



# Newsletter No. 16

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,



A chilly start to the week - which serves as a reminder that children need warm, black sports kit with their

yellow PE t-shirt underneath on their PE days. How delightful to see so many children taking part in Dodgeball this morning - what a super start to the day for these keen beans! All of our clubs start this week and I am very grateful to staff and volunteers for giving the children these opportunities. It is a real strength of our curriculum offer that we are able to let children follow their interests and talents in this way.

As per our recent email, on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2.30pm, you are invited to our Healthy Relationships and Sex Education (HRSE) Parents' Workshop to learn what your children will be exploring in our Healthy Relationships sessions the following week. Come and hear from our PHSE lead, Mrs Bailey, explore the resources and chat to other parents about the questions you may be asked by your children. We have been using our HRSE scheme for a number of years now and have found it excellent. The main thrust is about building healthy relationships and everything is dealt with in an age appropriate way. The scheme of work for each year group is on our website

[https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/personal\\_social\\_health\\_economic\\_education\\_pshe\\_healthy\\_relationships\\_sex\\_education\\_hrse/377298](https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/personal_social_health_economic_education_pshe_healthy_relationships_sex_education_hrse/377298)

If you cannot make the meeting, but have any questions, please feel free to direct these through the School Office.

Parents of children in Years 1-6, please look out for information about the PTA January Jive coming up on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - the highlight of the year so far!

Have a super week. I know the children will.

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

### Attendance



For the week ended 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 there were 6 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins and Sparrows who achieved 99.3%. They will be sharing 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.

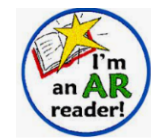
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	98.6%
Dragonflies	93.9%
Butterflies	94.4%
Rabbits	95.7%
Ladybirds	98.1%
Robins	99.3%
Fireflies	89.0%
Owls	95.9%
Bears	89.7%
Sparrows	99.3%
Ants	93.9%
Bees	97.3%
Kestrels	94.1%
Badgers	83.5%
Squirrels	97.1%
Whole School	94.7%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**ROBINS AND SPARROWS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2023 - 2024 is:  
**97%**

### KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

**Word Count**

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 441,960

2<sup>nd</sup> Bees - 341,694

3<sup>rd</sup> Squirrels - 331,587

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 30

2<sup>nd</sup> Badgers - 18

3<sup>rd</sup> Owls - 16

Overall:-

### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 6,416,682

2<sup>nd</sup> Ants - 4,526,831

3<sup>rd</sup> Bees - 4,149,365

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Owls - 586

2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 395

3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 356

### Polite Reminders

#### Nuts

We would kindly like to remind parents/carers that children must not bring nuts or any nut products into school as we have children with severe nut allergies - thank you.





## Coats

Please ensure your child has a coat in school with them every day to wear if they go outside - thank you.

## Parking



We would like to remind parents/carers to be considerate to our neighbours when parking

around the side roads. We have been advised that the parking outside the shops just past the bend (going towards the Woodmans) is for shop use only and parents/carers parking there to drop or collect their children will be fined.

## Girls' Football match (away) vs. Down Hall Primary School

On Tuesday afternoon the Years 3 and 4 Girls' Football team played their second league game against Down Hall



Primary School. A competitive start to the game saw Down Hall make some good chances early in the game. A good first half saw Thundersley play some great attacking football and the Down Hall keeper was tested on a number of occasions which meant Thundersley went into half-time in the lead 5-0. In the second half, the girls played some excellent football while defending the Thundersley goal brilliantly as a team. The team had a great second half scoring some brilliant goals. The final score finished 9-0 to Thundersley and saw them win their second game of the season! Saskia Lawledge-Scott scored 4 goals, Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings scored 3 goals and Isla Reeves scored 2 goals. Overall, a great team effort who next play on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 against Edward Francis at home. The girls are looking forward to playing again. Well done to everyone involved, a great effort. Saskia Lawledge-Scott (Bears) gives her account of the game below:-

"We won 9-0. Poppy scored 3 goals, I scored 4 goals and Isla scored 2. It was

tough at the start and then they put their heads down and stopped trying so it was easier for us. I played up front/striker and I play this position out of school as well as it's my favourite position. We were happy at the end but at first, we all had butterflies in our tummies. Once the game started though, our nerves went. Poppy and me were working together and passing to each other to score the goals. It was really fun and at the end we were all excited that we had won and it was the second one we had won. I'm really looking forward to the next match and wondering if we will win or not."

## Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Thursday, the Year 3 children participated in an Egyptian Day. The day started with an introduction by Steve and Sally followed by workshops - artefacts, exploring aspects of ancient Egyptian life and ancient Egyptian measuring. The afternoon session was spent choosing a Pharaoh, the death of a Pharaoh, the mummifying of a Pharaoh, the funeral procession and burial of a Pharaoh. The children came dressed as an Egyptian for the day if they wished to and everyone had a great time learning about the Egyptians. James Painter (Owls) and Lola Duffield (Fireflies) give their respective accounts of the day below:-



"I was a doctor. I rubbed someone with a feather and they said "What a terrible doctor" which was funny. I learned that the Egyptians took the Pharaoh's organs out and wrapped him in bandages to make him a mummy. I learned that the little golden statue was evil. I enjoyed it so much. The best part was when I rubbed someone's ear." (James Painter)

"First, we went into the hall where we found Steve and Sally and we discovered some things about them. We discovered that Steve finds things from Egypt. Next, we looked at some pictures of the Pharaoh

and we looked up his granny too! We found out that his spine was twisted and he had to have a walking stick as his foot was bad too. Then we discovered how Egyptians danced and we danced like them. It was very fun and everyone was laughing. After lunch, we discovered that when a Pharaoh died they pulled their organs out of their nose and they would remove the heart but leave it in the body. Next, we did a little play. Lacey-Belle and Harry were the King and Queen and then someone was pretending to be the servant and they ate the food and were poisoned. The King accidentally ate it and he also died. Next, we did a funeral for the King and put him in a coffin. Mrs. Bailey told Steve that if she could be the Queen, she would give him lots of gold and so Lacey-Belle (the old Queen) was killed and then Mrs. Bailey became the Queen. I enjoyed doing the play the best because it was really interesting but the whole day was very fun and I would love to do it again!" (Lola Duffield)

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Katie Allen - Bees
- Henry Walters - Bears
- Isaac Wood - Bears
- Patrick Ridgwell - Bears

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the Year 1 children that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following child is our NumBot superstar!



Ava Moorcraft - Rabbits

Well done Ava!





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## Stars of the Week



**Year 6:-** Harrison Punt and Pippa Hawkins

**Year 5:-** Robert Foster-Pasterfield, Edward Payne and Sonny Grover

**Year 4:-** Henry Hogsden and Willow Leer

**Year 3:-** Arbie Beswick and Albert O'Connell

**Year 2:-** David Cater and Felicity Bowman

**Year 1:-** Lilly Morgan and Harley Rush

**EYFS:-** Florence Deal and Max Potter

## Playground Stars of the Week

Delilah Thomas, Sam Beasley, Ava Lake, Sam Clarke, Lucy Sutherland, Cooper Kenrick, Ollie Smith, Harry Hills, Mila Clarke-Harris, Scarlett-Rose O'Dell, Jack Muir, Sienna Dixon, Arthur Lloyd and Thomas Warren

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	3,163
Blue Dolphins	2,961
Green Dragons	2,944
Golden Eagles	2,343



Well done Red Arrows!

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

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

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

## PTA

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

## Profits for recent events

We are pleased to advise that we have raised the following profits for events before the Christmas break:-

Bags2School - £140.00

Christmas Gifts - £516.31

Christmas Present Palace - £1,038.29

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

## 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

## Community News

### Castle Point Girl Guiding - New Recruits

Castle Point Girl Guiding are in desperate need of new members especially for Rainbows and Brownies. Some of the units are in danger of shutting down if they do not have a new intake, which would be devastating. Girl Guiding is not just for fun, they learn new skills, team and confidence building, make friends for life and help in the community. If you are interested in your child joining, they would need to be registered on the website. Unfortunately, they can no longer 'just turn up'. Please visit this link [Register a child | Girlguiding](#)

### Jester Kids February Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Mountfitchet Castle

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.



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## Get FREE meal plans with FiveDinners.com - LIMITED TIME OFFER!

If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat every night or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!). FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!

Sign up today to get **FREE lifetime membership** - no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinner times a bit easier. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cookalongs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in. So he's very committed to helping families and kids eat well!

Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click the green Join Now button now to get free membership!

## Swim School - Appleton School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Bramu Dance

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Mega Camps

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Young Ballerz

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

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\*\*\*\***

26/2/24  
22/7/24  
23/7/24

