

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island CP School

### Newsletter No 7

March 2019

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 class visits to Warner Brothers Studios to see the Harry Potter set and to the Living Rainforest. Owl Class are also looking forward to their Glitters and Sparkles Evening and I know many other teachers have visits or activities planned 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

11 February			1 March		
Owl Class	-	Phoebe Rose	Owl Class	-	Lessie Hughes
Osprey Class	-	Maisie Mills	Osprey Class	-	Tulisa Morley
Prairie Falcon Class	-	Eva Carroll	Prairie Falcon Class	-	Konner Haines
Peregrine Falcon Class	-	Emmy Turvey	Peregrine Falcon Class	-	Gracie Morris
Kestrel Class	-	Reyash Gurung	Kestrel Class	-	Essense Starkey
Merlin Class	-	Quiria Quansah	Merlin Class	-	Mackenzie Roberts
Hawk Class	-	Morgan Vincent	Hawk Class	-	Theo Fung
Eagle Class	-	Siteri Kama	Eagle Class	-	Luke Stainsby
8 March			15 March		
Owl Class	-	Archie Herbert	Owl Class	-	Savannah Males
Osprey Class	-	Maisey Fowler	Osprey Class	-	Gareth Simonaitis
Prairie Falcon Class	-	Lacey Mingar	Prairie Falcon Class	-	Stanley Steel
Peregrine Falcon Class	-	Oliver Sawyer	Peregrine Falcon Class	-	William Daumann-Rattenbury
Kestrel Class	-	Alexis Scott	Kestrel Class	-	Jayden Dippenaar
Merlin Class	-	Alfie Bowley	Merlin Class	-	Scarlett Turvey
Hawk Class	-	Aida Williams	Hawk Class	-	Summer-Jade Webber
Eagle Class	-	Lacey Clark	Eagle Class	-	Heilala Waqanisau

#### Class Curriculum Letters

[http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/curriculum\\_letters.html](http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/curriculum_letters.html)

These letters contain valuable information to help you support your child's learning at home. Having this link should make accessing the websites suggested by teachers far easier!

Class Website Pages - <http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/Info.htm>

These have been recently updated and showcase all the exciting learning that has taken place so far this academic year. Just go to the website and look under - Our Classes.

## World Book Day



The children and staff had a great day. We were all 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.



## New School Councillors

School councillors are elected by the children twice a year for all classes except Eagle Class. To maintain continuity those elected in September in Eagle Class remain as councillors all year and Owl Class councillors are just elected for the second part of the academic year. The school councillors meet with me every fortnight to discuss - Successes - Needs - Problems - Responsibilities after holding a 'Class Meeting'. Governors occasionally attend these meetings too.

The new School Councillors are:

Eagle Class	Taione Vunicagi Heilala Waqanisau	Peregrine Falcon Class	Daniel Weatherall Kelsang Tamang
Hawk Class	Ellie McCarthy Theo Fung	Prairie Falcon Class	Tegan Clark Finley Harrison
Merlin Class	Phoebe Hearn Xavier Williams	Osprey Class	Gareth Simonaitis Holly Fryer
Kestrel Class	Sofia Wood Harrison Porter	Owl Class	Soraya Scott Oscar Edmonds

I look forward to working with the new school councillors on projects within school. Hopefully they will oversee the installation of the new climbing wall that was agreed by the previous councillors.

### Bronze Reading Certificates - First Set of Awards

Congratulations to - Lilly Booth, Harry Bigby-Sutton, Josephine Percival, Phoebe Holcroft, Molly Young, Layla Longley, Ivy Smith, Mackenzie Roberts, Poppy May, Phoebe Hearn, Connor Murray, Aarav Gurung, Lily Young, Holly Mizon and Essense Starkey for being the first children to get to the Bronze Milestone in reading at home (25 times) since the scheme was introduced. I do not know who was most excited the children or Mr Vokes!

Many more have now been awarded since these first ones. Well done to everyone.

### Silver Reading Certificates - First Set of Awards

Congratulations to - Holly Mizon, Ivy Smith, Kyran De Wit, Lilly Booth, Harry Bigby-Sutton, Harry Smith, Ellie McCarthy and Mackenzie Roberts for being the first children to get to the Silver Milestone in reading at home (50 times) since the scheme was introduced.

### Sweet Raffle

Congratulations to Kacie-Alys Draper who had the winning ticket, number 231. Thank you so much to everyone who bought raffle tickets. We raised a fantastic £175.00, which has been passed to Bosham School towards their fundraising for Clic Sargent.

### Netball Tournament - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

I did not get to see the netball tournament but from the match results the team have certainly maintained their winning ways. The team won 9 - 1 against Westbourne, 3 - 1 against Southbourne and 2 - 1 against Bosham.

