

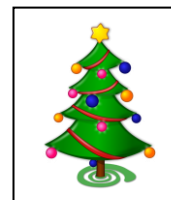


# **Thorney Tribune**

## **Thorney Island CP School**

### **Newsletter No 4**

**December 2019**



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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This will be the last newsletter before the Christmas holidays so please make a note of all the important dates. The next few weeks are often the busiest in the school calendar. There may be a few letters still to come regarding the Christmas Parties so please check book bags for these. As the school has continued to grow we have had to change things again this year. I hope parents have been happy with all the arrangements. Any feedback is always welcome. I do listen to all your views and do act on them however it often takes a year until things come around to see the actions that have been taken. If anyone wants an update on an issue raised I am always available to discuss matters; just pop into the office and ask to speak to me. E.g. It has taken me just short of 2 years to get the street lights on the road outside of school fixed. It was far more complex than originally thought with a large section of cable having to be replaced over the summer.

Finally, it is just left to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

<b>STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS</b>			
<b>8 November</b>		<b>15 November</b>	
Tawny Owl Class	- Reuben Roper	Tawny Owl Class	- Skylar Winn
Barn Owl	- Henry Tanner	Barn Owl	- Atu Daumeke
Osprey Class	- William Maher	Osprey Class	- Oscar Edmonds
Falcon Class	- Jack Hierons	Falcon Class	- Phoebe Holcroft
Harrier Class	- Alfie Pigott	Harrier Class	- Emily-Rose Carmon
Kestrel Class	- Oliver McFarlane	Kestrel Class	- Ava-Faye McClarty
Merlin Class	- Holly Mizon	Merlin Class	- Essence Starkey
Hawk Class	- Miley Hierons	Hawk Class	- Jake Herbert
Eagle Class	- Lilly Booth	Eagle Class	- Leyla Swart
<b>22 November</b>			
Tawny Owl Class	- Isabel Dippenaar		
Barn Owl	- Ana Axcell		
Osprey Class	- Dylan Sellick		
Falcon Class	- Tulisa Morley		
Harrier Class	- Levi Longley		
Kestrel Class	- Stanley Steel		
Merlin Class	- Finley Gordon		
Hawk Class	- Owen Simpson		
Eagle Class	- Scarlett Wheatley		

**Please read with your child over the holidays.**

From recent test results it is very noticeable that those children who are heard read by parents and have full reading journals are making far greater progress than those who are not. If your child finds reading difficult, it is likely they will struggle in other subjects such as reading questions in mathematics. There is only so much we can do in school. Hearing children read at home is so important. Your support in this area as always is much appreciated.

## Parent Questionnaire Results

I would like to say a big thank you for completing the questionnaire at Parents Evening. The results were shared with governors at a meeting on 11 November and will help shape the strategic direction we take. Out of approximately 200 questionnaires given out, 156 were returned. Out of those, 153 parents would recommend our school, 2 did not respond and only one parent would not recommend our school. When you compare this to other schools this is an amazing response which is much appreciated by all who work at the school. Overall you felt your children were very happy, safe and well behaved at school and that any concerns raised were dealt with quickly. You also thought that the school has high expectations and that your children were doing well.

In response to this I can only say that recent test results for the children in Year 6 put us in the top 20% of schools nationally for the progress they make in Reading and Mathematics during KS2. This data shows that as a school we are doing extremely well and your trust and support in us is a key factor.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to this year's Children in Need event. In total the sum raised by Thorney Island School was a record breaking £346!!!



## Owl Class Cakes

As always the cakes brought to school by the children in both Owl Classes were amazing, hence why I no longer judge them and instead leave it to the School Council. We obviously have some very creative parents and talented children. The winners chosen by the school council were Esme Cobbinah and Keira Bowley - I have never seen high heeled cakes before! In my eyes taking the time to do this with your children means they are all winners. Well done Tawny and Barn Owl Classes! The School Councillors certainly enjoyed sampling your cakes as did I. The rest were sold to raise money for Children in Need (see above).





