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13th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,



This week is Anti-bullying week - an annual fixture on the Thundersley calendar when we revisit with children the importance of being kind and respectful to each other and work on strategies to cope if any child finds themselves in a situation where they are being bullied. These are skills which are vital not just for this week, or this year, but for life. Today we are wearing our odd socks to signify that everyone is different and everyone is special. The general theme for this year is Make a noise about bullying and schools are encouraged to talk about when 'banter' becomes bullying. With this newsletter is an information pack for parents, which gives some background to this week and tips and hints for how to approach issues of bullying at home. We hope you find it helpful.

In addition to Anti-bullying week, on Tuesday we are celebrating 'Wear blue for Diabetes' day and collecting for JDRF which is a non-profit organisation that funds Type 1 Diabetes research. This is a charity which is close to our hearts and that Cody in Year 1 would like us to support, so if you can spare a donation, we would be most grateful.

Each Wednesday morning, I do tours for prospective EYFS children for next year. Every week I burst with pride when I show parents around and they see how engaged and happy our children are in their learning. You too should be proud of your wonderful children. They are a credit to all of us.

Have a super week.

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

## Attendance

For the week ended 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 there were 4 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Sparrows again 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	84.6%
Dragonflies	97.5%
Butterflies	92.5%
Rabbits	94.0%
Ladybirds	97.7%
Robins	90.0%
Fireflies	95.9%
Owls	95.9%
Bears	93.7%
Sparrows	99.3%
Ants	96.8%
Bees	97.0%
Kestrels	92.4%
Badgers	96.2%
Squirrels	94.5%
Whole School	94.6%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**SPARROWS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

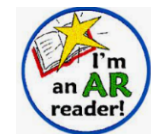
2023 - 2024 is:

**97%**

## INSET Day - Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

We would like to remind you that Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is an INSET Day for staff training and therefore the children will not come to school on this day. Thank you.

## KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

1<sup>st</sup> Ants - 1,059,975  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bees - 910,574  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 140,375

Overall:-

1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 3,318,459  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ants - 2,832,669  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bees - 2,557,723

## Governors' Visit

I just wanted to give you all a bit of an update on what your School Governors got up to last Wednesday. We were delighted to be able to come into school and see what a fantastic start all the children have made to the year. We did our safeguarding checks, looked at the results of the staff survey and also looked at wellbeing for all staff and pupils, including how the school is working with the other ROBUS schools. The amount of work going on to support every member of our school community and their families is astonishing. The highlight of our visit was being able to go into classrooms, talk to some of the children and see the great work they are doing. I was so impressed by how calm and focussed all the lessons were, even EYFS who have only been in the school a matter of weeks! There was such a vast range of learning going on from fireworks and Diwali to formal letter writing and of course plenty of reading. The children told us all about their work and how they are getting on at school. It is testament to all the hard work of the staff that every child we spoke to was enjoying school and, most importantly, felt safe. Seeing classrooms full of happy and





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enthusiastic Thundersley learners is the reason we all volunteer to be School Governors and you should all be very proud.

Simon English  
Chair of Governors

## ROBUS Run



On Tuesday we hosted the annual ROBUS Cross Country event. We welcomed the three other ROBUS schools and were delighted that around one hundred of our KS2 children elected to participate. It was a truly wonderful event as so many children ran to represent our school. We had some incredible individual performances from the front to the back of every race with children showing great courage, determination and resilience. Many proud members of staff watched and cheered our remarkable children as they powered their way through the race. A huge well done to all children involved and a big thanks to the families who came to cheer on the runners. Another example of the children 'being the best they can be'. Riley Placeson (Squirrels) tells of his exciting race below:-

"I was excited but also nervous. At first we had to line up and we had to do some stretches. Mr. Jetten told us when to go and we had to run with the other schools. I was in the middle and it was quite hard

as people were pushing but I managed to get passed them and came 1<sup>st</sup> in my race. It felt really good and Mrs. Regan congratulated me. When I got home I joked with my parents that I had come 10<sup>th</sup> but then said take away the 0 and they couldn't believe it. I enjoyed the race and last year I came 8<sup>th</sup> so I was proud of my result this year."



## Year 6 visit to Duxford

On Wednesday last week, the Year 6 children visited Duxford as part of their topic work on WWII and the Battle of Britain. This exciting day included working with artefacts and looking at land warfare and planes. The children also took part in a documentary challenge which involved exploring the galleries to make a film about key artefacts. Sienna Anderson (Squirrels) and Kayden Nicholls (Badgers) give their respective accounts of the day below:-



"We went to the first hangar and it had loads of really big planes and some of them were hanging from wires on the ceiling. Then we went to the second hangar and it was really windy. There were little cabinets with glass doors and we could see uniforms. They also had some medals in. Next to the cabinets, there was a little screen and a phone which we could pick up and dial and listen to people speaking about the war. Some of them were talking about their lifestyles during the war. There was a man and he said he fought in the war and he got injured but he still survived. Then we went to another hangar and we got to do an activity. We all were given clapper



boards, a fake microphone and also a phone with a camera icon on it so we could film and we made little news shows. We were in a group of three so one had the clapper board, one had the microphone and one had the phone/camera. We waked around filming and there were spitfires and hurricanes and we had to talk about them. We read the information about them from the podium stands before we started filming. We had 45 minutes to film and the lady was going to edit it all together and the best ones will be sent to the school so we can watch them. We then had our lunch. Then we went to the room of