Mrs Day felt they had an excellent first match against Westbourne and the third game against Bosham was extremely close. I would just like to say a huge well done to all that took part, especially the new players. 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 Mrs Day for taking the team and preparing them so well. This was her last game in charge as coach before going on maternity leave. What a way to leave!

Team: Siteri Kama, Jayden Aggrey, Heilala Waqanisau, Aida Williams, Marian Delana, Nyerah Charles and Rebecca Sauliga.



## School Office

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](mailto: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.
- 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)

## Red Nose Day - 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, we raised a fantastic £200!



## Easter - Living Eggs



We hoped the children enjoyed watching the eggs hatch and holding the chicks!

## Girls Football Tournament - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

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

The girls played extremely well winning all four games and not conceding any goals. The girl's skill level has certainly improved over the past 2 years has as their goal scoring ability! 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: Lilly Tehan, Ellie Higgs, Siteri Kama, Rebecca Sauliga, Madison Reynolds, Lacey Clark.

## School Uniform + PE Kits

When parents send their child to school they agree to the uniform policy of that school. A small minority of children are not wearing the correct uniform or shoes. At the start of next term parents of children not adhering to the uniform policy will be contacted and asked to come and speak to me. All items of uniform should be clearly named, including PE kits and coats. Items that are not named may be in lost property for an extended period of time and may be disposed of at the end of each half term.

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.

### **Goodbye to Mrs Gibson**

I would like to inform parents that Mrs Gibson will be retiring at the end of this term so that she can spend more time with her husband who is also just about to retire. Mrs Gibson started her career at Thorney Island in January 1986, then after a career break to raise her two daughters Mrs Gibson returned to cover teachers for PPA in September 2005 just as I started as headteacher. She has had many roles in school including being the subject leader for Art & Design and she has contributed to the school fully during her time with us. She has been responsible for organising and putting up many displays in school and I was really pleased that at our last Ofsted Inspection, the quality of art work in school was acknowledged as a real strength. Once again I would like to thank Mrs Gibson for all her hard work and I know that the children and staff will really miss her but we wish her well for the future. I do hope that she will be back to do supply cover in the future.

### **Concerns or Complaints**

In my 14 years at Thorney, parents have been extremely good at raising any concerns they have had with me which has allowed me to deal with any issues extremely quickly. With the school growing in size from 90 to over 200 children, some new parents may not feel that I am as accessible as I once was. This is not the case. I will always try to make time to see any parent on the day they raise a concern. Any concern or complaint that I cannot deal with would then be dealt with by the Governing Body of whom there are 13 members. Recently an anonymous complaint was received by the Local Authority about the school from an individual claiming to be a parent. This has been fully investigated by the Local Authority and all procedures at the school have been found to be compliant or as described by Ofsted, robust. In the past the school has valued the support of all our parents and community and I hope that this will continue in the future.

### **Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet**

Yours sincerely  
Dean Clegg  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### March 2019

- 20 - Locality Dance Festival
- 21 - Play and Share 2.00pm - 3.00pm - Owl Class
- 27 - Osprey Class trip to Pizza Express
- 29 - Owl Class Glitters & Sparkles evening

### April 2019

- 2 - Rainbow Theatre visit 'Moses'
- 3 - Hawk Class to 'The Wizard of Oz' at Bourne Community College
- 23 - Back to school - First day of Summer Term

### May 2019

- 2 - Owl Class trip to Staunton Farm
- 6 - Bank Holiday - children **do not** attend school
- 13-17 - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6
- 15 - Falcon Classes trip to Arundel Castle
- 22 - Group/Class Photos
- 24 - INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
- 27 - Bank Holiday - children **do not** attend school
- 28-31 - Half Term

### June 2019

- 10 - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 12 - Sports Day
- 18 - Beach Day
- 19 - Reserve Sports Day
- 20 - Eagle Class trip to D-Day Museum
- 21 - Year 5 Taster Day at The Bourne
- 24-28 - Year 6 Bikeability

### July 2019

- 3 - Transition Day
- 10-12 - Year 5 & 6 Residential to Sayers Croft
- 4 - Area Sports
- 15 - Skate School
- 16 - It's A Thorney Knockout
- 17 - Team Sports Afternoon
- 18 - Thorney's Got Talent
- 19 - Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
- 19 - Last day of Summer Term

### Term Dates 2018/19

- 4 September 2018: Start of Autumn Term
- 22 - 26 October 2018: Half Term
- 19 December 2018: Break-up for Christmas holiday
- 3 January 2019: Start of Spring Term
- 18-22 February 2019: Half Term
- 5 April 2019: Break-up for Easter holiday
- 23 April 2019: Start of Summer Term
- 27-31 May 2019: Half Term
- 23 July 2019: End of Summer Term

### INSET Days

- Monday 3 September
- Friday 8 February
- Friday 24 May
- Monday 22 July
- Tuesday 23 July