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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy week we have had!

Thank you to all those who have attended Structured Conversations and Parent/Carer Consultations. The opportunity to share with you how well your child has settled in this year and what they need to practice at home to achieve their goals is very welcome to teachers and will really help your child. This year, more than ever, we need to work in partnership. Although children, parents and staff worked exceptionally well during home schooling and lockdowns, there is no doubt that gaps need plugging and together we can do that.



I would like to say a huge thanks to Mrs Goodwin, our Phonics Guru,

for running Phonics workshops for EYFS and Year 1 over the next few weeks. Making great progress in Phonics is key to children's success in reading and I know these sessions have been well received by parents. If your child in any year group needs more practice, Mrs Goodwin's Fantastic Phonics videos can be accessed using this link. [Mrs Goodwin's fantastic phonics - Bing video](#) Just check with your child's teacher to see which sounds they should work on.

Our Year 4 Tag Rugby squad equipped themselves well at the Deanes on Wednesday, showing the local area that they were a force to be reckoned with! They were beaming with joy as they came back into school at the end of the day. Our Boys' Football team were involved in a local derby against Kingston on Tuesday and came back full of pride having won 3-2 and our Girls' Football team played Northwick Park where the result was a 3-3 draw. It is great to see sporting events back on our calendar - we know children gain so much from representing the school and being part of a team.

You will have noticed a new banner on our railings. Lexi, in Year 5, was one of 12



winners from across the UK who won a competition, run by the Charity, Brake, to design a road safety banner. I am sure you will agree it is eye catching and we hope will remind drivers to be keep our children safe. Congratulations Lexi!

Have a super weekend and if you are a Strictly fan, enjoy, it's hotting up!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Reading Leaderboard

1st - Badgers - 100%
2nd - Foxes - 93%
3rd - Kestrels - 92%

Well done Badgers on achieving 100%!
Please note that these scores run a week in arrears.

Attendance



For the week ended 12th November 2021 there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted next week and will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class. 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.

Congratulations to this week's winner

LADYBIRDS

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	98.0%
Dragonflies	97.0%
Butterflies	97.2%
Rabbits	93.9%
Ladybirds	100%
Robins	96.0%
Doves	94.8%
Owls	96.2%
Fireflies	92.9%
Bears	94.8%
Foxes	95.1%
Ants	94.7%
Sparrows	95.6%
Badgers	90.9%
Kestrels	98.4%
Squirrels	88.7%
Whole School	95.3%

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

97%

EYFS Admissions - September 2022

If your child is starting school in Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2022, you can now apply online for a place. Applications can be made via:-

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Please note the closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2022-23 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories, which contain details of all admission policies.





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British Values



British Values
15th - 22nd November 2021

Individual Liberty

As well as being fun, playgrounds can be a great place for us to learn. We can learn to manage risks and take responsibilities for our actions.

The night the Bombers came!

Earlier this week, Alfie Hulton (Squirrels) was sent to Miss Dawson to show her a piece of writing he had done on his WWII topic. Miss Dawson thought it was so good it should be shared with everyone:-



"My shaking hands wrench open the heavy curtains and I gaze - awe-struck- at the inky black sky. It is undisturbed other than the whirring of

the planes' engines and thunderous booms of planes exploding overhead, a sea of destruction. The silhouettes of Nazi bombers cast shadows across my face, contrasting against the pearly moonlight. I snap back to reality as Mother wheels me around like a toy, yelling above the ear-splitting whaling of the air-raid siren "What do you think you're doing!" shouts Mother furiously. As soon as I am free from her grasp, Peter yanks me out of the room - typical Peter, he thinks I can't do anything. As we clatter noisily through the dark messy hallway, Susan rushes downstairs dragging a petrified Lucy behind her, I'm glad to see them.

