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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was super to see the school packed with parents, carers and grandparents last week! The children love when someone from home joins them in their learning, so we really do appreciate you taking the time to do so.

We hope you found the information at the beginning of the session useful. Each year group has been sent the details of their sessions and dates for the year are in the process of being added to the website calendar. Downloading the eSchools lite app allows anyone to view these, which is a great way for grandparents or other family members involved, who do not receive the emails, to keep up to date.



Our sporting calendar got off to a flying start with our Table Tennis team heading over to Grovewood School in the minibus to compete against schools in the area. Our awesome eight surpassed themselves with the girls scooping the silver and the boys the bronze. For a number of them, this was the first time they have represented the school - we could not be more proud of the way they performed in terms of determination and sporting attitude. Well done team!

Clubs start this week - please check the end time for your child's club as some end at 4.15pm whilst others are 4.00pm. We also have an array of lunchtime clubs. Calm club happens in Mrs Wells' room each day, on Wednesdays we have Reading club in the library, our ICT suite is open each day for different year groups, Year 6 have a club in their classroom 3 days per

week and Miss Lane runs a Dance club once per week on the playground or field. We also have Rainbow club each day apart from Thursday, which is held in different rooms across the school and offers construction, colouring, iPads, Go Noodle and singing. Each classroom has a poster with the club timetable. Our children are so lucky to have staff who are happy to run these clubs because they know just how much children benefit from them. Thank you one and all.

Finally, a huge thank you to Richard Keeler and Thundersley Congregational Church for their wonderful revamp of our Little Library. Please feel free to take a look (it is located outside the main office) and see which book you fancy. If you have any books you'd like to swap, bring them along.



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Please click on the link above to watch a little video about the Library.

Enjoy the week - it may be the last of the warm weather!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 22nd September 2023 there were 10 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 99.4%. 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	98.6%
Dragonflies	95.4%
Butterflies	93.9%
Rabbits	95.0%
Ladybirds	99.4%
Robins	99.0%
Fireflies	96.0%
Owls	99.3%
Bears	99.3%
Sparrows	98.3%
Ants	99.0%
Bees	98.3%
Kestrels	96.6%
Badgers	99.3%
Squirrels	99.0%
Whole School	97.8%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

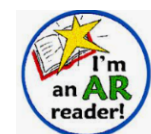
LADYBIRDS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2023 - 2024 is:

97%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



Quizzes:-

- 1st Owls 120
- 2nd Fireflies 73
- 3rd Bears 72

Word Count:-

- 1st Kestrels - 1,685,962
- 2nd Ants - 822,087





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3rd Owls 660,293

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>

Maths Update

If your child is in Years 1 - 6 they should have come home with a sheet with the KEY INSTANT RECALL FACTS for this half-term. Please have a look at them with your child. There are activities and vocabulary for you to practise. If you have any questions, please do contact your child's teacher.

As you may know, we use White Rose Maths at Thundersley. They have developed an excellent free app called "WhiteRose One Minute Maths" which is particularly aimed at children in Year groups EYFS to Year 3.



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>

Table Tennis Competition



Year 6 are currently reading 'You Are Awesome' which is written by former National Table Tennis Champion Matthew Syed and it certainly seemed to inspire them in this week's Primary Table Tennis Competition! Seven schools competed against each other in a 'round Robin', with four boys and four girls playing individual games to earn points for their school. Thundersley's Year 6 children competed brilliantly, showing great consistency, tactical awareness and determination to win! All players visibly improved over the course of the afternoon and some of the rallies in the final games were absolutely brilliant. When the results were in, the boys were delighted to win a bronze medal. A special mention must go to Sam Beasley who had to play two tense tie-breaker games and showed tremendous resilience and confidence! The girls went one better and finished in second place, missing out on gold by only 3 points, after they drew with the eventual winners! Well done to all involved - it was a thoroughly enjoyable start to our competitive sporting calendar! Sam Beasley gives details of the competition below:-

