

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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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 visits to Emsworth, Chichester and the Living Rainforest. Owl Class enjoyed 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

9 February		23 February	
Owl Class	Riley Reith-Van Beers	Owl Class	- Api Navisiri
Kite Class	Konner Haines	Kite Class	- Eva Carroll
Osprey Class	Emily-Rose Carmon	Osprey Class	- Aston Biddlecombe
Falcon Class	Jessica Eaves	Falcon Class	- Stanley Porter
Kestrel Class	Krystal Ankomah	Kestrel Class	- Rose Moore
Merlin Class	Alfie Porter	Merlin Class	- Kacie-Alys Draper
Hawk Class	Ellie Higgs	Hawk Class	- Heilala Waqanisau
Eagle Class	Rory Dowding	Eagle Class	- Liam Wheatley
9 March		16 March	
Owl Class	Ellouise Peters	Owl Class	- Emily King
Kite Class	Elsie Bellman	Kite Class	- Tegan Clark
Osprey Class	Oliver Sawyer	Osprey Class	- William Daumann-Rattenbury
Falcon Class	Harrison Porter	Falcon Class	- Mishané Keyser
Kestrel Class	Olivia Palliser	Kestrel Class	- Corey Johnston
Merlin Class	Molly Gliddon	Merlin Class	- Anna Simonaitis
Hawk Class	Stephen Long	Hawk Class	- Jayden Aggrey
Eagle Class	Ella Matthews	Eagle Class	- Rees Mitchell
	Jake Daumann-Rattenbury		
23 March			
Owl Class	Kyran De Wit		
Kite Class	Joseph Graham		
Osprey Class	Gracie Jefferys		
Falcon Class	Lucas Pistana		
Kestrel Class	Freddie Smith		
Merlin Class	Cayden Bowman		
Hawk Class	Jessica-Sarah Fowler		
Eagle Class	Leanna Alderson		

World Book Day



The children and staff had a great day. Mr Vokes 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.



Support, Believe, Foster

Could you, or someone you know, support a child who is going through a difficult time in their lives? As a West Sussex foster carer you will benefit from local support and training as well as a competitive fostering allowance. The County Council would be especially keen to hear from people who have childcare experience (either personal or professional) or those who could support older children, sibling groups or children with additional needs. A series of local information events is taking place; dates and times below:

- 20 February, Burgess Hill Town Council, 6.30-8.30pm
- 27 February, Felpham Community College, 6.30-8.30pm
- 21 March, Southwick Community Centre, 6.30-8.30pm
- 27 March, County Hall North, Horsham, 6.30-8.30pm

You can also call the Fostering Recruitment Team on 0330 222 7775 or visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering.

Change a life - adopt a local child. Have you, or has someone you know, been thinking about adoption? There are currently many children in foster care in West Sussex, waiting for a new adoptive family. West Sussex County Council's Adoption Team is keen to hear from you and answer any questions you may have. The children waiting for adoption have had a difficult start in life; there is a need for adoptive families from all backgrounds to match the needs of these children. The County Council is particularly keen to hear people with a medical or caring background and who would consider adopting a child with learning needs or medical conditions, such as Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. Find out more at a local information session, dates of which can be found at www.westsussex.gov.uk/adoption or call the team for an informal chat on 0330 222 7777.

School Office

Our school office is experiencing a high level of additional work. To ensure we are able to run a time efficient office, we request your support in the following areas:

- Teachers are not able to come out of class during the day to speak to a parent. Please see your child's class teacher before or after school or e-mail the office and the teacher concerned will respond to you. Please use the following e-mail address office@ticps.co.uk
- Any lunch boxes, homework, PE kit, coats, water bottles etc. that are brought in to the office after 9am will stay in the office until your child comes to collect them at break time. The Governors' are concerned that Miss Rowe is spending a considerable amount of time delivering these items to classrooms rather than being available to answer the telephone and deal with any first aid issues that arise.
- If your child is unwell and not going to be in school, please leave a message on the absence line (option 1 on the phone) or e-mail between 8.30am and 9.30am on the first day of illness and any subsequent days after.
- If your child injures themselves at home or outside of school, please ensure the appropriate dressing is applied before coming to school.
- Please make sure the school office is kept up to date with any changes to your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers.
- Any changes to your child's normal 'going home' routine needs to be communicated to the class staff via a letter sent in with your child to the teacher in the morning. If a change occurs during the day, please e-mail the school office, details as above. Please may we ask that only in an emergency do you phone the office at the end of the school day.
- Please ensure that your child is collected **promptly** at 3.05pm (3.45pm if attending an after-school club)

Girls Football Tournament - Monday 5th March

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

The girls played extremely well and far better than the score line suggests. They won against both the other schools initially and then lost against them! All the children showed true sportsmanship and it was a very exciting evening. The parents that came to watch were very supportive and as always your help was much appreciated.

Team: Ella Matthews, Chippy Wainwright, Leanna Alderson, Evie Joyce, Aida Williams, Sienna Hester, Kaydance Booth and Arleigh Williamson.