Across the garden, we dash as the bombers seemingly chase us-running,

running, running. Nervousness nudges my consciousness then suddenly I am torn from reality and I can no longer hear the crescendo of sounds around me-then I remember... "Dad!" I exclaim, and I start running towards the house. Peter grabs me, but the wool of my shirt rips quickly- I run as fast as I can. Peter is hot on my heels. As I reach for Dad's photo, a heavy weight shoves me over just as the window implodes into a million pieces- Peter had saved me. I quickly grab the photo, and Peter drags me out of the room. I don't care. I have what I need ..."

Boys' Football Match vs. Kingston Primary School



On Tuesday, the boys had their first league game of the season away at Kingston. It was an incredibly close game with chances at either end

throughout. Thundersley raced to an early lead through some super passing football and were quickly pegged back to 1-1. With five minutes to go, the score was 2-2 and Thundersley broke through on goal and through a composed finish retook the lead. Some resolute defending and fantastic saves from the goalkeeper meant that Thundersley held their lead and went away eventual 3-2 winners. This was a really brilliant team performance and a great start to the season. The boys showed a fantastic team spirit and another great example of being the best they can be! Noah Paton (Kestrels) gives his version of the match below:-

"When we got there we were all quite nervous and excited. It was a nice pitch. One of the teachers from Kingston took us to our half and told us to play with the green balls. Once we did the practicing and running across the pitch and back we started to huddle and talk about our positions on the board. I was playing midfield with Connor. When we started, I was nervous but after a few minutes, I went along with it. In the first half Sonny scored a goal and at the end of the first half we were in the lead 1-0. In the

second half, Kingston scored two goals. We had a penalty and Leo scored. Then Sonny scored another goal so the end result was 3-2 to us. I thought it was very fun and I enjoyed it quite a lot. After it had finished, Kingston kindly gave us some biscuits and a drink. I would love to play another match later on in the year because it was fantastic."

Girls' Football Match vs. Northwick Park



On Wednesday, Thundersley girls had their first football league game of the season away at Northwick Park. This was a very close game and both teams had superbly talented footballers on the pitch. Thundersley's defence was solid and they battled hard for every ball - shutting down opposition attacks. Thundersley held a 3-2 lead but unfortunately conceded a late goal through a fantastic free kick. There were super chances at both ends to win the game but unfortunately Thundersley couldn't quite get the ball over the line and Ayda made some incredible saves for Thundersley leaving the score at 3-3 which was a very fair result. The girls were a credit to the school and worked hard as a team. Well done all, another example of Thundersley children being the best they can be! Betsy Kenrick describes the match below:-

"Yesterday, we took the minibus to Northwick School to play a school football match. When we arrived, we got out of the minibus and walked around Northwick School to get to the astro pitch. After that, we warmed up by doing some passing. After the warm up, we had a team talk. Then we got into our positions and the game started. Ten minutes into the game and Faith scored an amazing goal. Minutes after, Northwick came back with an equaliser. Before the whistle for half time got blown, I scored. At half time, the score was 2-1 to Thundersley. During half time we had our drinks and listened to Mr. Wilson's team talk. After the team talk, we all shouted "TPS". Then we got into our positions and I kicked off to get the





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second half started. Ten minutes into the second half, Northwick scored to make it 2-2. We kicked off again and kept going. Five minutes later, I scored a goal that I placed into the bottom corner to make it 3-2. One minute before the final whistle was blown, we gave away a free kick on the edge of the box. Northwick scored from the free kick with a beautiful goal into the top corner to make it 3-3. Then we missed a few chances and the final whistle was blown. The game ended with a 3-3 draw."

Tag Rugby Festival



Also on Wednesday, some children from Year 4 visited The Deanes to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival against other local schools. Sam Beasley (Bears) describes below his afternoon:-

"We walked to Deanes and when we got there we saw a lot of other schools. We started off by practising defending. We then played a match which was hard because some of us had never played before. We then practised attacking and learned how to pass properly. We then used team work to score a try and then played a match. Finally, we practised passing with each other and played our final match. Then we walked back to Thundersley."

