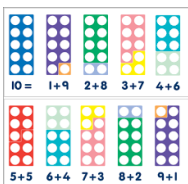




Dear Parents/Carers,

Our children have come back excited to learn and as I go in and out of classes, I see how focused and keen they are during lessons. I know we are all delighted to be in school! We still have some space in several of our clubs, which start in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Mrs. Waumsley will send a list of clubs with spaces early next week if your child has not yet signed up for one. Our lunchtime clubs start next week and I have attached the lunchtime programme. I am so grateful to all staff who run these clubs, they are such an important part of our curriculum offer and help our children to broaden their horizons and develop socially and emotionally as well as learning a new skills.



As you know, my normal mantra for how parents can help their children at home is to read, read, read and that has not changed, but

I would also like to touch on Maths and what a difference you can make to that at home. The key to children enjoying Maths and being successful is being able to manipulate numbers effortlessly and just like fluency in reading, it only comes from practice. Practice for younger children is constant counting - as you walk to school, when they are in the bath, in the car, backwards, forwards, in ones, in twos, singing, shouting and so on. As they get older, if you can help them to rote learn their number bonds without having to count, it makes a huge difference. First, they need to know bonds within 10 and once those are cracked, they need to go above 10. If children know that 6 and 3 makes 9, then they soon grasp that 60 and 30 makes 90, 600 and 300 makes 900 etc without any effort. Finally, for the children from Year 2 onwards, it is the times tables that they need to know off by heart. By the end of Year 4, they need to know all of their times tables to 12 X 12 and in June of Year 4, children sit a Government multiplication check. There

are many apps that you can use to support your child such as SumDog, Times Table Rock Stars and Hit the button. A short time each day spent doing some number work can change children's outlook on Maths for a lifetime!

Enjoy your weekend and happy counting (and reading of course!).

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

### Attendance



For the week ended 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 there was 1 class who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits. They will

be looking 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	96.0%
Dragonflies	92.0%
Butterflies	80.1%
Rabbits	98.9%
Ladybirds	92.1%
Robins	92.6%
Doves	91.4%
Owls	95.2%
Fireflies	90.9%
Bears	96.4%
Foxes	95.0%
Ants	91.0%
Sparrows	91.3%
Badgers	92.1%
Kestrels	91.1%
Squirrels	89.7%
Whole School	92.2%

Congratulations to this week's winner

**RABBITS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2020 - 2021 is:

**97%**

### EYFS Admissions - September 2022

If your child is starting school in Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2022, you can now apply online for a place. Applications can be made via:-

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

**Please note the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2022-23 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories, which contain details of all admission policies.

### Reading Leaderboard

1<sup>st</sup> - Badgers 95%  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ants 93%  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Squirrels 90%

Well done Badgers! Please note that these scores are for the week ended 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### Leukaemia UK - Donations



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated at the EYFS/KS1 Christmas performances and the KS2 Carol

singing in the playground before we broke up. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised the fantastic sum of **£930.02** for Leukaemia UK.





## British Values



British Values  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Individual Liberty

There are many benefits of being outside and learning from the natural world around us. We can choose to take the opportunities that arise to get us outdoors and connect us with nature.

This week we looked at the British Value of Individual Liberty and how this links to a recent pilot project, which provided outdoor activities for urban schools, giving the pupils opportunity for everyday connection with nature. The children came up with lots of reasons for using the outdoors as a learning space, as well as the more traditional learning taking place inside in the classroom. We attached the usual Picture News at Home resource to carry on this discussion at home. Feel free to share your views with us too, it's lovely to hear them.

### TCS School Meals

Please note that due to the current situation with lorry drivers and deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the school dinner menu at short or no notice. Please accept our apologies but this situation is beyond our control.

### 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. Bezel in the Green Building Offices.

### Stars of the Week

**Year 5:-** Charlie Cecil and Ava Woodward

**Year 4:-** Honey-Mae Hayes and Jacob Sandford

**Year 3:-** Macey Robinson, Zara Higgins and Annabelle Weeden

**Year 2:-** Henry Walters

**Year 1:-** Eva-Mei Redmond and Isabella Kaufman



### Playground Stars of the Week

Criyasha Esperal, Ava Long, Lucas Rowland, Dylan Oakley, Matilda Willers, Daisy Avison, Daniel Arram and Isabella Kaufman

### House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 2,269 points - Red Arrows
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,696 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,682 points - Golden Eagles
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 1,586 points - Green Dragons



Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores are for the week ended 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### 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)

### PTA News

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Raffle, we made **£597.02** for the school funds. We would also like to say thank you to the following for donating prizes:-

Station Garage Rayleigh  
Adventure Island  
Mega Centre  
Sarah's Scent Scents





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Scented Moments with Natalie

Laura Harringley

Co-op

Morrisons

The winners were:-

1<sup>st</sup> - 10" Fire HD Tablet - Dylan Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> - Echo Dot - Beatrice Turner

3<sup>rd</sup> - MOT Voucher - Emily Duggan

4<sup>th</sup> - Adventure Island Passes - Grace  
Parmenter

5<sup>th</sup> - Lashes - Isla Cousins

6<sup>th</sup> - Mega Centre Passes - Brayden Nyama

7<sup>th</sup> - Mega Centre Passes - Mitchell

Wilson

8<sup>th</sup> - Mega Centre Passes - Edward Potts

9<sup>th</sup> - Hamper - child in Ants

10<sup>th</sup> - Scentsy Gift Bag - Dylan Williams

11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Goody Bag - Beatrice  
Turner

12<sup>th</sup> - Chocolate Box Set - Isla Reeves

13<sup>th</sup> - Scentsy Gift Bag - Mrs. Clarke

## Community News

### Essex Police Update

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Future Term Dates

14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term

04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break

19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term

02/05/22 - Bank Holiday

30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break

21/07/22 - Last day of Term

### **\*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\***

21/02/22

06/06/22

07/06/22

