



# Newsletter No. 6

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a soggy start to the week! This did not perturb our children though - and when I started visiting classes at 9.00am on Monday morning, the children were busy with learning and focussed on 'being the best they can be'. We are very lucky to have such inspired learners and teaching staff who know how to engage them.

This week sees the start of our fortnight of Parent/Carer Consultations. This year, parents of children with an SEN plan are invited to sign up for a Structured Conversation meeting appointment on the same platform that we use for Parent/Carer Consultations. We hope that this cuts down on the time spent going backwards and forwards by email and phone organising these meetings. If, however, you cannot make a time on the slot offered, do let us know and we will try to accommodate. Please book only a Parent/Carer Consultation meeting or a Structured Conversation meeting. If you book both, we will cancel one.

Great excitement - our annual ROBUS Run takes place today! I know there are lots of children very excited about this event from Thundersley, Kingston, Woodham Ley, Montgomerie and for the first time Jotmans Hall School. Jotmans Hall School has become an associate partner of the ROBUS Trust and we hope that this will lead to full membership of our Trust in the future. We have always worked very closely with Jotmans as part of the BATIC cluster of schools and are delighted to have them on board.

Our Year 6 Ambassadors have been assigned and we now have new ambassadors for the office, lost property, assemblies, sport, KS1 playground, KS2 playground and computing. The children applied for these roles and, as you can imagine, it was a logistical challenge ensuring that all 80+ children who applied had a role and that the roles were equal in frequency and expectation, so some children have more than one role. Mrs Pagan is delighted with her library

ambassadors who got to work straight away sorting the hundreds of books which have been donated. I know all of our ambassadors will do a great job.

Have a super week.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

### Attendance

For the week ended 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 99%. 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	99.0%
Dragonflies	98.0%
Butterflies	96.0%
Rabbits	97.6%
Ladybirds	95.0%
Robins	92.7%
Fireflies	95.3%
Owls	95.2%
Bears	98.0%
Sparrows	97.6%
Ants	98.7%
Kestrels	95.3%
Badgers	97.1%
Otters	94.7%
Squirrels	94.2%
Whole School	96.3%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**CHIPMUNKS**

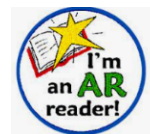
Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2024 - 2025 is:  
**97%**

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Badgers - 588,346

2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 404,239

3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 400,465

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 66

2<sup>nd</sup> Fireflies - 33

3<sup>rd</sup> Owls - 30

Overall:-

#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Sparrows - 1,961,548

2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 1,718,919

3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 1,432,862

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 251

2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 151

3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 127



## Polite Reminders

### Smart Watches

Please note that children are not allowed to wear smart watches in school - thank you.



### Coats and Gloves

Now the weather is colder, please ensure that your child has a coat with them in school at all times during term time, especially for early morning clubs (gloves would also be advised for these) - thank you.



### Online Safety Week 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Please find a list of helpful online safety websites below for your information:-

#### Websites

- [E-Safety Training 'The 2 Johns' - Parent/Carer Area](#)
- [Internet Matters](#)
- [ParentInfo](#)
- [ParentZone](#)
- [Understand the risks of 'self-generated child sexual abuse imagery' - Internet Watch Foundation](#)
- [Sexting advice for parents](#) - how to have those important conversations with children
- [Childnet \(parents and carers\)](#)
- [Tackling online hate quiz](#) - (from Internet Matters) empowers young people to tackle online hate.

#### E-book

- [Digiduck's Big Decision](#) - children's e-book about making safe choices online

## Videos

- [Kayleigh's Love Story - YouTube](#)
- [TED TALKS - The mysterious workings of the adolescent brain](#)
- [The Training Effect - Summer Safety Discussion Video for Parents](#)

## EYFS Sponsored Number Hunt

On Monday, it was the turn of our youngest children to have their parent/carer visit to participate in a sponsored Number Hunt as part of their Parent/Carer Involvement session. Everyone had a fabulous time searching for numbers and animals throughout the school grounds whilst raising funds for the EYFS area. The total amount raised will be given shortly. Grace Grocott (Dragonflies) and George Grigson (Chipmunks) tell of their



respective afternoons below:-



were 3 piggies for the number 3. I had a nice time." (Grace Grocott)

