

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope that you are all enjoying the sunshine and looking forward to the summer break. This newsletter will hopefully bring you upto speed with the events that have happened in school over the last few weeks. Once again I would just like to thank you for all your support it makes such a difference to the education that we can provide for your children.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

7 July			14 July		
Owl Class	-	David Delana	Owl Class	-	Kenny Attfield
Osprey Class	-	Jasper Sheehan	Osprey Class	-	Ethan Cobbinah
Falcon Class	-	Noah Keveren	Falcon Class	-	Thomas Hart
Kestrel Class	-	Keira Bowley	Kestrel Class	-	Harry Kavanagh
Harrier Class	-	Max Hatton	Harrier Class	-	Peni Naiyaga
Merlin Class	-	Alex Edwards	Merlin Class	-	Oscar Edmonds
Hawk Class	-	Riley Reith Van Beers Thea Jennings	Hawk Class	-	Kasi Hopkins
Eagle Class	-	Jacob Roberts	Eagle Class	-	Matthew Holden
Sea Eagle Class	-	Tegan Clark	Sea Eagle Class	-	Eva Carroll

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children for reaching their Platinum Reading Certificate:

Sea Eagle & Eagle Class

Hawk Class Api Navisiri, Molly Young and Eliza Aitchison

Merlin Class

Kestrel & Harrier Class

Falcon Class Florence Pollitt

Osprey Class Riley Hunter

Owl Class

Owl Class - Beach Party



What a beautiful evening we had for Owl Class Beach Party. The children were all very excited and appropriately dressed! I certainly enjoyed the ice pops that were on offer. A big thank you to Miss Goss and Mrs Mann for organising the evening and to all the parents for entering into the spirit.

Clarinet Assembly



The progress Merlin Class have made this year has been fantastic to see and commented upon by many staff. It was also wonderful to have so many parents able to attend this very special assembly. Hopefully some of the children will keep learning the clarinet next year.

Sports Week

As part of our Sports Week activities, the children in Years 5 and 6 took part in a BMX workshop where they challenged themselves to learn new tricks. Danny and Charlie, who ran the workshop, made many positive comments about the great attitude of the children and their determination to give everything a try. In the afternoon, Duane (Eagles), Oakley and Eva (Sea Eagles), Tulisa and Maisie (Hawks) were selected to take part in a display for the whole school. In spite of the rain, the children showed huge bravery and perseverance to show off everything they had learned. The other children and teachers were very impressed! Well done to all children for representing the school so brilliantly.



A big thank you to Miss Reeves for organising Sports Week. All the children had a great time being introduced to new sports and activities.



Area Sports



On Friday 7 July, eighteen children from Years 5 & 6 represented the school at Area Sports. After competing in a number of track and field events, Thorney Island School came in 2nd place. The group represented the school fantastically. The support and encouragement they gave each-other was outstanding, whilst also demonstrating great sportsmanship and showing respect to the other competitors. Well done to everyone who competed and thank you to Mrs Moss for her support and Miss Reeves who organised to take the children.

Beach Day

I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their support in making Beach Day a great success along with the military. The vast majority of children had a great day and it was wonderful to have children from YR to Y6 in each group all working together to support and look after everyone. We are certainly very proud of them all. I had so many positive comments from parents which was much appreciated.



Ofsted Inspection 2023

I hope you have now received a copy of the schools Ofsted Inspection report and are pleased with the many positive comments it contains. The Ofsted Inspector was extremely impressed with the attitude the children had to learning and how much the school had a family feel where everyone was respected and cared for. Below are a few quotes which reflect the general feel of the report.

'Pupils are proud to attend this inclusive and harmonious school. Pupils value learning and are eager to achieve well, knowing their teachers have high expectations of them. **Pupils love their school and enjoy learning new things alongside their friends.** They work hard and take pride in their achievements, including those beyond the school gates. They live out the school's values because they are woven into every aspect of school life.'

'There are warm and nurturing relationships between staff and pupils. Pupils hold staff in high esteem. Pupils know whom to approach if they are ever worried or need support.'

Jolf - Rain Does Not Stop Play!



Year 6 SAT's Results

Provisional results show that the current Year 6 have achieved above national averages in all assessed curriculum areas this year. I would like to say well done to them all and we wish them well for the future. They are now well prepared for the future. Your support in them achieving these results is also much appreciated.

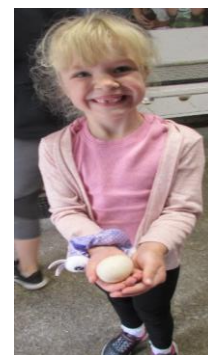
Summer Reading Challenge

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2023>

It would be great to see as many children as possible take part in this to boost their reading skills over the Summer Break. Local libraries are inviting children to 'read for pleasure' and share their love of books by taking part in the Reading Challenge 2023. All local libraries are taking part including the one in Southbourne.

Falcon Class Trip to Longdown Activity Farm

The children had a wonderful day at Longdown Farm. They got to be a farmer for the day feeding the goats and cows. They collected eggs from the hen coop and held baby chicks and guinea pigs. Their favourite part of the day was having a very bumpy tractor ride and playing in the play park!



Hawk Class Make Fairground Games

To end their topic on Fairgrounds, Hawk Class had a Funfair Day. They used all of their knowledge of forces and mechanisms which they had been learning about this half term to make fairground rides out of K-NEX and then used their computing skills to program them. They also created different sideshow games as part of their homework which they also used to create their funfair event.



Osprey Class had a great time playing the games that Hawk Class children had made as did the many parents who came along to support the children.

Non-School Uniform

The children have requested not to have to wear school uniform for the last few days of this term and this has been granted. So children do not have to wear uniform from Wednesday 19th July.

Dates for your Diary

Please make sure you read carefully as new events are added frequently.

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Thursday 20 July Thorneys Got Talent
Friday 21 July End of Term - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2.00pm

Term Date 2023/2024

01 September 2023 Start of Autumn Term
23-27 October 2023 Half Term
15 December 2023 End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
02 January 2024 Start of Spring Term
12-16 February 2024 Half Term
28 March 2024 End of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holiday
15 April 2024 Start of Summer Term
27-31 May 2024 Half Term
23 July 2024 End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday

INSET Days 2023/2024 - children do not attend school on these days

Friday 20 October 2023
Monday 30 October 2023
Monday 19 February 2024
Friday 24 May 2024
Monday 24 June 2024