



Newsletter No. 2

16th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our EYFS children have had their first full day today. It is super to see them enjoying their learning and getting to know each other - they have settled in amazingly well this year and really enjoyed being on the playground at lunchtime in their new yellow hats!

Thank you to those who have already attended their child's parent/carer involvement afternoon - this also involves a short information session about the learning for the year. This week it is the turn of Year 5 on Wednesday at 1.30pm and Year 1 on Thursday at 1.30pm and we look forward to seeing you. I know the children love having a family member coming in to learn with them.

You will have seen from the diary dates that Parent/Carer Consultations will be later in the half term, but if you have any concerns, please do not wait until then. The class teacher is always your first port of call and can be seen either at the end of the day or you can make an appointment. Please never leave a concern to grow bigger and bigger.

Have a super week.

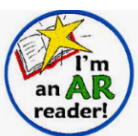
Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

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 (applications open from 12th September 2024) by 31st October 2024. To register your choice please visit:-

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

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-



Word Count

- 1st Sparrows - 660,301
- 2nd Owls - 401,601
- 3rd Badgers - 392,359

Quizzes

- 1st Bears - 60
- 2nd Sparrows - 31
- 3rd Owls - 28

Wow Word Day



On Monday, the children were asked to dress up for Wow Word Day. The children and staff came in dressed as some fabulous words and Ethan Archer tells of his Wow Word below:-

"I dressed as a super hero. My word was 'bravery'. Super heroes are brave. I wore a cape. Evie had a good word. It was fun."

Year 3 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Wednesday, it was our first parent/carer involvement session of the new academic year where Year 3 parents/carers spent time with their child

looking for materials on the field to use for a Stone Age cave painting as part of their project this term. Everyone had a lovely afternoon and Bobby Fillary (Owls) and Eleny Grover (Fireflies) give their respective accounts below:-

"We went out onto the field and we had to find lots of things to make things with and paint with. We used berries for paint and feathers and sticks for paint brushes. We also used some acorns to glue down. We were doing cave art as part of our Stone Age project. My mum came in to help me and she helped me find everything on the field." (Bobby Fillary)

"Mummy came in to help me. I had to team up with another child and then we went outside with a little plastic bag and we collected some stuff we could paint with and then we painted. I painted a rainbow with animal footprints and Stone Age houses. It was really fun. The most fun part was probably getting all the things we could paint with." (Eleny Grover)



School Gate Opening/Closing Times



Please note that the school gate will be opened at 8.40am. Children must be in class for an 8.45am start. Gates will be closed at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time must be signed in late at the main office. The gate will be opened again at 3.05pm ready for EYFS/KS1 children to be collected at 3.10pm and KS2 children to be collected at 3.15pm. For the safety of all our children we ask that everyone leave the school site promptly. Thank you.



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School Office Hours

Open at 7.30am (for phone calls)

Open at 8.40am (front desk for enquiries)

Closes at:-

5.00pm Mondays

4.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

4.15pm Wednesdays & Fridays

Polite Reminders

Absence

If your child is unwell or not in school for any reason, please contact the main School Office on 01268 793251 before 9.15am to advise staff. Please then kindly confirm in writing or by email (admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk) why your child was absent. Thank you.

Leave of Absence

All 'Leave of absence' requests in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of Miss Dawson. Please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form which you can obtain from the main School Office and provide an accompanying letter with an explanation as to why you are taking your child out of school during term time. Please give as much notice as possible. Thank you.

Visitors

Please note that all visitors must sign in at the main School Office. Please do not enter the buildings without signing in first and receiving a 'visitor's sticker'. Thank you.

Peanut Butter/Nutella/Nut Products

We would like to remind you that your child must not bring peanut butter, Nutella or any nut products into school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school at all times in order to keep hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.

Asthma Pumps

If your child requires an asthma pump, please ensure that your child has one in the main School Office and one in their classroom. Please also check that the pumps are in date. Thank you.

Labels

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name in order that they can be returned if found. Thank you.

Bikes/Scooters

Please note that bikes/scooters must not be ridden in the playground. Please ensure your child dismounts and walks their bike/scooter on the school premises to avoid any accidents. Thank you.

Medication

Please note that staff are not able to administer medication unless your child has a Care Plan for an ongoing medical condition. Thank you.

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in Year 1 and Year 2



that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following children are our NumBot superstars this week!

Year 1 - Elliott Harris (Rabbits)

Year 2 - Ava Moorcraft (Robins)

Well done to you both!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Darcey Gayler (Kestrels)

Elsie May (Kestrels)

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

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. 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





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Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

Community News

BATIC Schools Separation Anxiety

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

Basildon Bands

Please find attached a letter in respect of the above.

Anglo European School Open Evening - 26th September 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps - October 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

CSC Gymnastics Camp - October 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Girls 4 Football - 28th October 2024

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

28/10/24 to 01/11/24 - Half Term
23/12/24 to 03/01/25 Christmas Break
06/01/25 - Start of the Spring Term
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 - Half Term

07/04/25 to 21/04/25 - Easter Break
22/04/25 - Start of the Summer Term
05/05/25 - Bank Holiday
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 - Half Term
18/07/25 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

25/11/24
14/02/25
21/07/25
22/07/25