## Mobile Phones – Advice from the NSPCC

With Christmas just around the corner, many children will be getting new mobile phones as presents. It is vital that parents are familiar with the apps their children are downloading or accessing. Here are some top tips from the NSPCC for helping children stay safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Indoor Netball Tournament, Monday 12 November

The girls and boys played extremely well winning or drawing all of their games. They played each team twice as one school dropped out at the last minute. The results were 2-0 against Bosham, 0-0 against Westbourne, 1-0 against Bosham and 2-0 against Westbourne. It has been great to see that they have not only grown in height but also in confidence over the last year. I would like to thank all the parents who transported the children to Bourne Community College and Miss Goss who was on hand to organise the team and referee the matches. I look forward to seeing the team play again in the Spring Term.

Team: Khalel Kydd, Lily Martin, Fatou Sanyang, Krystal Ankomah, Nyerah Charles, Xavier Williams and Quiria Quanash

## Cake Sale + Animal Adoption

Well done Merlin Class for raising £109.30 with your cake sale. We are now the proud adoptive parents of Meimei the Red Panda and Lucy the Humbolt Penguin. Your support in helping the children bake the cakes was amazing as was the rest of the school in buying them. The children have wanted to do this for a long time but it was down to the organisational skills of Miss Noyce and Mrs Booth to make it happen.

## Owl Class Play and Share

I would like to thank all those parents that were able to attend this session. I hope that you found it useful. I know some working parents find it difficult to attend such sessions but if you want to know what was covered please contact Miss Goss to arrange a time to see her.



## Girls 6-a-side Football Tournament, Monday 18 November

The girls played extremely well this being the first time many of them had played together in an indoor tournament. I had a great evening and would like to thank all the parents for their support. I would also like to thank all the girls who played with such enthusiasm and energy; they have certainly improved on last year winning three of their games and drawing one, resulting in them being overall winners. The girls showed real sportsmanship throughout.

The results were as follows:

Thorney 0 v 0 Bosham
Bosham 0 v 1 Funtington
Thorney 4 v 0 Funtington
Bosham 1 v 3 Thorney
Funtington 0 v 2 Bosham
Funtington 0 v 1 Thorney



Football Team: Aida Williams, Marian Delana, Nyerah Charles, Lily Martin, Alexis Martin, Alicia Peters, Louise Longley and Miley Floyd

## Packed Lunches

Studies by Leeds University (2016) show that less than 2% of primary school packed meals from home meet the same nutritional standards that hot school meals are legally required to meet. Researchers found that only 1 in 5 lunchboxes contained any vegetables or salad, while 52%-60% contained too many sweet and savoury snacks, or sugary drinks (42%), leading to high levels of saturated fat, sugar and salt and not enough minerals and vitamins.

Please note it is school policy that fizzy drinks and chocolate/confectionary items are not allowed in lunchboxes. Definition of biscuits and confectionary I leave to Tesco's. If you find it down the biscuit aisle it's a biscuit, if it's down the sweet aisle it's confectionary. 98% of parents/children are sticking to the rules, it is just recently we have had some very interesting items in lunchboxes.

## Cycle Helmets

Please can children wear cycle helmets when cycling to school. These can be stored in school if necessary. I read in the news recently how a young boy fell off his bike on the way to school and sustained a serious head injury resulting in his death. I would not want to be the headteacher phoning parents with this news. Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

## School Admission Appeal Panel Members Required

West Sussex are currently recruiting for Independent Appeal Panel Members. If you are recently retired, a serving Governor, parent, grandparent or just interested in education, West Sussex County Council needs you. WSCC need new Independent Panel Members to hear school admission appeals. This is a vital role ensuring that all school admission appeals are transparent, independent, impartial and operate according to principles of natural justice. Full training will be given by WSCC Legal Services Team and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please email [appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk)

## Job Vacancy - Cleaner

We are looking to appoint a Cleaner to work alongside our current premises team. The contract will be for 7.5 hours per week (3.15pm - 4.45pm, term time only). This is a temporary, fixed term post ending July 2020.

