



Newsletter No. 17

22nd January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

A blustery night, but all seems calm now!

We are pleased to advise that there will be a new friendly face in the office from Thursday this week. Jessica Armfield will be joining the office team and I know you will all make her feel very welcome!



This week is Healthy Relationships week. It's a

super time to chat to your children about their learning and help answer any questions they might have. If you would like to know what each year group covers, please find the scheme of work for each year group on the website. Thank you to those parents/carers who came to our workshop on Friday. Discussions at this event each year helps us to shape our curriculum and be aware of any concerns parents/carers have.

This week is an exciting week in our performing arts calendar. Our dance troupe from Year 4 will be joining many other schools at the Dance Festival tomorrow and the Choir and lunchtime dancers will perform at BATIC's Got Talent on Wednesday evening, which is an event to raise money for our Counselling services and other support for schools in this area. Break a leg all!

Thursday marks Burns Day - and the January Jive - I know our children love this event, so a huge thank you to the PTA for their super organisation and staff who support.



Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 19th January 2024 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well



done to Ladybirds who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week and will also receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class.

We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

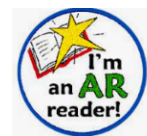
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.8%
Dragonflies	94.3%
Butterflies	95.0%
Rabbits	97.7%
Ladybirds	100%
Robins	99.0%
Fireflies	96.6%
Owls	99.0%
Bears	89.3%
Sparrows	95.7%
Ants	97.1%
Bees	94.3%
Kestrels	94.8%
Badgers	97.2%
Squirrels	99.4%
Whole School	96.4%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
LADYBIRDS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2023 - 2024 is:
97%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Squirrels - 1,510,061
2nd Badgers - 1,430,845
3rd Bees - 288,688

Quizzes

1st Badgers - 39
2nd Owls - 33
3rd Squirrels - 31

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 6,542,945
2nd Ants - 4,746,449
3rd Bees - 4,419,456

Quizzes

1st Owls - 617
2nd Bears - 406
3rd Fireflies - 377

Christmas Collections

As you will remember, before Christmas at various events, we held collections for Little Havens and the Niall Stringer Foundation (NS10). Thanks to your generosity the wonderful sum of **£603.80** was raised and will be split between the two charities. The amounts raised were:-

EYFS Nativity - £177.40
KS1 Production - £289.06
KS2 Carols - £137.34



Charities Day

We would like to advise that the Charities Day money is still being counted and a final total will be given in next week's newsletter.



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Reading Volunteers



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are in desperate need of some reading volunteers. If anyone is interested, please call and have a chat

with Mrs. Marlow (Ladybirds Class) and she will advise what it entails. If anyone already has DBS clearance with us, they can also call and have a talk to Mrs. Marlow and she will allocate you a class. As you know, regular reading has a significant impact on children's educational attainment, not just in reading so if you are able to volunteer, that would be amazing!

Found

Last week, a child's necklace and an amount of money was found in school. If this belongs to your child, please call to the office and describe it to us and advise how much the money was and we would love to return it!

Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Mason Major (Owls)
Stanley Leer (Rabbits)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the Year 1 children that



have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following child is our NumBot superstar this week!

Samuel Grover - Rabbits

Well done Samuel!



Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Isabella Littler and Chloe Crawley
- Year 5:-** Leon, Archie Alsop and Liam Seymour
- Year 4:-** Eleanor Henry and Daisy Avison
- Year 3:-** Lacey-Belle Fenemore and Albie Clark
- Year 2:-** Kadey Laver and Layla-Star Wright-Martin
- Year 1:-** Jack Bush and Henry Thorne
- EYFS:-** Eleanor Page and Lacey Gibson

Playground Stars of the Week

Lucas Gillett, Olivia Hession, George Fillary, Ayah Pounds, Bailey Paton, Millie Smith, Isaac Wood, Emily Clayton, Aurora Curnock, Isla Jacobs, Reba Heckles, Arnie Higgs and Ivy Beachcroft

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	2,369
Green Dragons	2,305
Blue Dolphins	2,170
Golden Eagles	1,994



Well done Red Arrows!

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.



Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club called Early Birds (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to 6.00pm) each day. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.

Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,
15-17 Kents Hill Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.
Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday, 26th February 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.



Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the

following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00

Community News

Essex Activate Holiday and Activity Food Programme

The [Essex Activate Holiday and Activity Food Programme](#) is running again during the February Half Term for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and working families. Bookings go live today (Monday 22 January 2024) at midday.

Please note:-

You will not receive a WONDE e-voucher from your school to book your child onto a half term club.

Once bookings go live, you will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the [Essex ActivAte](#) website.

Simply select your area and find what clubs are available, then book your child/ren onto a club.

See attached two flyers for further information, or for any support or questions please email:-

haf@activeessex.org

Food Banks/Warm Hubs in Castle Point

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Barracudas Activity Day Camps

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

19/02/24 to 23/02/24 - Half Term
29/03/24 to 12/04/24 - Easter Break
15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term
06/05/24 - Bank Holiday
27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break
19/07/24 - Last day of Term

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

26/2/24
22/7/24
23/7/24

