



Dear Parent/Carer,

We were absolutely bowled over by your response to our appeal on behalf of HARP for our Harvest Festival. We had to ask the organisation for extra crates and the bags just kept coming. Thank you so much and please know that your generosity will help support people taking steps to overcome homelessness for good. What a great way to teach our children compassion and about helping their community.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD We are celebrating Black History Month at Thundersley, whose theme this year is 'celebrating our sisters', highlighting the achievements of women of black heritage. Women such as the children's author Malorie Blackman, scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock and sporting greats such as Dame Kelly Holmes and Nicola Adams who have all played a key role in recent British history. As part of our activities, we will also be supporting 'Show Racism the Red Card', by taking part in their annual 'Wear Red Day' on Friday, 20th October 2023.

Our Year 6 children have been voting for their House Captains, having listened to the hopeful candidates speeches about why they would be good for the job and those chosen will be named in next week's newsletter.

Many of our Year 5 children head off on their residential trip to Grafham on Wednesday - we know they will have a wonderful time!

Have a super week - and remember to read with your child.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 6th October 2023 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bears who achieved 99.3%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this 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	98.2%
Dragonflies	97.9%
Butterflies	94.4%
Rabbits	78.7%
Ladybirds	92.9%
Robins	95.3%
Fireflies	96.0%
Owls	97.2%
Bears	99.3%
Sparrows	95.3%
Ants	83.6%
Bees	97.7%
Kestrels	97.2%
Badgers	98.7%
Squirrels	91.3%
Whole School	94.2%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

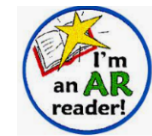
BEARS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2023 - 2024 is:

97%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 383,478

2nd Bees - 293,948

3rd Ants - 269,935

Quizzes

1st Fireflies - 57

2nd Owls - 36

3rd Sparrows - 31

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 2,386,962

2nd Ants - 1,263,540

3rd Bees - 1,226,325

Quizzes

1st Owls - 243

2nd Fireflies - 167

3rd Bears - 107

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 (applications are now open) by 31st October 2023. To register your choice please visit:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Girls' Football Tournament



It was an exciting day for the Year 5 & 6 girls as they took off to Canvey for the annual SSP Football Tournament. The girls started the tournament in terrific form winning five out of five games in the group stage. After finishing top of the group the girls progressed into the Quarter-Final stage where no Thundersley team has ever passed...





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After a nervy 0-0 draw vs Kents Hill, we progressed into the semi-finals thanks to a Delilah Thomas penalty in the shootout! Thundersley beat St. Katherines in the semi-final thanks to 2 goals by Olivia Collins to progress into the final. In the final, Thundersley awaited Edward Francis, who we previously beat in the group stage 2-0. A well contested final saw Thundersley draw 0-0 sending the game to a penalty shootout! Edward Francis won the shootout (2-0), which saw Thundersley finish 2nd! The furthest Thundersley has ever reached in this tournament. A fantastic tournament from the girls who came back with a silver medal! Well done to all involved. Esmae Emin-Wyatt gives her account of the tournament below:-

"It was really fun and everybody got a chance to play. The whole team motivated everyone. Every match was hard but we all tried our best and managed to get to the final. It was against Edward Francis and at full time the score was 0-0 so it went to penalties. We were all nervous but happy that we knew we would get either a gold or silver medal. The penalties went to 3 and they won 2-0. We had played them earlier on in the tournament and had won 3-0 but in this match it was harder as they knew how we played. I really enjoyed the tournament and I loved playing every match and even when I wasn't on, I enjoyed cheering the team on. I am really proud of my silver medal and how far all of us went."

School Council Elections



On Thursday, 19th October 2023 the children will be voting for the new School Council. If your child would like to put

themselves forward, they will need to pitch to their class and campaign. Even if a child has been a School Councillor before, they can put themselves forward again.

Black History Month



October is Black History Month and at Thundersley Primary all classes will be doing lots of exciting activities and learning to celebrate this. This year we will also be supporting the UK's leading anti-racism charity, 'Show Racism the Red Card', by taking part in their annual 'Wear Red Day' on Friday, 20th October 2023. SR+RC work to challenge racism through empowering role models within communities, organisations, and sports, in order to dismantle racism in society. On this day, instead of school uniform your child can wear red and bring in a donation to support SR+RC.

SCARF At Home



In Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) our whole school theme this half term is 'Me and My Relationships'. We explore feelings and emotions, develop skills to manage conflict and help children to identify people who are special to them. We equip them with skills to recognise the qualities of healthy friendships and how to manage them. If you would like to continue these conversations at home and participate in some follow up activities please visit the SCARF at Home website using the link below:-

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships>

Eco Campaigner - Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Ricky Van Der Fransen (Sparrows) who has recently received a letter from Buckingham Palace after he wrote to King Charles asking him to help save some trees which are due to

be cut down to make way for a housing development. Ricky also appeared in the Echo and on the BBC News website. Well done Ricky, you should be very proud of yourself!



Stars of the Week

- Year 3:- Esmee Campbell
- Year 1:- Gracie Mann
- EYFS:- Hudson Barber

Playground Stars of the Week

Harper Hooper, Dylan Gates and Dior Sellick

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	3062
Blue Dolphins	2854
Green Dragons	2758
Red Arrows	2531





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Well done Golden Eagles!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Rebecca Heckles (Robins)
Macey Robinson (Bees)
Bella Blackshaw (Bees)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the



eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.

Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club called Early Birds (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. Hayward in the main School Office.

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.daniellelesshop.co.uk

PTA

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be the AGM on Tuesday, 7th November 2023 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the

following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00
Adventure Island Inside (Soft Play) - £5.00

Community News

BTSA Recruitment Event - 16th October 2023

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SEND Roadshows

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

Camp Epic - Year 1 Introduction Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

23/10/23 to 27/10/23 - Half Term
21/12/23 to 03/01/24 - Christmas Break
04/01/24 - Start of the Spring Term
19/02/24 to 23/02/24 - Half Term
29/03/24 to 12/04/24 - Easter Break
15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term
06/05/24 - Bank Holiday
27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break
19/07/24 - Last day of Term

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

20/11/23
26/2/24
22/7/24
23/7/24

