



Dear Parents/Carers,



Our Platinum Jubilee picnic was fantastic last week. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen! Our special guest, Her Majesty the Queen, seemed to really enjoy her visit and thought

our children were wonderful!

This week, our cricketers had great success winning a silver medal in the area competition! Well done team - you may find the England team needs you! As always, not only did they play well, but were praised for their team spirit, their sporting manner and being super ambassadors for the school. We are extremely proud of them.

Our Year 4 children took part in the national Multiplication Tables Check this week. They needed to answer 25 times tables' questions online with 6 seconds for each one. The children have been practicing hard all year and as a result absolutely smashed this challenge. Knowing their times tables so well, really helps the children in Maths. Well done Year 4.



Today our lovely PTA set up the Fathers' Day Present Palace, which lots of the children attended. Next Wednesday it is our Bouncy Castle afternoon. The PTA still need 12 adults to help out with supervising the castles. It will be sad to see those castles deflated if we do not get enough volunteers. Please let the PTA know if you are able to help out.

100 Years Celebrations



It is not long until our Centenary week, when the children will be learning about the school and the local area through the last 100 years. They will also take part in creating a wonderful mosaic to celebrate our 100 years! On Friday, 1st July 2022, children are invited to dress in different decades, according to the chart below. If you came to Thundersley as a child or any grandparents, we would love to have you come and talk to groups of children about what has changed. Please let us know through the office or the class teacher when you are available that week. Also on this day, we are going to open the school to the community from 4.00pm - 5.30pm to give them the opportunity to look around, see what has remained the same and what has changed. If you know anyone who might enjoy a walk down memory lane, then please let them know. As part of our centenary celebrations, on the 30th June 2022, we will be joined by James Ketchell, an explorer, who we know will inspire our children to 'be the best they can be'. Please check out his website before that day to see what your child can expect. <https://jamesketchell.net/>

1920	Year 6	Kestrels
1930	Year 6	Badgers
1940	Year 6	Squirrels
1950	Year 5	Ants
1960	Year 5	Sparrows
1970	Year 4	Foxes and Bears
1980	Year 3	Fireflies, Owls,
1990	Year 2	Ladybirds, Doves and Robins
2000	Year 1	Butterflies and Rabbits

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 10th June 2022 there were 3 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies who achieved 97.8%. They will look after Attendance Ted next 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	88.3%
Dragonflies	85.6%
Butterflies	97.8%
Rabbits	95.6%
Ladybirds	83.9%
Robins	91.7%
Doves	92.3%
Owls	86.7%
Fireflies	95.2%
Bears	97.7%
Foxes	92.0%
Ants	97.7%
Sparrows	91.7%
Badgers	88.9%
Kestrels	94.9%
Squirrels	94.0%
Whole School	92.1%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

BUTTERFLIES



Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2021 - 2022 is:

97%

May Day Celebrations



Last Friday, after our original date for May Day had to be postponed due to bad weather, we were finally able to celebrate this traditional event. The morning commenced with a procession around the playground by the May King, Leo Field, the May Queen, Heidi Wood and their May



Court, Bear Norton, Callum Axford, Annabelle Monk, Grace Honey, Teddy Thompson, Ethan Fitzmaurice, Isla Reeves and Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings to the delighted cheers of the crowd. Next, Mr. Paul Harrod, retiring Chair of Governors, crowned the May King and Queen which was followed by country dancing culminating in the Year 6s dancing



around the Maypole. Heidi Wood (Squirrels) and Leo Field (Kestrels) give their respective accounts of the morning below:-

"The reason I wanted to be Queen was because I didn't want to do any of the dancing. I had to put my name forward and wait for others to vote for me. In assembly, we found out after everyone had



left. I was shocked and excited when I found out I was the Queen. My mum was very proud of me when I told her and she put it on Facebook. My mum and I looked online to find a dress. On the morning, I was very excited and nervous. I was hoping not to fall when I was walking. I got ready with the Princesses and then we met the King and Princes in class. When I



was waiting to go out, I felt really nervous and excited but once I was out there, I was alright. I felt like a celebrity when everyone was cheering as we walked round. I thought the best dance was the Year 6 plait but all of them were good. I will remember this as one of the best days of my life." (Heidi Wood)