Remembrance at St. Peter's Church

Katie Allen (Fireflies) and Jack Allen (Badgers) attend 2nd Thundersley Scout Group and were proud to take part at Remembrance



at St. Peter's Church. As the Leader of Beavers, their mum is proud of both Jack and Katie and also all the individuals that

attend the group, many of whom are from Thundersley.

Go for Grammar



Chloe Bradsell (Ants) and Missy Burton-Moore (Sparrows) attended the Go for Grammar 'Creative Day' at Westcliff High School for Boys recently where they took part in a full day of learning which included Maths, English, French, Music, Art and

Design and Technology classes. Chloe tells of her experience below:-

"Going to Westcliff was a great experience for me. First, we did music. We played an instrument or we clapped to the beat. After that, the Prefects took us to French and we learnt about the body parts. We also played a game to do with French then we sang a French song. When the Prefects arrived, we had a break and we got to have a snack. Then the Prefects called us and we went to Design and Technology. We made a phone holder and the Prefects helped us make it. After Design and Technology, we did Art and we drew a skull. Then we all went outside and we had lunch and some people played football. When we got back inside we did English and we learnt all about climate change and we wrote a poem all about it. After that it was time to go home so I said goodbye to my new friends and went home, I was so happy that I went to Westcliff."

Cricket Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Connor Harringley (Badgers) on being selected for the South Eagles Under 11s Cricket Winter Training Squad for the 2022 season. Well done Connor - a great achievement.



Southend FC Academy

Jaxon Grange (Doves) and Freddy Peryer (Owls) both started at the very beginning of Southend Pre Academy U7s and now play U8s. Both have just been retained after Southend have released around 11 boys. The game on Saturday was one of many for the boys having played quite a few games for Southend already.

Saturday was at home to Brighton and Hove Albion FC. Jaxon had a really good game playing in midfield scoring 2 goals one scoring a volley and also got an assist for a goal. Freddy was playing at the back playing very well containing the Brighton attack, reading the game so effortlessly. The boys are really enjoying the Southend journey together which has been going now for 18 months. They have been best mates since they first met on the first day in Reception at TPS.



Well done boys - looks like you have a great footballing future ahead of you!





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Polite Reminder

Earrings

We would like to remind you that earrings must be removed for PE or any sporting after school club - thank you.

Emails

Just a reminder that all emails should be sent to:-

admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk

The 'support' email address should only be used if you are reporting a positive COVID test result out of hours or it is an emergency - 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/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.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Macey Robinson (Owls)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Evie Raymond, Amelia Henry and Ronnie Ellis

Year 5:- Charlotte Savage and Beatrice Turner

Year 4:- Mason Hills

Year 3:- Charlie Macdonald, Darcie Vine and Oscar Jiggins

Year 2:- Eleanor Henry and Rosie Mann

Year 1:- Arbie Beswick, Harry Molloy and Kitty McCombe



Playground Stars of the Week

Jessica Knight, Austin Lin, Isobel Dean, Beatrice Turner, Maxwell Blagg, Grace Crawford, Freddie Troth-Olasebikan, Beau Lewis, Liam Seymour, Joshua Sandford, Finley Barber, Tyler Lynch, Lucas Bartrup and Sienna Murphy

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,186 points - Blue Dolphins

2nd with 2,007 points - Green Dragons

3rd with 1,861 points - Green Dragons

4th with 1,754 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.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th January 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sweetie Sale & Cuddly Toy Lucky Dip

On Friday, 26th November 2021, the PTA will be holding a Sweetie Sale and a Cuddly Toy Lucky Dip after school. The price is 50p for a bag of pick and mix sweets and 50p for the lucky dip. The PTA will stay until the clubs finish if they have enough stock to sell.





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Future Term Dates

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******

21/02/22

06/06/22

07/06/22

