



Dear Parents/Carers,



We were so sad to have to postpone today's May Day celebrations, but we just couldn't take

the risk that it rains mid-way through the event. As we informed you yesterday, the event will now take place on Friday, 10th June as part of our Jubilee celebrations, which will be wonderful. On that day, EYFS children will still wear their checked shirts/jeans and we ask that the rest of the school wear red, white and blue if possible but no football kits please.

Next week, we have children representing the school at the Palace Theatre for the Dance Festival and BATIC's Got Talent - they have practised so hard and I know they will perform beautifully! Good luck all.

As you know, we ask that children read to their parents five days per week. This is because they need to practice the skills they are learning in school and generally the children who regularly achieve this are generally our best readers. In the younger classes, the percentage of children who are doing so is much lower than the that in the older classes and yet it is more important for the younger children. I know as a parent what a challenge this can be (sadly, I have two sons who are much more interested in digital devices than books!) but also know the huge difference this can make to not only their reading, but their vocabulary and understanding in all subjects. If your child is reluctant, reading page about or sentence about models might help or come and speak to their teacher about how else you can motivate them.



On Sunday, we wave off some of our Year 6 children on their Isle of Wight trip! After two years of this trip being

postponed, we are delighted that our children will once again benefit from this wonderful adventure. Those who are remaining in school will have an exciting week too. Have a super time Year 6 and staff.

Enjoy your weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 13th May 2022 there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Badgers who

achieved 99.2%. They will look after Attendance Ted next week. 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	85.3%
Dragonflies	93.3%
Butterflies	93.3%
Rabbits	89.7%
Ladybirds	94.0%
Robins	98.0%
Doves	97.5%
Owls	96.3%
Fireflies	92.9%
Bears	97.6%
Foxes	97.2%
Ants	96.6%
Sparrows	95.7%
Badgers	99.2%
Kestrels	95.8%
Squirrels	96.0%
Whole School	94.8%
Target	97.0%

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2021 - 2022 is:

97%

Reading Score

- 1st - Foxes 100%
- 2nd - Ants and Badgers 96%
- 3rd - Squirrels 94%

Well done Foxes (please note that these scores run a week in arrears).

Finals Day



On Friday, last week, the KS2 children made their way onto the field for our annual Finals Day. This event is aimed to give the children a chance to participate in and spectate competitive sport. The event started with the Year 3 boys' sprint heats and progressed through sprint heats for all year groups. At the end of the heats,

there were 8 boys and 8 girls from each year group who competed in the sprint finals. There were some incredibly close races as the children sprinted to the roar of the crowd. Medals were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and house points were earned by all runners. Following the sprint races there were open entry long distant races. The Years 3 and 4 children took part in 400m races with Years 5 and 6 competing over 600m. It was a real pleasure to see so many of our fantastic children showing such determination and courage as they completed each race. It is

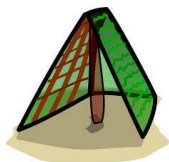




always lovely to see the children cheering every runner from first all the way through to last with the same enthusiasm. This was a special day for TPS as it has been two years since we have been able to hold this event. The children were a real credit to themselves and the school and it was lovely to see their smiling faces as they completed their races. This was another brilliant example of the children being the best they can be. Rosie Anstis (Doves) gives her account of the event below:-

"I did a sprint race and a long distance race. We had to run a small distance as fast as we could for the sprint race. I was quite excited and anxious but I did really well. I came 3rd and I got a bronze medal. We had to run a long distance race twice around the track. It was quite difficult to do as there were a lot of competitors. I felt quite excited but worried that I wouldn't do very well. I came 1st. I felt really proud and happy and I got a gold medal. The whole morning was really fun and I would like to do it again but I wouldn't feel as worried."

Donations for Den Building



If anyone has tarpaulin sheets that they no longer have use for and would like to donate them to us for children to build dens during

Forest School, please drop them off to the main School Office. Thank you in advance.

eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform. Please download the app (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. Bezdell in the Green Building Offices.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Kaitlan Harrod (Kestrels)
Casper Saban (Ants)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

Year 5:- Isabella Dean and Rosie Groombridge

Year 4:- Delilah Thomas and George Ridgwell

Year 3:- Kai Beale

Year 2:- Skylar Player and Kyle Barter

Year 1:- James Painter and Ivy Dove

EYFS:- Sylvie McEvoy and Sophia Hawkins



Playground Stars of the Week

Lara Tune, Evie Gates, Charlie Macdonald, Florence Rawles, Jacob Nevill, Tyler Lynch, George Dulieu, Bobby Fillary and Jacob Crompton

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,593 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 2,541 points - Red Dragons
- 3rd with 2,459 points - Green Dragons
- 4th with 2,225 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Blue Dolphins!

Please note that the 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.daniellesshop.co.uk

Community News

Pro-Academy of Football - Whitsun Half Term

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Picnic in the Park - Everyone Welcome!

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, you are invited to picnic at Thundersley Common on Thursday, 2nd June 2022 from 12noon onwards. Please bring your own food and drink (sorry no BBQs). There are facilities at Thundersley Rovers and there will be fun and games. Well behaved pets are welcome (no livestock).





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Jubilee Week - Free Activities at Hadleigh Park

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

World Cup on Sea - In aid of HARP

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break
21/07/22 - Last day of Term

05/09/22 - Start of Autumn Term
24/10/22 to 28/10/22 - Half Term
21/12/22 to 04/01/23 - Christmas Break
05/01/23 - Start of Spring Term
13/02/23 to 17/02/23 - Half Term
03/04/23 to 14/04/23 - Easter Break
17/04/23 - Start of the Summer Term
01/05/23 - Bank Holiday
29/05/23 to 02/06/23 - Whitsun Break
21/07/23 - Last day of Term

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

06/06/22
07/06/22

01/09/22
02/09/22
31/10/22
20/02/23
05/06/23

