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Dear Parent/Carer,

In the blink of an eye, the first half term of the year is over! Some vestige of normality has returned and it has been lovely to welcome parents/carers back onto the site to our Involvement sessions and curricular meetings. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Carer Consultations in the weeks beginning the 15th and 22nd of November and will send the details of how to make an appointment after the holiday.

I know that for the children, the clubs restarting has been something to celebrate. Our clubs allow us to enhance our curriculum and allow children to develop their skills and talents in areas of the curriculum that they really enjoy. I am very grateful to all the staff who run these clubs.

You will know that we have an open door policy at Thundersley as we know that issues dealt with early can be resolved quickly. I and other members of our team are always available on the gate and you can speak to your child's teacher at the beginning or end of the day either to have a quick word or to make a further appointment to see them. Please now make sending an email the last resort to send a concern as speaking face to face or on the telephone is invariably a better way of discussing an issue.

Hundreds of the children in Years 1 - 6 have already achieved their bronze award for reading and children in EYFS are well on their way. If your child has not received this so far, please make an extra special effort after half term to hear them read and write in their books. We know the most effective way to improve reading is to learn the skills at school and to practice at home.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest this year by donating to the Southend Foodbank. You are so generous and we know that this will help many families who are struggling in these difficult times.

Have a wonderful half term and thank you for all your support. Our children continue to thrive thanks to our combined concerted effort.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Return to School

Please note that the children return to school on **Tuesday, 2nd November 2021**.

Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place by 31st October 2021. To register your choice please visit:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Secondary School Admissions - Southend on Sea

If your child is currently in Year 6 and living in Southend on Sea, you can access information regarding transferring to Secondary School in September 2022 by visiting:-

www.southend.gov.uk/admissions

Reading Rewards



From research and our own experience at TPS, we know that regular reading has a massive impact on children's success at school. In order to encourage children to read regularly at home throughout the school year, we will once again be running our Reading Reward scheme. Children will receive various rewards throughout the year as they reach certain milestones. We count a maximum of 5 reads per week and do not include part weeks or school holidays.

Bronze certificate 25 reads, available from 8.10.21

Bronze award 50 reads, available from 3.12.21

Silver certificate 75 reads, available from 28.1.22

Silver award 100 reads, available from 18.3.22

Gold certificate 125 reads, available from 13.5.22

Gold award 150 reads, available from 1.7.22

For all children achieving a gold award there will be an additional treat. In order to receive this treat, children will need to read regularly throughout the year, as there is very little time at the end of the year for them to catch up, especially as we only count a maximum of 5 reads per week. Thank you for supporting your children in achieving these rewards and in becoming better readers.

Reading Leaderboard

1st - Foxes, Squirrels & Badgers - 100%

2nd - Ants - 93%

3rd - Ladybirds - 90%

Well done Foxes, Squirrels and Badgers on achieving 100%!

APPS

If your child is isolating due to COVID or has contracted an illness like Chickenpox etc and has to isolate but are still well, please find attached a flyer with lots of apps on which will keep them occupied whilst absent from school.

Morrisons are giving away FREE gardening equipment for schools!

Just a polite reminder that the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' programme finishes on Sunday, 24th October 2021. There is still time to donate vouchers to us though!





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To take part, customers just need to have a My Morrisons account and every time they swipe when they shop they'll collect **Grow Tokens**.

How does this work?

Upto Sunday, 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online, customers will get 1 Grow Token which they can donate to their chosen school.

Customers will use their My Morrisons app or card when paying to collect their Grow Tokens.

Customers can select the school they'd like to donate their tokens to within their My Morrisons account.

From 1st November 2021 schools will be able to redeem their Grow Tokens against a wide variety of gardening equipment.

Schools will start receiving their order between the end of January and the end of March 2022.

We thank you in advance for taking part in this scheme and we are looking forward to being able to use any gardening equipment received from Morrisons next year.