"Around 12 o'clock we went to Grove on the school minibus and when we got there we waited to have our name called out as to who we were playing. The first team were the host team, Grove. The first match we lost but we were very nervous. Our second match we drew 2 all in sets so it went down to who got the most points but then that was equal as well. We both had to pick one player so Mr. Yorston chose me and then the other school chose their number one player. The match was the first to 7 but we had to have a 2 point lead to win. It got to 7 all and I was down match point a couple of times but then I managed to win 11-9. Out of our six matches, we lost two but won the other four. Another one of the draw matches then went to 32 points all. This match was against Plumberow and was the first to 11. Mr. Yorston picked me again and they chose their number one player. It was quite tight to 2 all then I managed to win 11-3. Out of all the scores, Grove first team came 1st, the second team came 2nd and then we came 3rd so we all got medals. The girls' team came 2nd in their competition. It was a really good afternoon and a great learning curve for all of us. I love playing table tennis at home and I play on my dining room table against my brother who is very competitive. I'd like to beat him one day."

Year 3 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

Last Wednesday morning, the Year 3 parents/carers visited for the afternoon to share a WOW session in respect of their Stone Age topic. Everyone had to be prepared to be a Stone Age gatherer, searching the school grounds for painting tools before creating a cave painting with their child. Alex Muir (Owls) gives his account of the session below:-



"We had to collect stuff to paint with without using a paint brush. We collected sticks, rocks and berries. We had to paint on a big piece of paper. My dad came in to help me and he thought it was fun. We had real paint and the berries were used as purple paint. There were white





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berries which were glittery as I had all glitter on my hands when I mashed them up. We had to paint our name but before that, we could paint anything and me and my best friend Mason, painted a bonfire with rainbow colours. I enjoyed the afternoon and liked going onto the field to find all the stuff the best."

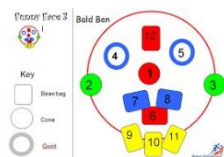
Year 4 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

Last Thursday, the Year 4 parents/carers joined their children for a Geography themed activity session. The children really enjoyed their loved ones visiting to help them and Emily Harvey (Bears) tells of her afternoon below:-

“The other class came into our classroom and we were given a special sheet to work on with our parents. We had a map of the school and a grid reference and we had seven activities to go around the school and find the objects. We had a little picture to help us. Luckily I knew where all of them were. The activities were a sound map where we had to stand still and listen to what we could hear, we had to do a sketch of the school mosaic and we had to do a crayon rubbing. When we got to the end, there was a sheet with the alphabet on and we had to try and see and hear things that began with the letters. I finished in record time. I thought the afternoon was very relaxing and I definitely enjoyed it.”

Year 5 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Wednesday afternoon last week, it was the turn of the Year 5 parents/carers to visit their children for an afternoon of history based orienteering. Again, everyone had a lovely time and Paighton Brown (Ants) describes her session below:-



“We had a map and we could pair up with anyone we wanted to and I paired up with Grace, Sophie and Matilda. We had a map of the school building and there were numbers on the map and we had to unscramble it to find the word and then we had to go back to the teacher and see if it was correct. If it wasn't, we had to go and find it again. It was really fun searching around the school. Mummy thought it was a really good thing to do.”

Football Success



We would like to congratulate Amelie Mara, Alice English, Ava Nery, Harper McEvoy and Ella Sewell who all play for Thundersley Rovers U10 Tigresses who had their first ever league game (away) on 17th September 2023 and won 6-1! They all worked really hard and their families are super proud of them all. Well done girls - a great achievement!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Isabella Kaufman - Fireflies
- Tom Clayton - Squirrels
- Louie Hulton - Bears

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	4040
Blue Dolphins	2992
Green Dragons	2924
Red Arrows	2750



Well done again Golden Eagles!

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.





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Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.
Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.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

Mega Camps - October Half Term 2023

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Camp Epic - October Half Term 2023

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Paddington's First Concert - Live at the Towngate Theatre

Essex Music Education Hub are partnering with Sinfonia Viva to bring 'Paddington's First Concert' to the Towngate Theatre on Saturday, 14th October 2023. The concert features a live orchestra and video projections introducing children to orchestral music through the world of

Paddington Bear. Please click on the link below for further information and to book tickets:-

<https://towngatetheatre.co.uk/paddington-bear/>

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

