



Dear Parents/Carers,

A week of dance, food and Lexia success!



The Years 4 and 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their Roots to Food experience

with Darren Tinkler, who works alongside Total Catering, our school meals provider. His aim is to provide fun interactive sessions, which encourage an interest and understanding of healthy, nutritious meals. They made meatballs and pasta, the recipe for which they have taken home - please send photos or let us know if any of your children try it at home too!

Year 4 have had a busy week as on Wednesday, they took part in the Sports Partnership virtual Dance Festival - they performed beautifully!

I want to mention the great job that 100 of our children (and their parents/carers) are doing in their work on Lexia. Lexia is a digital program, which supports reading at all levels. For it to be successful, children work on it for at least an hour - at home and at school - throughout the week. This is one of our most successful language interventions but the key to success is the determination of the child, their teacher and their parents/carers to achieve their target time each week. If they complete a level, they gain a certificate in our Celebration assembly. Well done Lexia Gang - you are real Thundersley learners!



Enjoy your weekend and let us know on twitter @Thundersley_P_S what book you and your child are curling up with this weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

When can my child return to school after a positive COVID test?

Please find attached a chart, which clarifies when your child can return to school after a positive COVID test.

Attendance



For the week ended 21st January 2022 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Owls who achieved 100%. They will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class and will be looking 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	98.3%
Dragonflies	95.7%
Butterflies	92.1%
Rabbits	96.3%
Ladybirds	85.2%
Robins	96.3%
Doves	94.6%
Owls	100%
Fireflies	97.7%
Bears	99.3%
Foxes	97.2%
Ants	93.7%
Sparrows	99.3%
Badgers	90.4%
Kestrels	94.6%
Squirrels	97.6%
Whole School	95.4%

Congratulations to this week's winner

OWLS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2021 - 2022 is:

97%

Face Coverings

As you will be aware, face coverings are no longer a legal requirement to be worn but as we have a continually rising number of cases within the school community, we kindly ask that you wear a face covering if you are visiting the office or are in the school building for a meeting etc. unless you are exempt. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy - Thundersley Primary School



Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above. The vacancy is also being advertised online on both the Working For Essex and Essex Schools Jobs websites, linked

below:-

[School Crossing Patrol Officer - Vacancies across Essex - Working for Essex](#)

[School Crossing Patrol Officer - Vacancies across Essex - Essex Schools Jobs](#)

World Book Day - Thursday, 3rd March 2022

On Thursday, 3rd March 2022, it is World Book Day. We have decided that we will make it a pyjama day. This is a fun way of dressing up without parents/carers having to spend extra money for costumes. The idea is that we all (yes, staff as well) wear pyjamas to promote reading before bedtime. We are looking forward to a fun day!



Children's Mental Health Week



The week beginning 7th February 2022 is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for the week is growing together. We will be marking it in school with activities and





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assemblies. On Friday, 11th February 2022, there will be a non-uniform day with the theme 'Express yourself'. There will be no charge for this. There is a link below to the Place2Be, who are organising the week with resources and ideas to support you and your family. If you have any questions about the week, please contact Mrs. Farmer or Miss Parmenter.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

House Captains

We would like to congratulate the following children on recently being voted House Captains:-

Golden Eagles



Ronnie Ellis and Lincoln Tuckwell

Red Arrows



Sienna Stone and Evie Raymond

Blue Dolphins



Connor Harringley and Joshua Hardwicke

Green Dragons



Blake Stewart and Callum Axford

British Values



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Democracy

We all have a voice and can share our opinions. Sometimes raising awareness of an issue, such as British Sign Language having no legal status in the UK, can make an impact.

Our British Value focus this week is Democracy and how we all have a voice and raising awareness of an issue can have an impact. The assembly news story linked to the recent success of deaf contestant Rose Ayling-Ellis on Strictly Come Dancing. Thundersley children were keen to share their thoughts on how disability or impairment should not be a barrier and how it is important to do all we can to ensure we include others. Attached is the usual Picture News at Home resource to carry on this discussion at home and our British Value poster. Remember to share your views with us too; it is lovely to hear them.

Reading Leaderboard

- 1st - Ants, Foxes and Bears 100%
- 2nd - Badgers 95%
- 3rd - Kestrels 92%

Well done Ants, Foxes and Bears! Please note that these scores run a week in arrears.

Roots to Food Day

Yesterday, children in Years 4 and 5 had a fabulous time cooking up pasta and meatballs in conjunction with Roots to Food and Total Catering Solutions. Chloe Crawley (Bears) tells of her exciting experience below:-

"First, we learned some techniques to do the cutting later. Then we started to get some knives and my partner, Grace, started chopping up the red peppers. Sienna and Kitty were mixing spices into a big meatball and then started to make small mini meatballs to put into the pan. Then we started to turn on the pans, added some parsley into it and we peeled some garlic to pop in too. We also added some other herbs to make the presentation look professional. After we turned the pans off, we put some pasta into the pan as well as some sauce. Then, we turned the pans on again and added some water to make it boil. Then, we put the lid on and it started to steam. After we turned off the pans, we got a spoon and started to scoop the pasta and the meatballs onto the middle of the plate.

Some adults got a spoon and had a little taste. We put some pasta and meatballs onto the corners of a plate and started eating. It tasted amazing and all of us said it was delicious. It was really fun to cook and I think my mum and I will cook the ingredients at the weekend.



Big Schools' Birdwatch

If your child is interested in birdwatching, why not take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. Follow the link below:-



[Big Schools' Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://rspb.org.uk)

TCS 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 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.





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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.

Bobby Foster-Pasterfield (Fireflies)
Jack Wooden (Badgers)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Bear Norton
and Kyle Squirrel

Year 5:- Isobel
Green and Chloe
Bradsell

Year 4:- George Fillary and Olivia
Hession

Year 3:- Amelie Mara and Archie Alsop

Year 2:- Oscar Wooden and Sophia
England-Cowan

Year 1:- Lacey-Belle Fenemore and
Felicity Warren

EYFS:- Ava Gladwin and Layla-Star
Wright-Martin



Playground Stars of the Week

Isabella Dean, Lexi Kaufman, Samuel Beasley, Ivy Cook, Esme Murphy, Tobias Szczyпка-Warner, Ollie Smith, Maddison Wilson, Gracie-May Rowland, Austin Lin, Esmee Emin-Wyatt, Rosie-Belle Horsman, Jenson Main and Ollie Whitaker

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,438 points - Blue Dolphins
2nd with 2,397 points - Red Arrows
3rd with 2,001 points - Green Dragons
4th with 1,784 points - Golden Eagles



Well done again 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.daniellestshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 28th February 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Community News

BTSA Paid Internship for Maths, Physics and Computing Undergraduates

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

BTSA - Train to be an outstanding Primary or Secondary Teacher

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Deanes Holiday Camps - February Half Term 2022

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

Benfleet Community Music Centre

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

ESFA Schools' Football Week - February Half Term 2022

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Cheeky Monkey's - February Half Term 2022

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

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
07/06/22

