

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 2

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It has been a very busy start to the term but also a very productive one. The children all appear very happy and settled and are making very good progress in their learning. Please discuss with your child's class teacher at parents evening how best you can help and support your child with their learning. Support with homework, reading, minute games etc. will always make a difference.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

13 September			20 September		
Tawny Owl	-	Maisie Pigott	Tawny Owl	-	Jeremiah Boateng
Barn Owl	-	Elizabeth Vunicagi	Barn Owl	-	Keira Bowley
Osprey Class	-	Emily McFarlane	Osprey Class	-	Felicity Farrow
Falcon Class	-	Bailey Walker	Falcon Class	-	Riley Reith Van-Beers
Harrier Class	-	Alesha Carasco	Harrier Class	-	William Daumann-Rattenbury
Kestrel Class	-	Joseph Graham	Kestrel Class	-	Lacey Mingar
Merlin Class	-	Filo Baleiveicau	Merlin Class	-	Stanley Porter
Hawk Class	-	Corey Johnston	Hawk Class	-	Xavier Williams
Eagle Class	-	Nyerah Charles	Eagle Class	-	Miley Floyd
27 September			4 October		
Tawny Owl	-	Ellie-Mae Atkinson	Tawny Owl	-	Layla Reith Van-Beers
Barn Owl	-	Rowan Moulán	Barn Owl	-	Elijah Sithole
Osprey Class	-	Savannah Males	Osprey Class	-	Sebastian Dallimore
Falcon Class	-	Kyran De Wit	Falcon Class	-	Corey Meir
Harrier Class	-	Emmy Turvey	Harrier Class	-	Harry Bigby-Sutton
Kestrel Class	-	Tommy Harling	Kestrel Class	-	Eva Carrol
Merlin Class	-	Annabelle Meir	Merlin Class	-	Laisa Kama
Hawk Class	-	Lewis Hatton	Hawk Class	-	Riley Walker
Eagle Class	-	Brandon Johnston	Eagle Class	-	Alfie Porter

School Website - www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk

We continue to update our school website with new information and links for parents. Some are there because we see them as essential others because the government has now made it statutory for us to do so. If there is anything you feel we could add that is not there, please let me know. We constantly try to improve the service we offer for families. (www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Class Meetings

The school governors and I would like to thank all the parents who have attended class meetings. The feedback has been very positive and I know the teachers found the meetings very useful. You can make such a difference to how your child attains in school. Please never underestimate how important it is for you to be positive about your child's achievements both in and out of school.

Parking Outside of School – Serious Accident – Near Miss

We recently had a boy come into school extremely upset having hit a car whilst cycling across the pedestrian crossing outside of school. Please can I urge parents to park considerately and drive very slowly around school at peak times i.e. at drop off and pick up times. As the school grows in size these times are becoming very busy and we have been fortunate not to have any serious accidents. This is down to our community and the support that we receive.

Please do not obstruct other cars either. I have had the first complaint in 14 years of a parent not being able to get to work due to the inconsiderate parking of others. Please if this happens can you take the registration number and contact the Guard Room.

Harvest Festival – Parents Welcome – Friday 18 October

We have split our Harvest Festival in to three parts this year with Tawny Owl, Barn Owl and Osprey Classes leading the Harvest Festival at 9.00am, Falcon, Harrier and Kestrel Classes leading the Harvest Festival at 10.30am and Merlin, Hawk and Eagle Classes leading the Harvest Festival at 2.30pm. By doing it this way we only have a third of the school in the hall at a time which means we can invite parents along to watch this special event. Further information about how you can help the school support Harvest Festival will follow shortly.

Internet Safety

In school we have a filtering system which aims to prevent children accessing anything from the internet that is unsuitable. I realise at home that this is not always the case. Please can parents be vigilant when your child is using the internet. Recent news stories are a great cause for concern and we are doing our best to educate children in school about what to do when using the internet to keep themselves safe. It is also advisable that parents check the history section on the internet tool bar to ensure that children are not accessing unsuitable sites. If the history section has been recently deleted on your child's computer, I would ask them why. As you are all aware there are adults out there who try to make contact with children over the internet. I would not want any of our children to become the victims of such people. Visit: <http://ceop.police.uk/> for more information.

School Disco – Friday 8th November

I would like to thank staff who have volunteered to give up their Friday evening to support this year's School Council in the organisation of a disco as requested in class meetings by the children. The timings are as follows:

Tawny Owl, Barn Owl, Osprey & Falcon Classes: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Harrier, Kestrel, Merlin, Hawk & Eagle Classes: 5.00pm – 6.15pm

There is no charge for the disco. Drinks and biscuits will be provided by the school.

