

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 8

April 2019

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

22 March			29 March		
Owl Class	-	Alfie Smith	Owl Class	-	Nicholas Quin
Osprey Class	-	Josephine-Taylor Percival	Osprey Class	-	Bailey Walker
Prairie Falcon Class	-	Ava-Faye McClarty	Prairie Falcon Class	-	Henry Smith
Peregrine Falcon Class	-	Jacob Roberts	Peregrine Falcon Class	-	Duane Richards-Pichon
Kestrel Class	-	Miksang Limbu	Kestrel Class	-	Tom McNeill
Merlin Class	-	Fatou Sanyang	Merlin Class	-	Alexis Martin
Hawk Class	-	Cayden Bowman	Hawk Class	-	Marian Delana
Eagle Class	-	Ellie Higgs	Eagle Class	-	Jessica-Sarah Fowler
26 April					
Owl Class	-	Amari Vitalis			
Osprey Class	-	Layla Longley			
Prairie Falcon Class	-	Romeo Galla			
Peregrine Falcon Class	-	Levi Longley			
Kestrel Class	-	Racheal Kafeero			
Merlin Class	-	Owen Simpson			
Hawk Class	-	Ellie McCarthy			
Eagle Class	-	Harry Hargrave			

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.

Cake Sale

On Friday 10th May, Ms Mizon will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school to help raise funds for Solving Kids Cancer.

Locality Dance Festival - 20 March

On Wednesday 20 March, eighteen children from Key Stage 2 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. It went fantastically well and the children looked amazing in their Harry Potter robes. Miss Noyce commented that they performed fantastically well and they absolutely loved doing it.

The children were also able to watch four other great performances from other locality schools before having the chance to socialise with the other children that took part.

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



Ellie McCarthy, Madison Reynolds, Anna Simonaitis, Jessica Price, Miley Floyd, Scarlett Wheatley, Summer-Jade Webber, Corey Johnston, Dannii Higgs, Alexis Martin, Scarlett Turvey, Lilly Booth, Miley Hierons, Nyerah Charles, Leyla Swart, Aida Williams, Maisey Kettle, Quiria Quansah.

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

Attendance

Congratulations to the 71 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term and to the 23 children who to date, have not missed a day at school this academic year.

Our overall attendance rate so for this year is 97.18%, 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	98.22%	5 th	Owl	96.97%
2 nd	Hawk	98.07%	6 th	Prairie	96.72%
3 rd	Peregrine	97.88%	6 th	Eagle	96.72%
4 th	Kestrel	97.87%	8 th	Osprey	96.10%

Girls = 97.34%
Boys = 97.02%

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

St-Georges Day Parade

I would like to thank 16th Regiment for inviting the school to take part in this years St George's Day Parade on 23 April. Mr Hallam (Chair of Governors) also commented, "May I ask that you pass on my thanks to the children for the way that they behaved this morning while attending the St George's Day Parade. Without exception they were very well behaved and those that carried the cushions did a first class job. They were all a credit to the school and I hope that they enjoyed themselves".

All I can say is that they really did enjoy themselves and so many of the public commented on their exceptional behaviour.

Rainbow Theatre - Moses

The children had a great time watching Rainbow Theatre's production of Moses. This is just one way that we use our Pupil Premium money to enrich the curriculum and to broaden the children's experiences.



Gold Reading Certificates - First Set of Awards

Congratulations to - Lilly Booth, Harry Bigby-Sutton and Harry Smith for being the first children to reach the Gold Milestone in reading at home (75 times) since the scheme was introduced.

Safeguarding

I have had a few concerns raised about parents talking to children over the fence at lunch times. Please note that staff on duty do not know who everyone's parents are. Please can you refrain from speaking to children over the fence. I know this sounds mean and odd but what if your child went home and told you that some strange man or woman was talking to them over the school fence? I can assume you would not be happy! We have lots of contractors on camp and the shop is only a few metres away. Our school is probably one of the most secure in the country but please help me to keep your children safe. By all means wave but from a distance. I will explain to the children in assembly why we need to do this; Stranger Danger etc. Our children will not always live behind the wire and need to be taught how to keep safe and what to do if they do not feel safe. Thank you for your co-operation. This issue raises its head about every few years so please take this as a gentle reminder!

School Allotments



I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Paxton our Caretaker for building the new raised beds and to Mrs Saunders for all her hard work planting seeds with the children and looking after the allotment over the holidays. They really are starting to take shape and it is lovely to see the children talking about what is growing.

Daily Mile Track

Hopefully our daily mile track will be completed by Wednesday 1st May. The benefits of this initiative can be found at the following website. <https://thedailymile.co.uk/fag/>



There is a proven link between daily physical activity and raised attainment. The Daily Mile has been shown to increase concentration levels, reduce challenging behaviours and improve attainment in lessons. Parents have also reported that their children are eating better and sleeping better; "they're tired in a good way."

The Daily Mile is quick. It happens in a slick 15-minute turnaround, from desk-to-desk and fits flexibly into the school curriculum. Studies have shown that The Daily Mile improves children's focus, behaviour and self-esteem and has been shown to raise attainment by up to 25%.

I would really like to thank Mrs McCrossan for making this happen by sourcing additional funding and organising the tracks installation so we can run all year round.

Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

April 2019

- 29 - Hawk Class trip to Paultons Park
- 29 - Merlin Class trip to Emsworth

May 2019

- 1 - Football and netball rally at The Bourne
- 1 - Merlin Class to St Nicholas Church am
- 2 - Owl Class trip to Staunton Farm
- 6 - Bank Holiday - children **do not** attend school
- 10 - Merlin Class trip to Chichester
- 13-17 - National Curriculum Test Week for Year 6
- 14 - Kestrel Class trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- 15 - Falcon Classes trip to Arundel Castle
- 20 - Osprey Class trip to Marwell Zoo
- 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

- 6 - Sayers Croft residential meeting
- 7 - Year 1 Huff and Puff at The Bourne
- 10 - Window for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 11 - New parent's meeting
- 12 - Sports Day
- 13 - Army 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
- 28 - Year 3 & 4 sleepover at School

July 2019

- 3 - Transition Day
- 4 - Area Sports
- 10-12 - Year 5 & 6 Residential to Sayers Croft
- 11 - BBQ for Year 5 & 6 not attending Sayers Croft
- 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