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15th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,



It was lovely to see so many Year 1 parents/carers and grandparents exploring the site and taking part in our first parental involvement session of this year. We hope you found it useful and that this is the first of many such afternoons you spend with us. Each year group has received an email informing them of the date of their session and the dates can also be found on the calendar on our website. Our aim is for you to take part in an activity with your child and also to be given information about their curriculum for the year. Our Subject Leaders have spent the past two years refining and planning the curriculum for their subject to make sure that children's learning is well sequenced, building on what they know from the previous year and preparing them for the next. On our website, you can see the curriculum for each year and each subject. [Thundersley Primary School Curriculum Roadmap](#). Each project in a subject has a Big question that the children are answering - 'How did a loaf of bread change history' in learning about the Fire of London, for instance.

Thank you to everyone who answered our Parents' Evening survey about whether you would prefer a video meeting or a face to face meeting. We are aiming to offer a hybrid model as we know the video option will suit many working parents. In order that we can plan for the correct ratio of online or face to face, it is vital that this questionnaire <https://forms.gle/jLnWWaCqFdhRPuF7> is completed for each child to let us know what type of meeting you want to attend. Once we know how many online slots each teacher needs, we

can plan accordingly. Please complete the form by Monday, 18th October 2021.

Our wonderful PTA will be saving the planet and raising funds for our children this afternoon by recycling second hand uniform (prices range up to £1) - please help them!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

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 - Ants & Badgers - 100%

2nd - Foxes - 96%

3rd - Bears - 88%

Well done Ants and Badgers on achieving 100%!

Harvest 2021 - Making it together #Let's make a meal

We are collecting for Southend Foodbank this harvest season with a focus on the importance of our community working together to support each other.



We believe giving in this way reinforces the need for community, working together, and everyone doing their small part. It gives our students a chance to think about the purpose of their donation in the wider context of it contributing to a real meal and what it gives to the people taking home food from a foodbank.





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It would be great if you could donate something from one of the attached four short shopping lists. There are also posters displayed on the windows of the glass walkway from the Office into the main building giving more details. Any donations should be given to the class teacher. The last day for donations will be 20th October 2021."

Thank you for your support.

Swimming Lessons



Please note that next week will be the last week for swimming lessons.

They will commence again after Easter 2022. We hope your child has enjoyed their time in the pool!

Anti-Bullying Week



This year, Anti-Bullying Week is from the 15th to 19th November 2021. We will be marking the beginning of the week with an Odd Socks Day on Monday, 15th November 2021. The children are welcome to come to school wearing odd socks on this day to raise awareness of bullying. The children do not need to bring any money in on this day. We will be covering the issues surrounding bullying in our PSHE/RSE lessons during the course of the week. We will also be watching a special BBC assembly.

MacMillan Cancer Support - Bake Sale

Last Friday, Freya Dyne, Megan Hare and Harrison Brooker all in Year 6 held a Bake Sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. The event was a big hit with children and staff alike and the magnificent sum of £264.95 was raised for this worthy

cause. The children give a joint account of the event below:-



"Last year, Freya and Megan came up with an idea to do a Bake Sale for MacMillan Cancer support. One month later, Harrison decided to join as Financial Manager. A few months later we went to each classroom and probably bothered them a few too many times. We asked students all over KS2 to bring in a cake to sell and a maximum of £2 to buy with. On the day of the sale, it was a huge success, people brought in loads of cakes (we probably had over 1000 in total!). There was a wide variety of cakes in all shapes and sizes from cupcakes to cookies and bake trays to brownies. In total all the hard work paid off massively, as overall we raised an amazing £264.95. We would like to say a few special thank yous to the people who made a monumental contribution; we would like to thank Miss Dawson, Miss Russell, Mr. Jetten, Jessica Knight, Jack O'Dell and Macie Parry. We couldn't have done it without them. We would also like to say one big thank you to everyone who bought a cake."



Year 3 Prehistoric Experience



On Wednesday, we had a special visitor to Thundersley, Memma the Cavewoman. She constructed a reconstruction of a Stone Age dwelling in the school grounds and showed the children what it was like to live in the Stone Age.

