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Dear Parent/Carer,

Each year, our Year 6 children take on the important job of being role models for the rest of the school. They also have the opportunity to apply for specific roles such as Head Boy and Head Girl, House Captains and Ambassadors for areas such as sport, Library, playground and IT.

These are key roles in the school and the children took the application process very seriously. Last week, staff and pupils all voted for our Head Pupil Team and I am delighted to announce that we now have the following team:-

- Head Boy - Luke Avison
- Head Girl - Olivia Hession
- Deputy Head Girl - Ayda Pudney
- Deputy Head Girl - Honey-Mae Hayes

We know they will be super!

There were a huge number of children who went for these roles and presented their applications to the Year 6 pupils and we were impressed by each and every one. Year 6 children have been working amazingly hard - both inside and out of school what with the 11+ tests, aptitude tests and entrance tests for Senior School and we are extremely proud of their attitude, their commitment and determination. We know they are working so hard to be the best they can be.

As always, please make sure that you are reading with your children or encouraging your older children to read each day. This is the single most important thing you can do to give your child the best possible chance to do well in school.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 29th September 2023 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance



or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 99.3%. 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	99.3%
Dragonflies	91.8%
Butterflies	96.5%
Rabbits	95.7%
Ladybirds	95.2%
Robins	94.0%
Fireflies	97.7%
Owls	97.2%
Bears	97.3%
Sparrows	95.3%
Ants	95.5%
Bees	98.2%
Kestrels	97.2%
Badgers	97.7%
Squirrels	95.3%
Whole School	96.3%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

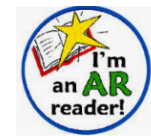
CHIPMUNKS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2023 - 2024 is:

97%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 383,824

2nd Bees - 376,578

3rd Ants - 265,771

Quizzes

1st Owls - 81

2nd Fireflies - 34

3rd Ants - 178

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 2,069,786

2nd Ants - 1,095,927

3rd Bees - 932,377

Quizzes

1st Owls - 207

2nd Fireflies - 112

3rd Bears - 89

Census Day Lunch - Thursday, 5th October 2023



We would like to advise that on Thursday, 5th October 2023, it is our 'School Census Day' when the Government requires us to send them information which will determine our funding for the next academic year. On this day, the number of children taking school dinners is registered and our funding for school dinners for the future is calculated. It is imperative that as many children as possible in EYFS/KS1 have a dinner on this day and we thank you in advance for booking your child in. Your child just needs to let their teacher know that they are a school dinner on the day. Please see the menu attached. Please note there will be no jacket potatoes available on this day.





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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>

Black History Month



October is Black History Month and at Thundersley Primary all classes will be doing lots of exciting activities and learning to celebrate this. This year we will also be supporting the UK's leading anti-racism charity, 'Show Racism the Red Card', by taking part in their annual 'Wear Red Day' on Friday, 20th October 2023. SR+RC work to challenge racism through empowering role models within communities, organisations, and sports, in order to dismantle racism in society. On this day, instead of school uniform your child can wear red and bring in a donation to support SR+RC.

Harp Harvest Donations

To celebrate Harvest Festival this year, we are supporting Southend's Homeless Charity - HARP - by donating food items. HARP is the leading Southend charity helping local people overcome homelessness for good. They provide essential services and long term solutions to support local people taking steps to overcome homelessness. Should you wish to donate please choose something from the attached list which your child will bring



into their class on Thursday or Friday, 5th and 6th October 2023. Thank you.

Head Pupil Team

Over the last couple of weeks, the Year 6 children have had the opportunity to put themselves forward to become Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies. The children initially had to complete a questionnaire as to why they wanted to become part of the Head Pupil Team and then give a speech to their peers. The answers to the questionnaires were then given to staff to read before both staff and the Year 6 children voted. We are pleased to announce that the following children have been voted for this year:-

Head Boy - Luke Avison
Head Girl - Olivia Hession
Deputy Head Girl - Ayda Pudney
Deputy Head Girl - Honey-Mae Hayes



Olivia and Luke give their respective accounts of the election process below:-

"I wanted to be Head Girl because I think I am a responsible and mature person. My older sister also used to be Deputy Head Girl so she gave me motivation to do it. We had to answer three questions on a piece of paper and give this to Miss Dawson. After, Miss Dawson gave it to all the teachers/staff so they could have a look and vote themselves. Then a week later we got our papers back and had to read them to the whole of Year 6 so that they could vote. I was really nervous but excited when waiting for the results to be

read out. I was shocked but definitely happy. When I got home, I told my mum that I didn't get Deputy Head Girl - I got Head Girl. My mum was speechless! I'm looking forward to showing visitors around and speaking in assemblies as this will grow my confidence." (Olivia Hession)

"I wanted to be Head Boy because my older sister went for Head Girl when she was in Year 6 but didn't get it so I wanted to get it for me and her. I had to write a speech which I said in front of the class and everyone got to vote and it was announced in assembly. I was surprised and happy. My mum and dad were very happy and excited." (Luke Avison)

Year 2 Parent/Carer Involvement Session



Last Wednesday, the Year 2 children had a lovely afternoon when their parents/carers visited to make toy penguins as part of their DT project. Preston Hooper (Ladybirds) tells of his exciting afternoon below:-

"My mummy came in to help me. We made a penguin. We had to cut it out and put stuffing in. Then we had to thread it and





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glue the eyes and beak. Mummy helped me do everything. I liked mummy coming in to help me. I took my penguin home last Friday. We made the penguin because we are learning about penguins this year."

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>

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	3107
Blue Dolphins	2893
Golden Eagles	2863
Green Dragons	2285



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

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

The Deanes School October Half Term 2023

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

Omnia Basketball

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Omnia 4All

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Jesters Kids October Half Term 2023

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

The Rock Project

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

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



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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