"First, I was a Prince but the original King was unable to make it so I was made the King. I felt quite happy and also quite surprised because I thought I wasn't going



to get chosen as a Prince or a King. On the morning, we had to do a practice and then we tried linking arms and that went well. We then got changed in class. I was quite nervous but excited. When we walked around outside everyone cheered us. It felt like I was famous. We sat in the Royal chairs and then got crowned by Mr. Harrod. We then sat and watched the dancing, which was really good. At the end, we walked round again and then went back to get changed. The whole morning was really fun." (Leo Field)

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

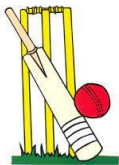
Last Friday, Thundersley Primary School pulled out all the stops to make the Jubilee celebration a memorable one. Staff decorated the playground in bunting created by the children and organised a huge picnic, where 450 plus pupils and staff enjoyed their lunch. We were even lucky enough to have a visit from the Queen herself (a stand in anyhow!) who had her marmalade sandwich in her handbag ready to eat with the children. Having finished their picnic, KS2 pupils sang a rendition of Rock around the Clock before all pupils and staff stood to sing the National Anthem. The session was finished



off with a waving of union flags, which the children had also made prior to the event. Much fun was had by all!



Cricket Competition



On Wednesday, a cricket team from Thundersley went to the local schools' cricket tournament at the Thundersley and Hadleigh Cricket Club. It was a well attended competition and the schools were split into two groups with the winners progressing to the semi finals. Our team got off to a fantastic start, they fielded and bowled brilliantly, keeping the opposition to a low score before going into bat and scoring lots of runs. This was the theme of the group stage as Thundersley won all their games comfortably and progressed to the semi finals. Our children fielded first and kept the score low with some tremendous bowling and excellent batting. Going into bat, they were confident and rightly so as they went on to score over a 100 runs and raced into the final. The final was a very tough game with both teams batting and fielding superbly. The game ended in disappointment for Thundersley but they were incredibly proud of their excellent performances across the whole day. Having been narrowly beaten in the final, our children showed exceptional sporting values by congratulating the winning team, which was lovely to see. At the end of the day, the team were awarded silver medals and made their way back to school full of smiles and pride. This was another example of the children 'being the best

they can be'. Kaeshiv Pal (Squirrels) gives his account of the competition below:-

"We went to Thundersley and Hadleigh Cricket Club in the minibus. When we got there, we saw 12 competitive schools and we had some matches. We won 5 matches which meant we got into the semi finals. We knocked out Riverside to get into the final against Edward Francis. We lost the toss and the other team chose to bowl first. Charlie and I were the last batsmen. We scored some runs. On that over, Charlie was lucky, as they didn't catch him out as they dropped the ball. I was facing a fast bowler and I didn't get out in that over. I batted the ball, did a risky run and didn't get out. At the end of that innings, I was first to bowl and I was a fast bowler. I got a wicket in that over which minused 5 runs of theirs. They didn't hit any boundaries or 6s and only got 1s. At the end, despite having 219 runs, we came 2nd. I enjoyed it so much because the teachers had worked so hard to choose the teams and we played well as a team. At the end, we went into groups and were given our medals. I thought the whole tournament was good. I really like cricket and play for Benfleet Cricket Club outside of school."

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. Bezdel in the Green Building Offices.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Arlo Puckey (Foxes)
- Jenson Main (Robins)
- Jessica Knight (Kestrels)
- Evie Raymond (Kestrels)
- Nicolas Ellis (Doves)
- Vinni Easlea (Badgers)
- Callum Axford (Badgers)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:- Megan Newitt
- EYFS:- Eva Mandizha



Playground Stars of the Week

Jack Weeden

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,593 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 2,541 points - Red Arrows
- 3rd with 2,459 points - Green Dragons
- 4th with 2,225 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Blue Dolphins!

Please note that the Stars of the Week and Playground Stars of the Week are for the week before half term. House Point scores run a week in arrears.





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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

Community News

Free Girls' Football Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Colchester Royal Grammar School - 11+ Open Evening

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

The Mega Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Essex Police Update May 2022

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Mega Camps - Summer Camp 2022

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps - Recruiting

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

21/07/22 - Last day of Term

05/09/22 - Start of Autumn Term

24/10/22 to 28/10/22 - Half Term

21/12/22 to 04/01/23 - Christmas Break

05/01/23 - Start of Spring Term

13/02/23 to 17/02/23 - Half Term

03/04/23 to 14/04/23 - Easter Break

17/04/23 - Start of the Summer Term

01/05/23 - Bank Holiday

29/05/23 to 02/06/23 - Whitsun Break

21/07/23 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

01/09/22

02/09/22

31/10/22

20/02/23

05/06/23