Reading at Home

Mr Hallam the chair of governors at school recently read an article where it stated that one in three children never read outside of school. He has asked me to remind parents of the importance of reading at home. He has also asked me to find out how many children are not reading regularly at home. Initial findings seem to reveal that this is between 30% and 50% depending on the class. Your child will be seriously disadvantaged at school if they are unable to read fluently. Please, if you do nothing else at home with your child, can you hear them read for just 5 minutes a day. It will make such a difference to their academic progress later in life.

Private Fostering

Have you had someone else's child living with you for 28 days or more? Private fostering is when someone under 16 (or 18, if registered disabled), is cared for by an adult who is not a close relative. It is your legal duty to let West Sussex County Council know about a Private Fostering arrangement, and it is our legal duty to provide you with advice and information. Please call West Sussex County Council on 01403 229900 for more information, or email MASH@westsussex.gcsx.gov.uk Find out more at www.westsussex.gov.uk/privatefostering

Play and Share - Owl Class

What a great turn out. Sorry I was not able to meet parents but I was at a meeting of all West Sussex Headteachers and the Police with regards to Operation Encompass which the school has signed up to. More details will follow about this in the next newsletter.

<http://www.operationencompass.org/>



Scooters and Bikes on School Playground

Please remember bikes and scooters are not allowed on the school playground. Please leave them at the gate or in the bike/scooter shelter provided. There has been a recent accident that reinforces the fact that this is the safest option. At the start and end of the day there are too many parents, toddlers and children on the playground to have scooters and bikes on the playground too. Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

Mrs Harland is Leaving

Thursday 29 March will be Mrs Harland's last day at Thorney Island School before she takes up a new role at St Richard' Hospital in Chichester as a Theatre Assistant. Mrs Harland has worked at the school for 10 years and has had many roles including Lunchtime Supervisor, Teaching Assistant and HLTA. She has supported many new teachers in the first year of their careers which they have found invaluable. She has always been passionate about working with children and her calm but fair nature has meant she has earned the respect of all those that have worked at the school alongside her. She has been so hard working and the whole school community - staff, children and governors will miss Mrs Harland but we wish her well for the future.

We are hoping that Mrs Harland will return to the school on a Supply basis as and when her new shift patterns allow.

Netball Team - Area Finals

I was so pleased when the netball team reached the area finals in Bognor Regis. The team played extremely well but as one of the team said 'This was at a totally different level Mr Clegg.' The team are still quite inexperienced and many are in Year 5 so I have great hopes for them next year. The football team were in a similar position last year and this year as Year 6 they went on to play in the county finals. Fingers crossed the netball team manage this next year.

A big thank you to all the parents who transported the children and went along to support - I know that it was much appreciated.

Team: Ella Matthews, Evie Joyce, Chippy Wainwright, Heilala Waqanisau, Sienna Hester, Taione Vunicagi, Joshua Toroca

Sport Relief Day - 23rd March

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for Sport Relief, we raised a total of £161.20. The whole school entered into the spirit and there were some very sporty outfits.

School Uniform + PE Kits

When parents send their child to school they agree to the uniform policy of that school. Please note a small minority of children are not wearing the correct uniform or shoes. At the start of next term all children will be inspected and the parents of children not adhering to the uniform policy will be contacted and asked to come and speak to me. Please can you ensure over the Easter break that your child has all the correct uniform and PE Kit. This should make everyone's life a little easier.

Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet

Please note Sports Day is a week earlier than stated on the last newsletter i.e. Sports day is now on Wednesday 13th June.

Yours sincerely
Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

March 2018

- 23 - Sport Relief Day
- 26-29 - Bikeability Cycle Training, Year 6
- 28 - Locality Dance Festival
- 29 - End of Term

April 2018

- 16 - Back to school - First day of Summer Term
- 17 - Hawk Class trip to Arundel Castle
- 19 - Yr 6 SATS meeting
- 20 - Yr R, 1 & 2 Welly Walk
- 23 - St George's Day Parade, Emsworth (Hawk Class attending)
- 25 - Locality Football & Netball Tournament

May 2018

- 1 - Merlin Class trip to Harry Potter Studios
- 2 - Osprey & Kite Class trip to Marwell Zoological Park
- 7 - Bank Holiday - children **do not** attend school
- 10 - Eagle Class trip to D-Day Museum
- 14 - Owl Class trip to Staunton Country Park
- 14-18 - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6
- 21 - Cricket Tournament, Emsworth
- 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
- 6 - Group/Class Photographs
- 7 - Cobnor Residential Trip Meeting, 3.05pm
- TBC - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 13 - Sports Day
- 25-27 - Year 5 & 6 Residential to Cobnor

July 2018

- 4 - Transition Day
- 11 - Reserve Sports Day
- 12 - Area Sports (Southbourne Junior School)
- 17 - Beach Day
- 18 - Skate School
- 19 - It's a Thorney Knockout
- 20 - Fun/Team Sports Afternoon
- 23 - Thorney's Got Talent
- 24 - Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
- 24 - End of Summer Term

Term Dates 2017/18

- 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

Friday 25th May & Monday 4th June