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operations. The room went dark and the projector shone little words onto the wall. Then, when someone spoke a light shone on a chair but it was empty. I liked



making the films the best because I was the presenter and I liked talking in front of the camera and it was fun and I found out lots of information about the planes. I thought the whole day was really fun and good and my dad said that one day we can go as a family." (Sienna Anderson)



"We looked around and we then had some microphones and we were reporting on WWII planes. Someone had the camera, someone had the clapper board and someone had the microphone. Then we went to have lunch. Then we went to a little house and there was a TV, two bedrooms and a kitchen which were really old fashioned. Then we went to a massive hangar which had lots of WWII stuff in plus planes. At the end we watched a little film and the light would shine on them but there was no-one there. I thought the day was good. I liked it but didn't as well. I liked it because there were lots of planes but didn't like it because it was cold and raining." (Kayden Nicholls)

## Boys' Football match vs. Kents Hill Junior School

On Thursday evening, the Years 5/6 Boys' team played their first league match against Kents Hill Junior School. A very fast start to the game saw Thundersley go 1-0 down in the first five minutes. After this, Thundersley quickly scored an equaliser through Harrison Punt who made the game 1-1. Late in the second half, Chase Goodwin managed to put Thundersley in the lead at half time through a terrific move and goal. A fantastic second half performance from Thundersley saw a further two goals from Chase Goodwin, which saw Thundersley cruise into their first win of the season against a great Kents Hill team. Overall, a great effort from the Thundersley team who next play on 23/11/2023 against South Benfleet at home. The boys are eager to play again and are looking forward to their next matches. Well done to all involved. George Fillyary (Badgers) gives his account on the game below:-



"The game was a really good game, we went 1-0 down and managed to get the game back to 4-1 up. As a team we were pressing really quickly and constantly getting the ball back, which saw us create chances to score goals. Our goalkeeper, Tom Clayton, did amazing in the match. He made some epic saves, brilliant passes and kept us in the game. I really enjoyed the match and I'm sure everyone else did. I'm really looking forward to our next match against South Benfleet."

## Netball match vs. Kents Hill Junior School

We did it!!! We finally had our first netball match of the season and what a match it was! The girls were super nervous but excited to be representing the school in their slick kit. The opposition team (Kents Hill) turned up and due to a rainy forecast, the game started quickly....and so did the Thundersley goals! One after the

other after the other! Mrs. Hoeb was very impressed with the extra shooting practise the girls had obviously been doing in their own time. The final score was a Thundersley victory of 8 goals to 3. Great start TPS! Ayda Pudney (Squirrels) describes the match below:-

"At the beginning, Mrs. Hoeb announced that I was the captain. I felt amazed because it was our first game of the season. As captain I had to take the coin toss and pick what end we would shoot. In the first quarter, Grace scored 5 goals. In the second quarter the other team scored 1 goal and then Olivia and I got 2 back. In the third quarter, there was only 1 goal scored from the other team and in the last quarter they scored and then Olivia Hession got the last goal of the match. The final score was 8-3 to Thundersley. At the end, I had to say "Three cheers for Kents Hill." It was the first match of the season and everyone was really excited as we knew quite a few of them from Netball outside of school. It was a fantastic match which makes me excited for the next game."



## Can you cut your carbon?

I know we have lots of Eco aware children and families at TPS. November is 'Cut your carbon' month and Eco-Schools are encouraging all pupils across the country to get active and raise awareness of carbon footprints. If you want to find out more click on this link <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/cut-your-carbon/> and download the 'Cut your carbon' checklist attached to the newsletter.





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## Dance Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Felicity Warren, Dior Sellick, Emily Duggan and Evie Betts who are all in Owls' class as they took part in the Mala Dance annual show called 'The Magic of the Musicals' on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at the Towngate Theatre in Basildon. All the girls danced wonderfully and their families are really proud of them. Well done girls - it looks like you had an amazing time!

## SCARF At Home

In Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) our whole school theme this half term is 'Valuing Difference'. We're thinking about the things that make us the same as each other and what makes us different from others in our lives and our community. We're also thinking about kindness and how it can help everyone. If you would like to continue these conversations at home please visit the SCARF At Home Page.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/home-learning-unit-2#:~:text=With%20SCARF%2C%20children%20learn%20the,our%20lives%20and%20our%20community.>

## Stars of the Week

Year 4:- Jacob Nevill  
EYFS:- Oliver Murphy  
and Evie Barfoot



## Playground Stars of the Week

Griffin Gibson, Eddie Hunter and Eleanor Page

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	3,048
Golden Eagles	2,875
Blue Dolphins	2,735
Green Dragons	2,601



Well done Red Arrows!

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Arlo Puckey (Badgers)  
George Ridgwell (Squirrels)  
Jacob Sandford (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## 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.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

## PTA

## Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

## Sweetie & Pre-loved Uniform Sale

We are pleased to advise that the Sweetie & Pre-loved uniform sale on the last day of half term raised **£135.20** - thank you.





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## Monster Bash

Wow, what a great event which the children who attended absolutely loved! Thank you for your support, we managed to raise **£1,507.23** profit for the school fund which is amazing!

## 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

## School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

## Community News

### BTSA Recruitment - November & December 2023

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### The Deanes School (CPRSSP) Christmas 2023 Activities

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

### The National Sleep Helpline

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Junior Basketball

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### CSC Gymnastic Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Future Term Dates

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  
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

