



Newsletter No. 4

1st October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,



I know how much our children have missed our after school clubs over the past 18 months so it has been wonderful to

see so many children enjoying the enrichment opportunities that these offer this week. We hope that by taking part in our after school curriculum, children develop a talent or get a taste for an activity which may become a lifelong hobby. We also hope that children regain their love of sport and competition which we are well known for. This afternoon nearly 125 children will be taking part in our Fun and Fit and Running clubs - fitness Friday is back!

An example of this is table tennis, which our older children love playing at lunchtimes on our outside tables. On



Tuesday, our Year 6 Table Tennis squad showed just what they can do by coming 2nd in the Sports Partnership competition - congratulations team TPS!

I am delighted that we are now able to run our Parent/Carer Involvement sessions again. This gives parents/carers a chance to see their child in the school environment and gain an insight into their learning. We will be combining these with our curriculum meetings this time where you can learn what your child will be learning throughout this year and find out how you can help them. Look out for the date for your child's class.

Parent/Carer Consultations will take place after half term. As you know, last term, these were done virtually using School Cloud. We would like to hear your views on whether this is an option you would like us to continue - we know that many working parents/carers said it helped them last term. Please click on this link to give your view.

<https://forms.gle/UibFWGscUT8847VT6>

The vast majority (80%) of children are now reading five times per week, which is great news! We want to promote a love of reading, so remember if your child is reluctant, please feel free to read to them or read alternate pages. We would rather you did this than have a battle. Our aim is to promote a lifelong love of reading.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

COVID Update

We continue to have positive cases of Covid across the school - staff and children - and will tell individual classes when another case occurs. In many cases, in both children and vaccinated adults, these have not started with any of the three typical symptoms of a cough, temperature or loss of taste/smell. The first symptoms in many of the cases has been a cold and headache. Many cases in children have been asymptomatic and picked up when we have asked classes to carry out PCR tests because of a case in the class. Please be very vigilant and if in doubt, have your child first do a lateral flow test and then PCR if this is positive.

Office

We would like to advise that the office will be open as usual from Monday, 4th October 2021 - thank you for your patience.

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.





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Reading Leaderboard

1st - Foxes - 100%
2nd - Ants - 97%
3rd - Badgers - 95%

Well done Foxes on achieving 100%!

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.

Census Day Lunch - Thursday, 7th October 2021

We would like to advise that on Thursday, 7th October 2021 it is our 'School Census Day' when the Government requires us to send them information which will determine our funding for the next academic year. On this day, the number of children taking school dinners is registered and our funding for school dinners for the future is calculated. In light of recent funding issues, it is imperative that as many children as possible in EYFS/KS1 have a dinner on this day and we thank you in advance for booking your child in. The menu will be:-

Chicken Burger
Veggie Nuggets
Chips
Baked Beans



Doughnut

The meal is free for children in EYFS/KS1 and costs £2.30 for KS2 children payable via ePay.

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

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Harrison Brooker (Kestrels)
Jack Brooks (Sparrows)
Nicholas Johnson (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

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. Bezel in the Green Building Offices.

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Megan Prosser, Megan Hare and Jaidon Kaufman

Year 5:- Lilly Leaford and Lily Seager-Kiddell

Year 4:- Jack Dudley and Dawson Halls

Year 3:- Lily Downing, Samuel Clark and Grace Bowman

Year 2:- Cooper Kenrick and Tilly-Lee Redfearn

Year 1:- Tyler Lynch, Evelyn Deal and Anya Patel



Playground Stars of the Week

William English, Charlie Haggis, Lexi Kaufman, Aaliyah Hussein, Jacob Sandford, Amelie Mara, Grace Bowman, Henry Walters, Quinn Godfrey, Evie Betts, Ruby Moorcraft and Charlie Elliott

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,338 points - Blue Dolphins
2nd with 1,994 points - Red Arrows
3rd with 1,682 points - Green Dragons
4th with 1,649 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Blue Dolphins!

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

Please find attached a new price list for your information.





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PTA

The PTA have met this week and would really like to get some new supporters on easyfundraising.

Please do not forget to use easyfundraising whenever you buy anything online. It is a quick and easy way to support us! You can raise free donations for us with thousands of popular retailers. Every penny helps.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thundersleyprimaryschool-1603297238-459717606/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=cpl

Thank you.

Community News

Treasure Hunt at St. Peter's Church

St. Peter's Church is holding a treasure hunt on Saturday, 2nd October 2021 at 11am. To book places please contact the Rev Andy Hudson on 07946115396 or email andrewjhudson57@gmail.com. This fun event is for all the family!

Essex Police Update

Please find attached information regarding 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
22/07/22 - Last day of Term

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

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

