

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 8

April 2017

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

Each term appears to get busier and busier so I thought that I would take this opportunity to bring you up to date with some upcoming events. Please ensure you make a note of all those important dates such as Sports Day, Beach Day and visits that have been planned. We would not want anyone to miss out!

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

10 March		17 March		
Barn Owl Class	Amelia Holcroft	Barn Owl Class	-	Elliot Roberts
Tawny Owl Class	Aston Biddlecombe	Tawny Owl Class	-	Eshika Sunuwar
Osprey Class	Riley Williams	Osprey Class	-	Finley Gordon
Falcon Class	Alexis Martin	Falcon Class	-	Gloria Rokotakala
Kestrel Class	Leah Stainsby	Kestrel Class	-	Eva Hydes
Merlin Class	Riley Bowman	Merlin Class	-	Liam Woolcombe
Hawk Class	Rhys Roberts	Hawk Class	-	Rees Mitchell
Eagle Class	Johnny Sargent	Eagle Class	-	Lilly Rye

Army Day - Thursday 9th March



I would just like to say a big thank you to Miss Whiting and all the soldiers who made 'Army Day' such a success for all the children at the school. This was very much appreciated by everyone. They had a great time making pancakes, playing on the bouncy castles, looking at weapons and operating machinery. I would also like to thank the parents for dressing the children so well. They certainly learnt a lot and many were worn out by the end of the day.



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

Friday 24th March is Red Nose day. In return for a donation, children can come to school on this day wearing 'Something Funny'; the funnier the better. The aim of the day is to raise money and make everyone smile and laugh. The School Council have 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.

Happy 60th Birthday Thorney Island School

THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

requests the pleasure of the company of

for and Mrs A. C. Sewell

on the occasion of the

OFFICIAL OPENING

of the

Thorney Island County Primary School
(R.A.F. Station, Thorney Island)

on Friday, 5th April, 1957, at 2.30 p.m.

by

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Barratt,

K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., R.A.F. (Retd.).

R.S.V.P. by 26th March, to—
Director of Education, County Hall, Chichester.



We are planning a big day to celebrate the schools big birthday. Throughout the week the children will be looking at some of the major world events that have happened over the past 60 years. On the morning of Thursday 6 April, there will be a decade by decade fashion show where the children will show off their costumes they have worn to school and prizes will be awarded for the best. As at Christmas there will be no school lunches that day and at 1:00pm, weather permitting, we will have a 'Street Party' with music and games from the decades. If the weather is bad we will hold the party indoors. The teachers will be sending out letters for food contributions nearer the time. Your support in this event would be much appreciated.

Cake Sale Update

We received a lovely message from Mrs Katie Wright who organised the cake sale on 10th March:

"A huge thank you to Mr Clegg and Thorney Island School for such an overwhelming response to the cake sale last Friday. We raised a whopping £180.00 which will go to the great cause for spinal injury research 'Walkoncemore'. Thank you all so much, to the mums, dads, kids and staff that made this such a success."

Girls Football Tournament

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

The girls played extremely well and as you can see from the score lines the games were very close. This was the first set of competitive games for many of the girls so they were quite nervous. For the more experienced girls they were far more determined and games were played at a pace which was far better than last term. Our ability to score goals had also greatly improved! The girls showed excellent sportsmanship and the support of parents was much appreciated.

Team: Lauren McClarty, Lauren Bolton, Renitor Kafeero, Ella Matthews, Madison Brierley, Dekota Starkey, Evie Joyce, Leanna Alderson and Grace Toroca.

Football Friendly against Littlegreen Special School

It was good to be able play Littlegreen in an afternoon fixture as they often find it difficult to play after school as the boys are transported all over West Sussex and beyond at the end of the day. It was also a pleasure to see Mrs Harris return to Thorney with the children from her class. Our boys were very thoughtful and considerate with Liam and Mason playing for Littlegreen in the second half so as to even things up. The final score was 14 - 2 to Thorney with Mason scoring both goals for Littlegreen. All the boys showed good sportsmanship and it was excellent to witness how the boys interacted and took care of each other. Littlegreen are keen to return to play again in the future which we are looking forward to.

Team: Luca Fung, Rory Dowding, Rees Mitchell, Mason Vince, Rhys Roberts, Matthew Horsfield, Bailey Dodd, Alfie Thompson and Liam Wheatley

Corporate & Inter-Schools Road Running Challenge, 15th March

It was a fantastic evening of running at the Chichester Inter-Schools Road Running Challenge by Charlie Porter, Isabella Palmer Ward, Rhys Roberts, Rees Mitchell, Luca Fung and Rory Dowding. It was their second race where the boys had to run 1400m around the town centre of Chichester. Rory Dowding was our lead runner and he came in first place. Miss Whiting was very impressed with how much all the boys had improved from their previous race and how much support they gave each other. This was Rhys Roberts first race and he is already looking forward to his second one!

Just one more race to go on the 29th March! Miss Whiting also managed to knock 52 seconds off her PB.

I would also just like to thank Miss Whiting for sharing her passion for running with the children. She is such an inspiration and it is good to see different sporting activities take place - as always we aim to encourage both team and individual sporting achievements at Thorney.

Locality Dance Festival, 15 March



On Wednesday 15th March, fifteen children from Year 3 and Year 6 went to the Locality Dance Festival held at Bosham School. Some of the children had learnt the dance through attending dance club in the Autumn Term but others put in a huge amount of effort to learn the steps in just a few weeks ready to perform to the other schools. The children performed a jive inspired dance (this style was picked by some of the children themselves) to 'Dear Future Husband' by Meghan Trainor. All their hard work paid off as they performed brilliantly. A big thank you also goes to Miss Noyce for all her hard work and to all the parents and staff who helped to transport the children to Bosham.

Barn and Tawny Owl Class

I spend quite a lot of my time observing teaching and learning in school and I thought I would share some of the photographs I have taken recently. Organising and running an Early Years class is quite a skill and Miss Whiting and Miss Goss are certainly making the children's learning experiences fun.



Making Tesco Deliveries



Finding Insects



Making Fairy Cakes

The children were using their imagination and acting out real life events that they had experienced. They were clearly experts at having groceries delivered to their house!

Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

March 2017

- 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

- 6 - Thorney Island School's 60th Birthday Party Celebrations
- 6 - Eagle Class film night
- 7 - End of Term
- 24 - Back to school - First day of Summer Term
- 25 - Hawk Class to Emsworth for St George's Day Parade
- 26 - Locality Football and Netball Tournament

May 2017

- 1 - Bank Holiday - children do not attend school
- 3 - Osprey Class visit to Marwell Zoological Park
- 8 - 12 - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6
- 9 - Barn & Tawny Owl classes to Staunton Country Park
- 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
- 30 - Year 5 taster day at Bourne Community College

July 2017

- 5 - Transition Day
- 6 - Area Sports Competition, 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

20 December 2017: Break-up for Christmas holiday

23 - 27 October 2017: Half Term

4 January 2018: Start of Spring Term