



# Newsletter No. 23

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



Thank you for your generosity today. We are really proud that our

children can make a positive difference not just in our school community but acting on wider issues. Our oldest School Council members were moved by what they were seeing on the news about the Ukraine and wanted to help those fleeing from their homes. Families fleeing the conflict have left their homes with only the items they were able to carry. Your generous donations will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee and help to provide food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection. Today, in an age appropriate way, children have learned about where Ukraine is, about why we are dressing in blue and yellow and what the money that the children have raised will do to help the situation of the children who are now refugees. We have also talked with children about what to do when they have worries. Our children are always thinking of what they can do to help others or different causes. I have a constant flow of children at my door asking if they can raise money or awareness for one cause or another. Today, Lilly, Emily, Betsy, Isabella and Charlie sold Loom Band jewellery they had made and will donate the proceeds to the DEC. We are very proud of this caring little group.

Next Friday, for Red Nose day, we will be taking part in the Sports Partnership's 'Make you smile' dance challenge.

Children should come in PE kit and they can wear/paint on a red nose if they wish. The theme will be 'smiling and laughter' and the SSP Dance teachers will lead two live sessions through zoom learning a dance to 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. If



you would like to make a donation, please do, but do not feel obliged as this comes hot on the heels of Ukraine Day.

Have a super weekend.

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



For the week ended 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 there were 9 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Fireflies who achieved 99.4%. 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	96.0%
Dragonflies	95.3%
Butterflies	97.6%
Rabbits	97.3%
Ladybirds	98.3%
Robins	98.0%
Doves	99.3%
Owls	95.1%
Fireflies	99.4%
Bears	97.9%
Foxes	94.1%
Ants	95.1%
Sparrows	98.2%
Badgers	97.9%
Kestrels	95.0%
Squirrels	93.6%
Whole School	96.8%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**FIREFLIES**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for  
2021 - 2022 is:  
**97%**

### Reading Scores

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ants 100%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bears 97%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Badgers 95%

Well done to Ants on achieving 100% Please note the scores run a week in arrears.

### Polite Reminders

#### Lateness

Please note that if your child is late, they must be signed in at the main office by an adult. Your child must arrive at school as follows:-

EYFS/KS1 - 8.55am (Register closes at 9.05am)

KS2 - 8.45am (Register closes at 8.55am)

Please ensure your child is in on time. Thank you.

### Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind you that if you are providing your child with a snack to have at break time it should be a healthy one eg. a piece of fruit or vegetable. Thank you.



### After School Social Arrangements

Please note that the office staff are unable to sort out/check social arrangements for children. Please ensure that your child knows what they are doing after school if you have arranged something for them. Thank you.





## British Values



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### Rule of Law

Many countries have laws which state education is compulsory for all children. In the UK, we have laws in place to ensure education is inclusive and available to everyone.

Our British Value focus this week is Rule of Law and in particular laws around state education in different countries. The focus question - How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school? - centred around education in Kabul for children. Joshua in Robins' class said he was glad he could come to school to learn as it would help him get a job in the future. He also felt sad for the children in Kabul as he remembered how much he missed his friends when he was in lockdown due to the pandemic. We attach the British Values poster and Picture News at Home resource should you wish to carry on these discussions at home. Please feel free to share your views with us.

### Year 4 visit to Hadleigh Country Park



On Tuesday, some of the Year 4 children visited Hadleigh Country Park and hiked along to Hadleigh Castle to discover its history. Lillie-May Archer (Bears) tells of her exciting day below:-

"As we got off the minibus we started to have a hike and saw some goats and sheep. We visited Hadleigh Castle, sat and had lunch. Then, when we finished we got to explore more of Hadleigh Castle. We saw a map and Olivia and I looked at it and we saw letters which told us which rooms were there. We learned that the Castle was built in 1230 but it was destroyed in 1239. Then we walked down from Hadleigh Castle and hiked back to the café. We had £3 and spent it on an ice cream or a drink. Then we were able to play for a little bit at the park. My favourite bit was playing with my friends at the park. It was so amazing and I'm so glad I got to go to Hadleigh Park.



### Year 4 Residential to Flatford Mill



Also on Tuesday, some of the Year 4 children visited Flatford Mill and stayed overnight. The children left Thundersley extremely excited to spend a night away from home and participate in different activities. Luke Avison (Foxes) gives details of his experience below:-



"We went on the coach and all the bags were in the hatch. I sat next to Harrison and the coach was about an hour's drive to where we had to get to. When we got there, we put our bags in the Library, got our lunch, and went outside. Then two people came over and told us who we were in a room with and showed us to our rooms. I was with Max, Harrison and Harry. Our room was quite big. There was a ladder, which we could climb up to see out of the window. There was one bunk bed and two beds on their own. I slept on one of the single beds. We had to make our own beds and then we got ready for our first activity, which was Bush Craft. We had to learn how to build a den, make a fire and filter water. For the den we could get points for water, wind, team building and how sturdy it was. We looked around each other's to see who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We came joint 3<sup>rd</sup>. To test the water, Mr. Mackay and one of the staff from the Centre poured water over the den to see if it was waterproof. Ours was but everyone else got wet! To make the fire we had to make sparks and then after that we got a piece of cotton wool and tried to make a fire on it. Everyone tried. One person from our team was successful and I was very close. Once they were lit, we had to wait to see if the other person could do it. After that, we went back and got ready for dinner. We had pizza, chips and sticky pudding. It was good. We then got ready for bed and went down for a story which the teachers read. It was the Magic Faraway Tree. I enjoyed it because it wasn't just a plain story, there were different animals and different places like somewhere which was upside down and somewhere that had spells. We then went outside for a fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows. Then, once we had done that, we went back and went to bed. I





slept ok. The next morning we got ready and went to have breakfast. We could choose out of three different cereals; Weetabix, Frosties or Rice Crispies. We could also have a cooked breakfast which was nice. After breakfast, we got ready for our next activity which was learning the difference between rivers and streams. Rivers are faster and deeper. Then we went back, had lunch on the home field, and then got on the coach to come home. I thought it was fun because we got to spread the activities out and we got time to talk to our friends. I would like to do it again lots!"

### Squirrels - Science Visit to The Deanes

Last Friday, children from Squirrels visited to The Deanes to participate in some Science lessons in their wonderful new Science labs. The children enjoyed creating a burglar alarm using electrical circuits and using the Bunsen Burners in different experiments. Otto Gibson gives a great insight below as to what the children did:-



"Last Friday, we went to The Deanes to practice some Science and to see what it would be like at Secondary School. First, we had to put on goggles and a lab coat and then we had three things to

do. Our first one being a burglar alarm out of an electrical circuit. We had to plug in the wires into a power box and then put the wires between some tin foil and connect a buzzer and push down on the card to make a buzzing sound. Our second task was using the Bunsen Burners and testing putting different chemicals and materials above them. To get a pink cloud we put some lithium in the flame and

to get a blue/green effect, we had to use copper. I liked the pink the best, as it's my favourite colour. The final thing we did was putting two fake samples of urine above the flame. One was orange juice and the other was water with food colouring. If it went orange, it was a sign of glucose and diabetes. My favourite part was using the chemicals above the Bunsen Burner. I really enjoyed the Science because it gave me a great taste of what Secondary School is like."

### Southend United FC - Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Jaxon Grange (Doves) and Freddy Peryer (Owls) who have recently been given a year's contract with Southend United FC under 8s. Both boys have been best friends since the very first day of Thundersley Primary School. They have had to work extremely hard over the last 18 months to get the SUFC Academy contract. They have trained three to four days a week after school as well as balancing their school work which has required a lot of dedication and determination but it has been a privilege to do it together. The boys express their feelings about getting the contract below:-

"I am really excited about training with Southend and I'm really looking forward to it." (Freddy)

"I feel happy because I've been trying really hard to get this contract. When dad told me I had got it I felt excited but now I have to work harder to get the next one." (Jaxon)

We and their families, wish them good luck on their exciting football journey.

### 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.

### Stars of the Week

**Year 5:-** Isabella Dean and Arther Davison

**Year 4:-** Aaliyah Hussein

**Year 3:-** Louise Martin, Ella Sewell and Hollie Agass

**Year 2:-** Millie Smith and Lola Tucker

**Year 1:-** Oliver Giles and Albie Clark

**EYFS:-** Rey Higgs and Elijah Aldridge





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## Playground Stars of the Week

Lilly Leaford, Ava Woodward, Harrison Punt, Lillie-May Archer, Sharia Miah, Isla Taylor, Melis Balci, Alfie Carrington, Albert O'Connell, Tilly Bolden and Elliot Hardwicke

## House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1<sup>st</sup> with 2,645 points - Red Arrows  
2<sup>nd</sup> with 2,270 points - Blue Dolphins  
3<sup>rd</sup> with 2,124 points - Golden Eagles  
4<sup>th</sup> with 2,047 points - Green Dragons



Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that the Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

## 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, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Community News

#### SEND Roadshow

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Essex Police Update - March 2022

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

#### Sharp Shooters Junior Golf Academy

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Pro-Academy of Football - Easter 2022

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Future Term Dates

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\*\*\*\***

06/06/22  
07/06/22

01/09/22  
02/09/22  
31/10/22  
20/02/23  
05/06/23

