga Rai
Eagle Class	Gaurav Rana	Eagle Class	-	Renitor Kafeero

#### Army Day - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Miss Whiting has worked hard to put together a day where all the children will experience army life which will include looking at weapons, vehicles and much more. Please note on this day the children can wear non-school uniform (preferably green in colour) as I am not sure what state they may return home in! I know that the children love this event and we are very grateful for the support we receive from the military on this day especially Mr Scott (Alexis' dad) who has helped to organise everything.

#### Red Nose Day - 24 March - Wear Something Funny for Money

The School Council have agreed that the theme for this year's Red Nose Day is, 'Wear Something Funny for Money'. Children can come to school on this day wearing whatever they like; the funnier the better. The aim of the day is to raise money and make everyone smile and laugh. The School Council also agreed that all money raised will support Cpt Nick Wright, 12 Reg RA who is undertaking a gruelling six marathons in 7 days across the Sahara Desert for the charity Walk Once More, which assists service veterans with spinal injuries.

## Final INSET Day - Date set for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Please note I have now been able to finalise our final INSET Day of the year where children do not attend school. This will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## World Book Day



The children and staff had a great day. Mrs Moody was very impressed with the effort everyone had made.

All the children and staff looked fantastic and I would like to thank all parents for helping to make the day a great success; It was much appreciated.



Can you spot Mr Clegg?

## Corporate & Inter-Schools Road Running Challenge

A team of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the first of three running races on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. They were competing against several other local Primary Schools over a distance of 1400m around Chichester City Centre. The children all did very well, with Rory Dowding (Year 5) coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in his race. There are two more races on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The children who took part or are aiming to take part in the next two races are: Rory Dowding, Rees Mitchell, Charlie Porter, Rhys Roberts, Isobella Palmer-Ward and Luca Fung.

## Homework Questionnaire

I would just like to thank parents for taking the time to complete the homework questionnaire. All the results have been analysed and given to school governors to discuss at their next meeting. Although there was overwhelming support for homework your responses have highlighted areas we can improve upon.

## Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet

Please note I have added many more dates to the list, e.g. Sports Day!

Yours sincerely  
Dean Clegg  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### March 2017

- 1 - Merlin Class to Harry Potter Studios, London
- 2 - World Book Day, whole school activity
- 9 - Army Day, whole school activity
- 10 - Charity Cake Sale, 3.00pm
- 17 - Glitters & Sparkles Evening, Barn & Tawny Owl Classes - more details to follow
- 20 - Falcon Class visit to Portchester Castle
- 21 - Barn Owl Class - Play & Share, 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 21 - Kestrel Class visit to Living Rainforest, Thatcham
- 23 - Tawny Owl Class - Play & Share, 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 24 - Red Nose Day, 'Wear Something Funny for Money'

### 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
- 23 - Beach Day, whole school activity
- 26 - INSET Day - children do not attend school
- 29 - 2 June Half Term

### June 2017

- 7 - Group/Class Photos
- 12 - 16 - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 20 - New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting, 3.15pm
- 21 - Sports Day, 1.15pm (whole school)
- 22 - It's a Thorney Knockout - whole school activity
- 23 - Skate School - Year 2 to 6
- 26 - 30 - Bikeability Cycle Training, Year 6

### July 2017

- 5 - Transition Day
- 6 - Area Sports, Years 5 & 6
- 12 - 14 - Sayers Croft Residential for Years 5 & 6
- 19 - Fun Sports Afternoon, whole school activity
- 20 - Thorney's Got Talent, whole school activity
- 21 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
- 21 - End of Summer Term

### INSET Days

Monday 5 September 2016

Monday 27 February 2017

Friday 26 May 2017

Monday 24 July 2017

Tuesday 25 July 2017

- 4 September 2017 Back to school
- 23 - 27 October 2017 Half Term
- 20 December 2017 Break-up for Christmas holiday
- 4 January 2018 Start of Spring Term