

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 3

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to Christmas. This is often the busiest half term of the year in school so please make a note of all the important dates as it is not always possible to send out reminders

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

3 November		10 November	
Owl Class	- Belle Anderson	Owl Class	- Kit Palmer Ward
Osprey Class	- Daisy-Mae Davidge	Osprey Class	- Archie Burton
Falcon Class	- Ethan Cobbinah	Falcon Class	- Philippa Mansfield
Kestrel Class	- Lily Poole	Kestrel Class	- Tahlia-Dior Legg
Raven Class	- Isabella Sawyer	Raven Class	- Keira Bowley
Merlin Class	- Herman H-Rokoduru	Merlin Class	- Koula Hawes
Hawk Class	- William Maher	Hawk Class	- Soraya Scott
Eagle Class	- Mollie Robson	Eagle Class	- Riley Reith Van Beers Bailey Walker
17 November		24 November	
Owl Class	- Josaia Daumeke	Owl Class	- Arthur Mason
Osprey Class	- Isobel Pitcher	Osprey Class	- Kenny Attfield
Falcon Class	- Charlie Smith	Falcon Class	- Isla Brennan
Kestrel Class	- Esme Brennan	Kestrel Class	- Rebecca Paddon
Raven Class	- Harry Kavanagh	Raven Class	- Tia Richards
Merlin Class	- Aleina Kama	Merlin Class	- George Harling
Hawk Class	- