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Dear Parents/Carers.



Next week is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week and the theme is 'Grow Together'. Children will learn that human

beings change and grow- we do it all the time and in many different ways. Physical growth is easy to see as we grow from babies to children, teenagers to adults. However, growing emotionally is also an important part of our development. On Friday, to raise awareness, we will have a non-school uniform day with the theme of 'Express yourself!'. There will be no donation for this.

As a school, we are very much committed to helping our children grow



emotionally. Our growth mindset philosophy teaches them to have a positive mindset and believe that if they believe in themselves, learn from mistakes, work hard and never give up, they can achieve anything. During the week, children will learn about others who have achieved their dreams such as Sky Brown. At just 13, Sky Brown became Team GB's youngest ever Olympic medallist at the Tokyo Olympics. In the same year, Sky - who is the world's youngest professional skateboarder - won the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award. We want to encourage our children to be aspirational and dream big!

We would really like to carry this aspirational theme on through the year, highlighting jobs and careers that children can aspire to and we need your help. If you would be happy to come and talk to a class or group of children, later this year, about a job you are currently in or have done in the past and the journey you took to get it, we would love to hear from you. If you know of anyone with an unusual job, that would be great too! There will be so many roles open to our children - many of which have not yet been created - and we want to open their

eyes at this young age so that they can aspire to those.

Of course, in order to secure their ambitions, they will need to be able to read really well, so keep up that great reading at home. We have lots of children who are reading 4 times, but not 5. Please let's have that extra push - and reach for the stars (and an ice cream!).

Miss E. Dawson Headteacher

Safer internet day

Tuesday, 8th February 2022 is Safer Internet Day. This is a good opportunity to



talk to your child about how they keep themselves safe and remind them that they must report to an adult if anything happens when they are online that makes them feel uncomfortable, especially if they have a phone. On Monday, 7th March 2022, all children will be receiving training on internet safety from the 2 Johns. At 8.00pm that day, parents/carers will be invited to attend training on internet safety on Zoom. This is ROBUS wide training and it would be super to have a strong representation from Thunderlsey. Anyone who has taken part in training by the 2 Johns knows it is eye opening!

Attendance



For the week ended 28th January 2022 there were 3 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Fireflies who

achieved 98.4%. 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	90.3%
Dragonflies	85.8%
Butterflies	97.6%
Rabbits	97.3%
Ladybirds	92.7%
Robins	92.2%
Doves	92.1%
Owls	88.7%
Fireflies	98.4%
Bears	87.5%
Foxes	96.2%
Ants	89.0%
Sparrows	88.5%
Badgers	88.2%
Kestrels	93.8%
Squirrels	85.3%
Whole School	91.6%

Congratulations to this week's winner

FIREFLIES

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2021 - 2022 is:

97%

Reading Leaderboard

1st - Ants and Foxes 100%

2nd - Bears and Sparrows 92%

3rd - Badgers 90%

Well done Ants and Foxes again! Please note that these scores run a week in arrears.















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British Values



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Mutual Respect

There are many different events people choose to celebrate. Some events might celebrate our beliefs, things that are important to us or our achievements. Not everybody celebrates the same things and we respect that.

Our British Value focus this week is Mutual Respect and how it links to the upcoming celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The children are very excited for the nationwide events this summer. Fireflies' class are especially looking forward to the upcoming street parties! Their discussions about celebrations led to further questioning about jubilees. Chase had some particularly interesting thoughts about jubilees and the hierarchy of the precious metals and gems used in their names. As usual, we attach the British Values poster and Picture News at home resource to carry on these discussions.

Year 4 Dance Festival



On Wednesday, 26th January 2022, the children in Year 4 took part in a Dance Festival. As part of their topic, 'Cracking

inventions', the children studied Bob Fosse and the Lindy Hop and choreographed a dance with Miss Lane. The children worked incredibly hard and their performance on the day was fantastic. Miss Carswell and Miss Parmenter were really proud of all the children who





performed brilliantly and smiled throughout the whole routine. Ava Long gives her account of the performance helow:-

"We all felt very excited to be doing the Dance Festival. We felt very energetic and very happy but we were all very nervous. After the dance, we felt very warn out from all the dancing but we felt like we accomplished so much in the dance. After that, we were full of excitement from doing the dance."

Polite Reminder

Clubs

If your child is unable to attend their club for any reason, please ensure that the club leader is advised or you call the office to let them know. Thank you.

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. 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.

Bear Norton (Kestrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Harrison Brooker and Sophia Avison

Year 5:- Daisy

Burgess

Year 4:- Louie Tucker and Freya Longmore

Year 3:- Hollie Tinsley, Edward Potts and Isaac Swaby

Year 2:- Willow Leer and Elsie Thompson
Year 1:- Kadiee Barter and Dior Sellick
EYFS:- Joshua Arram and Felicity

Bowman

Playground Stars of the Week

Lydia Kallis, Brandon Kennedy, Arlo Puckey, Riley Placeson, Ava Lake, Darcie Vine, Nicholas Ellis, Teddy Thompson, Rosie Mann, Quinn Godfrey, Charlie Baker, Oliver Weeden and Annie Vine

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,873 points - Blue Dolphins 2nd with 2,689 points - *G*reen Dragons 3rd with 2,456 points - Red Arrows 4th with 2,045 points - *G*olden Eagles



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Well done again Blue Dolphins!

Please note that 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

Danielle's Uniform, Claydons Lane, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7UP. Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 28th February 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Community News

Do You Know Families That are Choosing Between Heating or Eating? EYFS - KS5

If you do, the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme could help reduce energy costs. The scheme provides up to £10,000 of free energy efficient home improvements that will reduce fuel bills and keep homes warm. Families are urged to either apply online













or call freephone 0808 196 8255. Find out more online.

Cut your energy costs: Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme - Essex County Council

Jet Wheel Tyre



We would like to thank Jet Wheel Tyre who have

donated 5% of the total spend of everyone associated with our school who has purchased tyres throughout 2021. We have received a cheque for £82.74 for our school funds.

Junior Bake Off 8 - Casting

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SE Essex Organic Gardeners

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