"Mummy came in to help me. I had to find the numbers and the animals. I found all of them but I couldn't find the number 17 for ages and I found it in the tree! I gave it a 10/10 and mummy enjoyed it." (George Grigson)



## Boys' Football Tournament



On Wednesday, our Year 6 football team played in a tournament at The Deanes School against several other local

schools. The boys played some superb football but unfortunately lost in the semi-finals to the team who eventually won the whole tournament. However, we did secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the play offs. Freddy Peryer (Otters) tells of his experience below:-

"We played 8 games in total and won 6, drew 1 and lost 1. We went out in the semi-finals to the team who won the tournament. We played very good football all day including our 4-1 defeat against Hockley Primary School. All of us enjoyed it but we were a bit sad when we went out though. I played two different positions; CM and RB but I prefer playing RB as it is my natural position. It was a positive day where everyone enjoyed it and wanted to have fun. We are looking forward to playing Kents Hill next week."

## Year 5 Residential to Grafham



On Monday, some of our Year 5 children went on a two night residential to Grafham where they enjoyed lots of different activities over three days. Willow Leer (Ants) and Ricky Van Der Fransen (Kestrels) tell of their exciting adventure below:-

"We were on the coach for about an hour and a half to two hours and everyone was quite excited. Once we got there we found out our rooms and we put our stuff down and went to the lounge to see our



instructors for our activities. My first one was with this girl called Jas and it was high ropes. The high ropes were really high. We had to put our helmets on and harnesses and then they told us what we were going to do. We climbed up a ladder and walked across a rope and there were things you could hold on with your hands but it was really wobbly. Once we did that we climbed a wooden pole with pegs in and then swung across on some ropes like Tarzan. Then we had a flapjack and went back for dinner and we had chicken pie which wasn't bad. After that we were going to do the Grafham Challenge so we had to put on some clothes which we didn't mind getting muddy and then walked to the forest. We had a blindfold on and had to hold on to a rope. If the rope went down, we had to go down and if the rope went up, we had to go up. There were also lots of obstacles like tyres and tunnels. I enjoyed the Grafham Challenge even though it was dark and scary. The high ropes were quite fun as well although it hurt my hands. After that we went to bed and in my room we kept on chatting and then once we woke up we went to breakfast which was hash browns on toast. After that we went to the lounge again to see our new instructors to find out what we were going to do. We were going to do kayaking and canoeing. For the canoeing we had a race and my team won. In the boat were Louella Church, Mr. Wilson and Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings. After that we did the kayaking. We played a game where we had to go kayaking around and knock on another boat three times and say a Disney character and my character was Elsa. We had a challenge where we had to stand up in our boat for a minute and I was going to

sit down but Mr. Wilson fell out of the kayak and pushed me out as well. Everyone was laughing. After that we had lunch which was pasta. After lunch we joined another activity which was mountain biking and archery. We did archery first and we had to hit the white part 3 times and we had to hit the red bit once, the blue bit once and the yellow bit once but if we hit the black once our cake would be crispy but if we hit it again the cake would be burned so we would have to start again. Once we had done that we had to go to the mountain bike track and we got our bikes and headed off to the track. There were lots of hills, some of them were big and some of them were small. It was really fun and that was my favourite activity. After that we went for dinner which was either a jacket potato, pasta bake or macaroni cheese. I had a jacket potato which was really nice. One of my friends didn't want theirs so I had theirs as well. After that we had a movie night and we watched a movie called Flushed Away about a mouse



whose family went away and he got flushed down the toilet. It was really good. After that we went to bed and we all slept really well. In the morning we had to strip our beds and start packing up. We still had another activity but we went to breakfast first which was bacon and toast. Once we had done this we went to the lounge to find out our last activity. Mine was fun sailing. It was more like stress sailing as it was difficult to do. We went to the other side of the lake which was about 10 miles and the wind wasn't very strong so we had to go back using a canoe paddle and we had to paddle all the way back and it took about half an hour. We had a little rinse under the shower and then got our bags, got on the coach and went back to school. Once

we got there my mum, my two cousins and my dog were there to collect me. I thought that it was really fun but also quite scary as there were lots of activities I hadn't done before but they were really exciting and I enjoyed them. I can't wait to go to the Isle of Wight. (Willow Leer)