For more details and an application form please contact Mrs McCrossan at the school.



## Rainbow Theatre - Dick Whittington

The children had a great time at Rainbow Theatre. Due to our hall size we had two performances with KS1 watching in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. The atmosphere was fantastic. A true pantomime with great audience participation. I have never seen the children and staff laugh so much and be so truly engaged. The cost of this was £865 and was funded from the Pupil Premium money we receive. At our school, which is quite unique, we use this funding to enrich the curriculum by subsidising educational visits as well as providing additional staff to support both the emotional and educational needs of the children. I hope parents feel that the money is well used to both motivate and support learning.



## Harrier Class - Food Tasting - Quite a range of responses!

It appears some children enjoyed it more than others! However, it led to some great photographs.



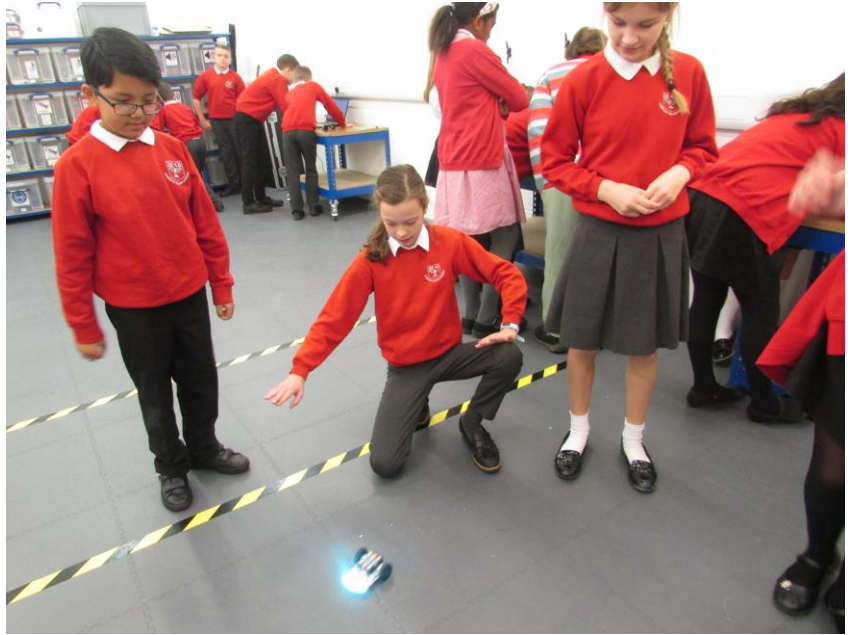
## School Disco

I would just like to say a big thank you to all the staff who stayed behind to attend and run the school disco. The feedback from children and parents would tend to suggest it was a great success.



The School Councillors who helped out were amazing acting as cloakroom attendants, serving drinks and biscuits as well as encouraging everyone to be involved.

## Eagle Class - Intech Museum



## Final INSET Day Set

All the INSET Days for 2019/20 have now been set. They are:

- Friday 14 February 2020
- Friday 3 April 2020
- Friday 22 May 2020
- Monday 20 July 2020

**Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet**

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### 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!

### Term Dates 2019/20

- 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 3 April 2020  
Friday 22 May 2020  
Monday 20 July 2020

### Term Date 2020/21

- 03 September 2020: Start of Autumn Term
- 26 - 30 Oct 2020: Half Term
- 18 December 2020: Break-up for Christmas Holiday
- 04 January 2021: Start of Spring Term
- 15 - 19 February 2021: Half Term
- 01 April 2021: Break-up for Easter Holiday
- 19 April 2021: Start of Summer Term
- 03 May 2021: Bank Holiday
- 31 May - 4 June 2021: Half Term
- 23 July 2021: End of Summer Term