

Dear Parent/Carer,



I would like to say a huge thank you to Joshua Hardwicke who played the Last Post so lyrically at the end of the day yesterday. Joshua

also played during our Remembrance assembly, making this event a very special occasion. Sadly, as Joshua is in Year 6, this will be the last year he will play for us. Thank you Joshua, you have done a grand job over the last few years.

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic first trip out of school for two years at Wat Tyler. This trip deepened their understanding of their History curriculum, giving them hands on experience and immersing them in their Big Question - What was it like for children during World War II?

Our Year 6 Netball team took part in our first netball match of the season and although the result didn't go our way, they enjoyed every moment. It was a pleasure to host another school onto our court again.



Next week is Anti-Bullying week, an event which we have been supporting

for the past 10 years. The most important way of stopping bullying is to prevent it happening by ensuring that children know what to look out for and what to do if they feel that anyone is bullying them - whether at school, at an outside club or at home.

This year's theme is 'One kind word': kindness fuels kindness. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This very much fits with our ethos and what we want from everyone in the Thundersley community, so we are delighted to be taking part. To kick of the week, we ask that children wear odd socks





or tights with their school uniform or PE

I hope all those Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Beavers and other organisations taking part in Remembrance services on Sunday will make their parents proud.

Have a super weekend.

### Miss E. Dawson Headteacher

#### EYFS Admissions - September 2022

If your child is starting school in Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2022, you can now apply online for a place. Applications can be made via:-

#### www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Please note the closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2022-23 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories, which contain details of all admission policies.

#### **British Values**



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### Individual Liberty

It is important to remember our actions may have consequences. The actions of poachers have caused an increasing number of elephants being born without tusks





# Parent/Carer Involvement Session -Fireflies and Owls

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Last Thursday, the children in Fireflies and Owls had a visit from their parents/carers for their Parent/Carer Involvement session. Everyone enjoyed collecting items from the field to make cave paintings as part of their history topic work on the Stone Age. Ivy Cook (Owls) and Chase Goodwin (Fireflies) give their respective accounts below:-

"First we went into the Green Hall and four children spoke about what we were doing. Then we went onto the field and collected rocks, sticks and feathers. Next, we went back into the hall to do our cave paintings. It was very fun. We could do caves, fires, people and weapons. After that, we stuck up the pictures in our classroom. We had so much fun!" (Ivy Cook)

"First, me and my dad went into the forest to get sticks and leaves. We even found some sponge. We went in the Sensory Garden and found a flower that we thought would be really good for painting with. Then we went into the hall and started to do our cave painting. We painted wooden shelters, a fire, some trees and we drew a deer. We used a stick that had a very soft end so it would be good for painting, but the bad thing about that was once you had











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used one colour you couldn't use the same stick again for a different colour. I really enjoyed it. My favourite part about it was going to get all the different bits to do the art. I think my dad enjoyed it. He really liked doing the painting because he's really good at colouring in."

### Year 6 visit to Wat Tyler



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the Year 6 children visited Wat Tyler as part of their WWII project. Harrison Brooker, Freya Dyne, Evie Raymond and Lenny Raymond (Kestrels) and Connor Harringley and Ronnie Ellis (Badgers) tell of their exciting experience below:-

"From the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 6 went on an historical trip to Wat Tyler Park to continue our WWII project. The most exciting part of the day was undoubtedly the air raid drill. We sat in a dark room, with only a faint scarlet light to see. All of a sudden, we heard the air raid sirens wailing and reverberating throughout the dark room. Without any warning, a doodlebug flew overhead and



before we knew it, the doodlebug came crashing down and we had to cover (luckily, we survived! ©). Throughout the







day we had a list of chores, which we had to complete as evacuees. We were rated on our teamwork and the quality of the task. One of our chores was making the bed without creases, with hospital corners and it had to be warm. Another was laying a table for a family of six, one of which was a left-hander. We also washed tea towels using a washing board and coal tar soap. We pegged them out on a washing line to dry. We enjoyed this and we found it interesting that they would have to do that



every day. It is so easy for us nowadays. Later in the day we identified both enemy and allied aircraft. We had to spot them from a distance, making out their origin from their silhouettes; just like they would have to do in the 1940s. You would never know when they would strike and to know they were the enemy is essential. It was good to get out as we have missed our trips out over the last two years. This one was definitely one to REMEMBER. We learnt loads of new facts. It felt familiar yet unusual at the same time." (Harrison Brooker, Freya Dyne, Evie Raymond and Lenny Raymond)