"We went there by coach and some went on the minibus. When we got there we started unpacking and making our beds. The room was very clean and nice. Then we went to see a man and he showed us around the place and told us which activity we would be doing. I was doing kayaking and canoeing with Mrs. Pavitt. Then we did canoeing and I fell out of the boat when I was trying to drag it. Then we went to have dinner and I had macaroni cheese which was very tasty. Then we had a hot chocolate and then we went to sleep and then the next day we had our breakfast which was hash browns with some toast and cereal. After this we had our first activity of the day which was mountain biking and archery. Then we had our lunch which was carrot and tomato soup which I did not like. Then I did sailing which was very fun and I did it with Toby Sutherland and Mrs. Pavitt. Then we went back and had a movie night and the film was Flushed Away which was a very good film. I've seen it before but it is so good. Then we had another hot chocolate and we did the Grafham Challenge. Then we went to bed. I only had four hours sleep and I was very exhausted. On the last day, we did high ropes and crate stacking. I was very scared because the crates were jiggling but I decided to keep on going and the instructor pretended to be a bull and ran through and pushed them over and I was left dangling. It was lots of fun. Then we packed our stuff on the coach and said



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goodbye to the instructor and we last had our lunch which was jacket potato. Then Mr. Mackay got us on the coach and we went home. I thought the trip was the best trip I've ever been to and I can't wait for the Isle of Wight." (Ricky Van Der Fransen).



Well done Blue Dolphins!

## Harvest Donations - HARP

Thank you to everyone who donated to HARP for this year's harvest. As you can see from the photo below, the donations were amazing and HARP were extremely grateful to receive them.



## 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 - Ronnie Toogood (Rabbits)
- Year 2 - Samuel Grover (Robins)

Well done to you both!

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Blue Dolphins	3694
Golden Eagles	3598
Red Arrows	3142
Green Dragons	3138

## Stars of the Week

Please note that the Stars of the Week are for this week and last week.



- Year 6:- Jessica Turner, Freddy Peryer and Freddie Troth-Olasebikan
- Year 5:- Eleanor Henry and Emily Harvey
- Year 4:- Charlie Baker and George Mataj
- Year 3:- Fearne Horne and Ramsey Wheeler
- Year 2:- Millie Anderson, Samuel Grover and Stanley Potts
- Year 1:- Kya Hollington and Aaron Jenkins
- EYFS:- Max Jarvis and Sonny Murrell

## Playground Stars of the Week

Kyle Clarke, Macey Robinson, Gautam Sandeep, Finley Barber, Darcie Rowland, Lacey-Belle Fenemore, Eva-Mei Redmond, Annie-Jean Potter, Perla Puckey, Roux Bilkey, Ethan Archer, Eli Waiwaiku and Poppy Hawker

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Robert Foster-Pasterfield (Badgers)
- Isla Taylor (Squirrels)
- Ryder Harringley (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

We would also like to say a huge congratulations to Harry Robinson in Bears who handed in a large sum of money he found - well done for being such an honest boy Harry!

All found money is donated to a charity at the end of the year.

## 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](http://www.pennuk.com)

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

Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)





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## PTA News

### AGM

The PTA's Annual General Meeting is being held at 7pm on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at The White Hart. All are welcome!

### Community News

#### The Deanes Sports Centre Holiday Camp - October Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### The Mega Centre - October Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Yolanda's Band Jam

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Champions Football Academy - October Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

They are also looking for children in EYFS who would be interested in joining a football team next year. Please visit the link below for more information:-

<https://mini-champs.classforkids.io>

### BTSA Recruitment

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### SUFC Halloween Soccer Schools

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## RODS - Dick Whittington

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

