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Dear Parents/Carers,

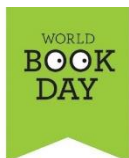


The children are truly expressing themselves today and they look GREAT! They seem to have enjoyed their week learning

new skills, talking about mental health and growing together. Sitting in my office it has been lovely to hear a steady flow of children 'walking and talking' as they go past with their class. It is good to talk!

What a super half term this has been. Staff and children have worked extremely hard and as a result, children continue to make good progress in all areas of the curriculum. Thanks to your dedication at home, we regularly have 80% of children reading 5 times at home - and as a result these children are becoming super readers. You cannot underestimate what a difference this makes to your child - thank you.

In the past few weeks, it has been my privilege to attend the Governing Body meetings of our Trust Schools as well as the ROBUS Trust meeting. I have been humbled by the dedication, concern and hard work of our Governors and trustees - all volunteers. Their support and challenge is vital to the success of our schools and the ROBUS Trust so I would like to pay tribute to them all.



Next half term, we look forward to World Book Day (wear your pyjamas to school), Comic

Relief Day, two residential trips, Parent/Carer Involvement sessions, sporting events, music and dance events and children in classes learning lots. I am crossing my fingers that attendance can improve as COVID infections slow and the regulations change around isolation - I



know many of you have been frustrated at having healthy children stuck at home.

Have a wonderful half term, stay safe and we will see the children flooding through that gate again on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 4th February 2022 there were no classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. 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	90.7%
Dragonflies	82.8%
Butterflies	94.1%
Rabbits	93.2%
Ladybirds	95.6%
Robins	96.3%
Doves	90.3%
Owls	80.9%
Fireflies	87.7%
Bears	83.9%
Foxes	86.1%
Ants	76.6%
Sparrows	82.6%
Badgers	95.8%
Kestrels	85.1%
Squirrels	84.3%
Whole School	88.0%

Congratulations to this week's winner

ROBINS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2021 - 2022 is:
97%

Return to School

Please note the children return to school on **Tuesday, 22nd February 2022.**

Reading Leaderboard

- 1st - Owls and Ants 100%
- 2nd - Bears 95%
- 3rd - Foxes 92%

Well done to Owls and Ants. Please note that these scores run a week in arrears.

TCS Change of Menu

Please note that due to ordering logistics over half term the menu for the first day back on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022 will be:-

- Chicken/Veggie Nuggets
- Square Potatoes
- Beans

Crispy Cake

Doves & Fireflies Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Monday, the parents/carers from Doves and Fireflies visited to spend the afternoon with their children making hearts as part of their Design and Technology project. Everyone had a fabulous afternoon and Jayden Carrington (Fireflies) and Fritz Eyong (Doves) give their accounts of the afternoon below:-





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"I was excited about mum coming in to help me. We had to get fluff, a needle, a little rope and some light blue material. We took turns to put through the needle into the material. We had to sew half and then save half to put the fluff in. We decorated it with buttons and we sewed the other half up and that was it. I thought it was good that mum came in to help because I was really excited and she helped me with the hard bits. We will take the heart home and I am going to give it to my brother Alfie." (Jayden Carrington)

"I made a heart. My mum helped me to do it. I had to draw the heart and then coloured it in. I put the buttons on. I stuck some string on the heart and then it was finished and my mum went. I liked mum coming in to help. I thought it was good." (Fritz Eyong)



Children's Mental Health Week & Safer Internet Day



This week has been Children's Mental Health week and on Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. Here is what Dragonflies have done during the week in respect of these:-

We thought about things that make us happy. We spoke in full sentences then drew a picture. The pictures were put in a Jar of Happiness. We passed the jar around during Circle Time (whilst singing If you're happy and you know it). We then



shared the picture that was pulled out with our Dragonflies' friends and discussed the feeling of happiness.

On Tuesday (Be Active) we enjoyed a 'walk and talk' with our Chipmunks' friends and enjoyed being active outside in our garden.

For Safer Internet Day we watched a short video about Smartie the Penguin. We discussed how to stay safe when using tablets, iPads and playing on the internet. We decided that if we felt worried, upset or confused about something that we saw or heard we should stop, think and always ask an adult.

Walk and Talk

This week the children were put into pairs and then they walked around a marked area whilst talking! Whilst walking, one of the pair asked their partner the ten topic questions until they got halfway and then they swapped over. Teachers then asked the children what they found out about their partner and why it is important to walk and talk. Sydney Greig describes her walk and talk experience below:-

"We had a slip and it had words on like summer, sports and hobbies, food, music and someone you like. We were paired up with someone and had to walk about the playground/field and ask them some questions about the subjects on the card. Then we had to swap. Some of us had to think of questions as well. I asked what holiday they would choose to go on and they said Portugal or Greece. One of the people I walked with said they were scared of dogs and they were good friends with

their cousins even though they were boys. I thought it was fun because we got to know more people and we could talk to them and find more out about them. I would love to do the walk and talk again so I can get to know people I don't normally play with."



Exciting Ladies Football Reward

Last Sunday, Betsy Kenrick (Sparrows) and her football team were mascots for Spurs Ladies as a reward for winning their first trophy before Christmas. They attended the Spurs vs Brighton WSL league and Spurs won 4-0! It was a fantastic display of professional women's football and Betsy gives an insight into the exciting day below:-

"I play for Rayleigh Harriers and we went to Spurs because we won our first trophy. It was for being one of the top teams in the Essex League. When we were there we had to say 'Come on you Spurs' and start chants. It was quite exciting because we had never experienced that before. At





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the end, it was quite unexpected but we got a photo with one of the players called Becky Spencer who is the goalkeeper. I thought the whole day was really exciting and I was happy to be there and it's inspired me to be like the players one day."

Polite Reminder

Clubs

If your child is unable to attend their club for any reason, please ensure that the Club Leader is advised or you call the office to let them know. Thank you.

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.

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. Bezel in the Green Building Offices.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Ryder Harringley (Doves)
Arlo Puckey (Foxes)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Badgers' Class
- Year 5:-** Frankie Bullen and Bobbi-Lei Ross
- Year 4:-** Finley Fitzmaurice and Evie Gates
- Year 3:-** Shariah Miah, Ayah Pounds and Sophie Nix
- Year 2:-** Phoebe Barron and Finley Barber
- Year 1:-** Harry Hills, Charlie Elliott and George Elliott
- EYFS:-** Matilda Bolden and Isla Jacobs



Playground Stars of the Week

Beatrice Turner, Darcie Hearne, Emilia Weedon, George Fillyary, Beau Lewis, Isaac Wood, Lucy Sutherland, Evelyn Deal, Jeremy D'Aleo, Eva Mandizha, Eleny Grover and Sophia Jarvis

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,291 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 2,265 points - Green Dragons
- 3rd with 2,250 points - Red Arrows
- 4th with 1,859 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.daniellesshop.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

Love Your Library Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

KidAround Magazine - February Issue

KidAround's February issue is here and has all you need to see you through the half term. With a 'What's on and when' guide along with advice and printables.





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Please click on link below:-

<http://online.anyflip.com/btwyj/dzvz/mobile/index.html>

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