"At nine o'clock we climbed the stairs of our wonderful coach to sit in its comfy chairs. A fifteen minute drive full of fun,





games and discussions. When we arrived, we were greeted by our Tour Guide and led into our 'classroom' for the day. Our Tour Guide did the best he could to wear clothes from war time. Next, he showed us how the war started and who started it. After our lesson, we went outside to do chores from World War 2. The chores included the following: table laying, toilet paper making, vegetable sorting, bed making and washing clothes. When we finished the chores, we sat down in class



and had a discussion about World War posters (propaganda). At about midday, a well deserved lunch was awarded to the class. After our lunch, we discussed the silhouettes of the British and German air crafts. Soon after our conversation, we did a plane recognition activity which we all got correct. With smiling faces, we strolled into a LED lighted barn. We each took some carpet and sat down. We had a taste of the alarm and ducked into the position in case of a bomb hitting. It was a good summary of WWII. Finally we went home after a long day." (Connor Harringley and Ronnie Ellis)

# Netball Match vs. South Benfleet









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On Wednesday afternoon, our mixed Netball team had their first game of the season - which happened to be their first game ever! As we were due to start the game, it was clear that a few players were feeling nervous about their debut, but as soon as the game started, the excitement kicked in. Every single Thundersley player tried their best and they worked together as a team to display some fantastic netball. Although the result was not one we were hoping for, it certainly did not reflect the game and how well Thundersley played. Miss Hause was extremely proud of every single child who took part, for not only their excellent performance but also their attitude towards the game - well done to you all! Grace Honey (Squirrels) gives her account of the match below:-

"Before we started Miss Hause told us our positions and told us who would be captain and it was me. We got to centre court and we tossed a coin and South Benfleet started with the ball. They were a really, really good team and it was their  $5^{\text{th}}$  game and it was only our  $1^{\text{st}}.$  Their first goal was really good and the whole Thundersley team clapped and we retook our positions and we started with the ball this time. Our team were good because we had some tall players and whenever they passed to each other, we knocked the ball out of their hands. Some of our passes were really good. The positions I liked playing the best were either Goal Defence or Goal Shooter because their Goal Defence was really good so whilst it was hard, it was fun. At the end we all clapped for each other, shook hands and congratulated each other. Then we went back to Miss Hause' class and everyone had an orange juice and a biscuit. Most of our team were very nervous but excited before the match. We enjoyed it and all said we played really well. We're really excited to see what other matches we will be playing in future."

# Polite Reminder

Just a reminder that PE kit is black shorts, jogging bottoms/sweatshirt or tracksuit. We seem to have all manner of





colours creeping into school. If your child does not have a black sweatshirt or tracksuit, please just send them in in their school logo sweatshirt.

#### TPS School Meals

Please note that due to the current situation with lorry drivers and deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the school dinner menu at short or no notice. Please accept our apologies but this situation is beyond our control.

#### eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform. Please find attached details of their new improved app

which we kindly ask you to download (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school. We thank you for your support.

# Twitter

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

@Thundersley\_P\_S

# Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club (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. Bezdel in the Green Building Offices.

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Charlotte Onsloe (Doves)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!





#### Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Jack O'Dell Year 5:- Riley Rowland and Sidney Barrett

**Year 4:-** Isabella Littler and Oliver

Cambridge

Year 3:- Albert Longmore

Year 2:- Teddy Thompson and Koby

Blackhall

Year 1:- Harry Robinson

EYFS:- Kadey Laver and Archie

Whittaker

#### Playground Stars of the Week

Blake Stewart, Evelyn Payne, Rosie Groombridge, Alexia Lewington, Sydney Greig, Henry Painter, George Cox, Ella Abbott, Frankie Venneear, Dior Selleck, Stanley Beckford and Sophia Jarvis

# House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

 $1^{\rm st}$  with 2,052 points - Red Arrows  $2^{\rm nd}$  with 2,050 points - Blue Dolphins  $3^{\rm rd}$  with 1,761 points - Green Dragons  $4^{\rm th}$  with 1,652 points - Golden Eagles



Well done again Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

# 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,







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Essex, SS7 5PN.

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Telephone: - 01268 751724

### www.pennuk.com

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

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

#### PTA News

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday,  $10^{th}$  January 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who supported this event – we made £120 profit.

# Community News

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime - Thundersley Congregational Church

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

# Be Bright Be Seen

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Future Term Dates

20/12/21 to 03/01/22 - Christmas Break 04/01/22 - Start of the Spring Term 14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term 04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break 19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term 02/05/22 - Bank Holiday 30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break 21/07/22 - Last day of Term

#### \*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\*

21/02/22 06/06/22











