



Dear Parents/Carers,

I have spent this week meeting with teachers to discuss the progress your children are making. I always enjoy these discussions and am humbled by the dedication and commitment that staff teams have to ensuring the children do their best in all areas. Our children, on the whole, are doing very well thanks to their hard work, your support at home and super teaching. It is clear from these meetings that good attendance and reading regularly at home is absolutely key to children's success in all areas, so thank you for your support in this.

At the end of this term, you will receive a written report detailing the progress your child is making. However, if, in the meantime, you have concerns about their progress and want to know how you can help them at home, please do contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Our Netball team had their first fixture this week and despite losing showed themselves to be resilient, determined players. The joy when a goal was scored brought a tear to the eye. I am sure that now their first match nerves are over, they will go from strength to strength - well done all!

Have a good weekend and happy reading!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 7th January 2022 there were 2 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Sparrows. 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	89.0%
Dragonflies	91.3%
Butterflies	91.7%
Rabbits	98.9%
Ladybirds	95.7%
Robins	93.3%
Doves	94.1%
Owls	89.1%
Fireflies	91.9%
Bears	95.5%
Foxes	91.4%
Ants	95.2%
Sparrows	97.8%
Badgers	94.2%
Kestrels	90.9%
Squirrels	94.5%
Whole School	93.3%

Congratulations to this week's winner

SPARROWS

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

Please note the closing date for applications is 15th 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.

Winter Wonderland Census Day Lunch - Thursday, 20th January 2022

We would like to advise that on Thursday, 20th January 2022 it is our 'School Census Day' when the Government requires us to send them information which will determine our funding for the next academic year. On this day, the number of children taking school dinners is registered and our funding for school dinners for the future is calculated. In light of recent funding issues, it is imperative that as many children as possible in EYFS/KS1 have a dinner on this day and we thank you in advance for booking your child in. The menu will be:-

Hot Dog/Veggie Hot Dog
Crunchy Potatoes/Waffles
Blustery Baked Beans
Swirling Sweetcorn



Arctic Roll with Peaches
Frosty Strawberry
Milkshake

The meal is free for children in EYFS/KS1 and costs £2.30 for KS2 children payable via ePay from the day after.

British Values



British Values
14th January 2022

Individual Liberty

We all have the right to learn about the universe if we choose to. The James Webb Space Telescope may help us discover more than we ever have before!





Our focus this week again looked at the British Value of Individual Liberty. This week's story looked at the James Webb Space Telescope and whether it is important for us to know the history of the universe. The thoughts and opinions of our budding scientists and historians at Thundersley Primary were fascinating. Attached is the usual Picture News at Home resource to carry on this discussion at home. Remember to share your views with us too, it's lovely to hear them.

Netball Match vs. Hadleigh Junior School



WOW! What a performance. On Monday afternoon, our TPS Girls' Netball Team took on Hadleigh in the first game of the season. Before the game started, it was clear that some players were feeling nervous about their netballing debut, but as soon as the game started those nerves quickly disappeared. As the game progressed, the girls grew in confidence and displayed some fantastic netballing skills and did Thundersley proud with their attitude and resilience. Miss Hause couldn't be prouder of the team and wants to say a huge WELL DONE to them all! Faith Jewell (Badgers) gives her account of the game below:-

"We started off by getting ready in Miss Hause's classroom and then we headed out to the playground. We practiced passing the ball around in a circle to warm up for the game and then we found out our positions. I played Centre. We put on our bibs and went onto the pitch. In the first quarter, they scored quite a lot but we did quite a lot of defensive work. We tried to get the ball away from our net as much as

we could. Then we had a little drinks break. We swapped positions and I was Goal Defence. They still scored in the second quarter but we were getting better as the game went on because we kept passing the ball a bit more. In the third quarter, I was Goal Shooter and I scored a goal in that quarter which was quite good. Everyone came up to me and gave me a hug as a mini celebration. Then the fourth quarter came around and I was Scorer. I liked being Goal Shooter the best as I scored! I thought the game was good. They played very well but we played well too despite the score. At the end, because I was Captain, we all got into a line and said "Three cheers" to Hadleigh and then they said it back to us. Then we took them round to Miss Hause's classroom to have a drink and a biscuit. I am looking forward to the next game and hope that we win."

Competition Winner!

We would like to congratulate Sophie Axford (Doves) who recently won a competition to design a sleepover. Sophie has won her design being made by Jigsaw Parties and Events for her and three friends. Sophie's theme was pink fluffy Unicorns with hearts and glitter. Sophie was so excited that she won and said that it was the best day when she found out!



Polite Reminders

Dogs

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site - 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.

- Lilly Leaford (Sparrows)
- Darcie Hearne (Sparrows)
- Arlo Puckey (Foxes)
- Marnie O'Connell (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:- Mitchell Wilson
- Year 5:- Alfie Dwyer-St-Pier and Isla Cousins
- Year 4:- Nathan Cirin and Serena Hawkins





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Year 3:- Freddy Peryer, Bobby Foster-Pasterfield and Paighton Brown

Year 2:- Jensen Main and Trisha Patel

Year 1:- George Dulieu

EYFS:- Oliver Weeden and Preston Hooper

Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.
Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

Playground Stars of the Week

Ronnie Ellis, Charlotte Dowsing, Arther Davison, Jack Dudley, Chloe Crawley, Ellen Weeden, Chase Goodwin, Hollie Agass, Cooper Kenrick, Griffin Gibson, Louie Seymour, Felicity Warren, Mia England-Cowan and Freddie Burr

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,471 points - Blue Dolphins
2nd with 2,296 points - Green Dragons
3rd with 2,289 points - Red Arrows
4th with 1,831 points - Golden Eagles



Well done 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,

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

Essex Police Update

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

ACL Courses

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