Flu Vaccinations – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Friday 29 November

The Immunisation team will be coming into school on Friday 29 November to deliver the flu vaccine (a nasal spray) for all children. Consent forms were recently sent home and should be returned, completed & signed as soon as possible. The greater the uptake the better the chance that we do not have an outbreak in school. Please remember to return the form before the deadline!

Starting School in September 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 now is the time to apply for their school place.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions If you would like further advice or information contact 03330 142 903

Online applications open on Monday 7 October 2019

The closing date of starting school applications is Wednesday 15 January 2020

If your application is received after the closing date, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Visits to Thorney Island School for prospective parents are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Year 6 Children - Secondary School Applications

If you have not already done so, please ensure that Secondary School Applications are submitted before the closing date of 31 October. If your application is received after the closing date, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Fishbourne Roman Palace Visit



Sea City Visit - What a Great Day Out - We learnt a lot!



Books At Bedtime - Owl, Osprey & Falcon Classes



A big thank you goes to Mr Vokes for organising this event and to Miss Goss, Miss Rutter and Mrs Young for supporting him by reading stories to all the children and to Mrs McFarlane for providing First Aid Cover. The evening was a great success and the children really enjoyed themselves; your support in bringing them back to school was much appreciated.

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to both read to your child and to hear them read to instil a love of reading at an early age.

Red, White & Blue Day



With your support the children raised £182 ... thank you very much. This money will be passed directly to the three charities we are supporting: ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The RAF Benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity.

Marwell Zoo - Merlin Class - All fingers and toes still attached!



Chartwell - Job Opportunity

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

Positions are available in the local area, term time only. Hours range from 10 hours to 16.25 hours, 5 days a week. Appropriate training will be given and smart uniform will be provided. For more information, contact Kerry Scott on 07766923976 or email Kerry.scott@compass-group.co.uk

Term Dates and INSET Days 2019/2020

02 September 2019:	Start of Autumn Term
28 Oct - 01 Nov 2019:	Half Term
20 December 2019:	Break-up for Christmas Holiday
06 January 2020:	Start of Spring Term
17-21 February 2020:	Half Term
03 April 2020:	Break-up for Easter Holiday
20 April 2020:	Start of Summer Term
08 May 2020:	Bank Holiday
25 - 29 May 2020:	Half Term
20 July 2020:	End of Summer Term

INSET Days

Friday 25 October 2019
Friday 14 February 2020
Friday 22 May 2020
Monday 20 July 2020
One to be set

Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

October 2019

- 3 - Books at Bedtime for Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Osprey and Falcon Classes
- 4 - Red, White & Blue Day
- 7 - Indoor football at Bourne Community College
- 18 - Harvest Festival Assemblies - Parents welcome to attend:
 - 9.00am: Barn Owl, Tawny Owl & Osprey Classes
 - 10.30am: Falcon, Harrier & Kestrel Classes
 - 2.30pm: Merlin, Hawk & Eagle Classes
- 21 - International Week - **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- 23 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6.00pm
- 24 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- 25 - INSET Day - **Children do not attend school on this day**
- 28 - 01 - Half Term

November 2019

- 8 - School Disco KS1 4.00 - 5.00pm (Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Osprey, & Falcon)
KS2 5.00 - 6.15pm (Harrier, Kestrel, Merlin, Hawk and Eagle)
- 11 - Indoor netball at Bourne Community College
- 15 - Children in Need - Information to follow later from the School Council
- 18 - Girls indoor football at Bourne Community College
- 25 - Last week of After-school Clubs
- 26 - Rainbow Theatre Company performing 'Cinderella' to Whole School
- 29 - Flu vaccinations - Whole School - more information to follow

December 2019

- 5 - Carol Service 10.00am (Barn Owl, Tawny Owl & Merlin Classes)
- 6 - Carol Service 10.00am (Barn Owl, Tawny Owl & Merlin Classes)
- 10 - Christmas Performance Falcon & Kestrel Classes (1.30pm)
- 11 - Christmas Performances Falcon & Kestrel Classes (1.30 & 6.00pm)
- 13 - Year 1 to Pantomime at Kings Theatre, Southsea
- 19 - Christmas Parties
- 20 - Last day of term - Merry Christmas Everyone!