

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 8

April 2018

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

20 April		27 April	
Owl Class	Phoebe Holcroft	Owl Class	- Khloe Ankomah
Kite Class	Maisie Bryant	Kite Class	-
Osprey Class	George May	Osprey Class	- Angel Eva Hunt
Falcon Class	Miksang Limbu	Falcon Class	-
Kestrel Class	Joshua Fowler	Kestrel Class	- Wilbur Palmer-Ward
Merlin Class	Molly Graham	Merlin Class	- Leah Stainsby
Hawk Class	Quinn McNeill	Hawk Class	- Lacey Clark
Eagle Class	Kye Allison	Eagle Class	- Arleigh Williamson

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. Miss Goss, Mrs Roberts and Mrs McCarthy are certainly making the children's learning experiences fun.



Maths & PSHE - Shopping



Science - Finding Insects



Art & Design - Collage

The children were using their imagination and acting out real life events that they had experienced. They were clearly experts at shopping and knew exactly what they wanted to buy. The shop keeper was very polite and was very good at giving the correct change.

We also have several budding artists in the making along with many keen scientists.

Administration of Medicines Policy (Updated)

The Administrations of Medicines Policy has recently been updated and the key points are noted as an attachment to this Newsletter. Please take the time to read these points as they will apply to your child should they be required to take medication in school. The full Policy can be found on the school website.

Attendance

Congratulations to the 67 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term.

Our overall attendance rate so far for this year is 96.66% - Which is outstanding! Your support with this has been much appreciated. There is such a strong link between attendance and academic performance at school. (The target set by governors is 97% for the whole year.)

Class Results were:

1 st	Merlin	97.66%	5 th	Eagle	96.45%
2 nd	Falcon	97.46%	6 th	Osprey	96.41%
3 rd	Kestrel	97.34%	7 th	Kite	95.67%
4 th	Hawk	96.60%	8 th	Owl	95.46%

Girls = 96.56%
Boys = 96.76%

Most schools set a target of 95% but as I say to the children we are not most schools. We aspire for excellence.

Evacuation Day - Year 6 - Eagle Class



Thank you for all your support in finding clothes for the children to wear. The children in Eagle Class had a great day and this was a superb way of them learning about events that happened in the Second World War.

Merlin Class were certainly living up to their name as they became wizards for the day.



Kite Class and Osprey Class - A Great Hook Into Learning

Kite Class and Osprey Class really got in to their learning about animals so much so they became animals for the day!! I hope they enjoy their day at Marwell Zoo.



Locality Dance Festival - 28 March

On Wednesday 28th March, 17 girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the locality dance festival which was once again held at Bosham School. The group had worked really hard to learn the routine during dance club which was run during the Spring Term. The girls performed a Charleston dance with elements of modern styles of dancing to a song by Parov Stelar. The concept for the dance came from ideas from some of the children in school and the dance club came up with some excellent choreography of their own to put into the dance. The girls performed amazingly well and were able to watch 4 other great performances from other locality school before having chance to socialise with children from the other schools taking part.

We hope to perform the dance at an assembly soon when parents and the rest of the school will be able to appreciate all of our hard work.

a huge thank you to all the parents who provided transport, without your support we could not attend such events.

Mrs McManus is Leaving

Friday 20 April was Mrs McManus' last day at Thorney Island School before she takes up a new role at St Richard' Hospital in Chichester as a Theatre Assistant (alongside Mrs Harland!). Mrs McManus 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 McManus but we wish her well for the future.

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

Cake Sale

On Friday 4th May, Mrs Williams will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school to help raise funds for the RNLI. She will also be taking part in a sponsored abseil down the Spinnaker Tower on Saturday 12th May. Good Luck Mrs Williams!

Vacancy for Parent Governor

We still have a vacancy 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.

Locality Football & Netball Tournament

Despite the rain the tournament was a great success. We had seven local schools take part and the Sports Leaders from the Bourne were particularly helpful in their roles as referees and time keepers. The red team did extremely well winning all their games and only conceding one goal therefore coming top of Group 2. The team showed tremendous sportsmanship and adapted well to playing in different positions, passing the ball extremely well. The boys really do play well as a team.

Results: Thorney 4 - 1 Westbourne Thorney 1 - 0 Chidham Thorney 1 - 0 Southbourne
Football Team: Rory Dowding, Rees Mitchell, Mason Vince, Harrison Annand, Rhys Roberts, Riley Nugent, Charlie Porter and Nick Bolton.

The blue team contained many younger players from Year 4 and it was the first time many of them had represented the school. They played extremely well and I would just like to thank Mrs McCrossan for supporting the boys.

Results: Thorney 0 - 2 Bosham Thorney 0 - 4 Funtington Thorney 3 - 1 Compton
Football Team: Liam Wheatley, Harrison Edwards, Oliver Fowler, George Branchett, Ollie Mills, Alfie Porter and Cailen Annand.

The netballers played against strong opposition and won all their games. Each match was closely fought. I really enjoyed watching them play; their enthusiasm was exceptional and commented on by all. They fought for every ball and you could see how they had become more tactically aware.

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

I would also like to thank all parents who helped transport children. Without your support we could not attend such events.

St-Georges Day Parade - The Link below is fantastic - Well done Hawks and Merlin Class

<https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/defence/cheers-erupt-as-soldiers-march-through-emsworth-for-st-george-s-day-1-8472403>

Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

May 2018

- 1 - Merlin Class trip to Harry Potter Studios
- 2 - Osprey & Kite Class trip to Marwell Zoological Park
- 3 - Kestrel Class trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- 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
- 12 - New Parents' Meeting 3.15pm-4.00pm
- 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

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| 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