Some of the children give their versions of the experience below:-

"On Wednesday, I liked it when I was scraping the big rock onto the stone. I also liked it when we got the flint and scraped it across the bones.

Memma was really clever and told us a lot of things about the Stone Age. She made a fire but she didn't use matches and we even got to eat pigeon!" (Ozzie Jiggins - Doves)

"I really liked it when we plucked the pigeon because the feathers were really fluffy. I so liked putting the powder on my face which was fun, I looked like I was in the Stone Age. The tent was big and had cave paintings on the wall. There were animal furs on the floor, it was cosy and





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there was a proper fire but I smelt of smoke afterwards!" (Alice English - Doves)



"On Wednesday, 13th October 2021, we walked through the field and saw two cavewomen! They let us in their tent so we went in. The

cavewoman told us how life has changed from Stone age to now. Then, they told us about the animals such as bison, hyenas and cows. Afterwards, we helped prepare the dead pigeon by taking the feathers out. Next we did Stone age jobs:- scraped the animal skin, made a bowl and used tools. Finally, we shouted "Fire Brother Cumor" to light the fire. We cooked the dead pigeon then ate it! A great time!" (Charlie Macdonald - Owls)

"At first they were speaking a different language. Yes, that's right, they were speaking how they thought Stone Age people would have been talking. Five minutes later they started to learn English. Then we went inside and it was amazing. The class were ecstatic (really, really excited) and I hope we can all agree it was pretty amazing, actually very amazing. They taught us so many things including how fire is most of our life. If someone is cold, fire can heat them up. If we didn't have fire we could die from being cold. After they taught us how to pluck off a bird's feathers and to cook them. Then we were allowed to eat the bird's meat. After that, we had a bit of free time to do anything. It was an amazing day! Hoping we can do it again soon!" (Lois Oke - Fireflies)



Year 1 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

Yesterday, Year 1 parents/carers visited to join their children on a Number Hunt.

This is the first opportunity they have had to see the school and both parents and children had a wonderful time. Please read what some of the children said about the session below:-



"We went on a Maths hunt. We had to find numbers on the field, near the gate and by Butterflies' class. When I found 14 I did 14 star jumps and I found number 7 on a pirate ship. I did 7 hops on one leg. We used a map to help find the numbers. It was fun." Arbie Beswick (Rabbits)



"Me and mummy hunted for numbers on the field and on the playground. We had good fun. Mummy started to laugh when we were running to the numbers.

When we found a number I drew a picture of the animal and then I had to make up actions for the number I found. My favourite animal I found was the penguin

and I did a penguin walk twice for the number 2." Dior Sellick (Butterflies)

Polite Reminder

Face Coverings

We would like to remind you that you need to wear a face covering when entering the main School Office or meeting with a staff member (unless exempt). Thank you.



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/carers 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.





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Honesty is the best policy!

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

Brandon Kennedy (Sparrows)
Jake Hodson (Ants)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Jack Allen

Year 5:- Jack

Brooks, Harry
Thompson & Stanley
Cook

Year 4:- Harry Green
and Belle Benny

Year 3:- Harry Sayer, Lincoln Bellinger
and Chase Gray-Harman

Year 2:- Stanley Evers and Griffin
Gibson

Year 1:- Ronny Reid and Taylor Dwyer-
St-Pier

EYFS:- Teddie Jarrad and Elliot
Hardwicke



Playground Stars of the Week

Abbie Ioannou, Jack Brooks, Riley Frost,
Honey-May Hayes, Chace Donovan-Toone,
Kai Beale, Rose Beckford, Bonnie-Lou
Puffett-Preshaw, Eleanor Henry, Finley
Barber, Harry Hills, Ivy Dove, Perla Pucky
and Vanesa Lukoseviciute

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,612 points - Blue Dolphins

2nd with 2,405 points - Red Arrows

3rd with 2,399 points - Green Dragons

4th with 2,057 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

Community News

SSP 'Get into Football'

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

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

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