Robins Parent/Carer Involvement Session



On Tuesday, Robins' parents/carers visited for the afternoon to help their children sew a soft toy as part of their Design and Technology topic. Isla

Bedford gives her account of the session below:-

"Our parents came in to help us make our penguins which we have been learning about. I did some sewing and my Nanny helped me with the round bits and the cutting. It was really, really fun!"

Boys' Football Tournament - Waterside



On Wednesday this week, a group of boys from Thundersley headed to Waterside on Canvey for a football tournament.

The competition was very tight and twenty teams were involved. Thundersley made a tremendous start - winning their first game 4-0. After their group games they had won two, lost two and drawn one which put them very close to qualification for the knockout round. Unfortunately, they missed out by only one point and as a result did not progress onto the next stage. There was some remarkable teamwork on display and some truly exceptional individual performances! This was a great start to the football season and all of the boys deserve a great deal of credit. Well done, another example of Thundersley children being the best they can be! Sonny Snelling (Kestrels) gives details of the tournament below:-

"I came into school at 8.45am and went to the hall to talk about where we were going. After that, we left school at 9.00am to go to the tournament. We got there at 9.15am but had to wait a little bit to play our first game. About 20 minutes later, we played our first game against Winter Gardens and we beat them 4-0. Then we had to have a break for 12 minutes. In our second game we played against Kents Hill and unfortunately lost 1-0. In our third game we played against South Benfleet and lost 2-0. In our fourth game (I can't remember what the other school was called) we beat them 2-0. After that, we ate our lunch and then practised for a little bit. In our fifth game, we needed to win to get out of the group and into the quarter finals but we unfortunately drew 0-0 and we didn't get out of the group. We then played two friendly games. In our first friendly we drew 0-0 and in the second one we lost 2-0. We all really enjoyed it."

Year 3 - Design & Technology



In Year 3 as part of our Design and Technology, we have been designing and making healthy sandwich snacks. We have looked at the different food groups and the

'Eat Well Plate' and today we finally got to make and taste our sandwiches.

"Today we made our healthy sandwiches. We used sharp knives to cut the cucumber and after that we ate them. It was delicious and really fun!" Lucas Jackson (Doves)

"We helped Miss Fennell to cut up the lettuce, carrot and cheese. Then we spread the butter and made our sandwiches. I had tiger bread, it was delicious."



Several of the children tried things that they haven't eaten before and everyone said they would try and make a sandwich at home.

Harvest Donations



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest collection for the Southend Foodbank. We had a fantastic response as you can see from the photo. The donations





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were collected yesterday afternoon and will be distributed to families in need.

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.

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Macie Parry

and Jack Wooden

Year 5:- Stanley

Cook and Harry

Thompson

Year 4:- Etta-Mae

Duke and Riley Placeson

Year 3:- Harper McEvoy, Katie Allen

and Sophie Axford



Year 2:- Darcey Gayler and Louella Church

Year 1:- Charlie Baker and Aiden Clarke

EYFS:- Alice Ridgwell and Isla Jacobs

Playground Stars of the Week

Joseph Sullivan, Riley Frost, Luke Avison, Lillie-May Archer, Theo Trevallion, Jayden Carrington, Chase Gray-Harman, Skylar Player, Louella Church, Lola Tucker, Snow Peacock, Alex Muir, Marlee Morris and Brayden Nyama

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,161 points - Green Dragons

2nd with 2,033 points - Golden Eagles

3rd with 2,029 points - Blue Dolphins

4th with 1,978 points - Red Arrows



Well done Green Dragons!

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,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

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

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The PTA will be holding their next meeting at The White Hart on Wednesday, 3rd November 2021 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Bag2School

The Bag2School collection is on 5th November 2021 **only**. Please take your bags of unwanted, clean clothing to the pedestrian gate (in between the main gate and Little Handprints gate) between 8.30am and 9.00am. Please note that we cannot accept any bags after this time. Thank you for your support.

Community News

Westwood Karate

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Essex Police - Update

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

KidAround Magazine

Click on Image or [here](#) to read.





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Family Learning Fair

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

25/10/21 to 29/10/21 - Half Term
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****

01/11/21
21/02/22
06/06/22
07/06/22

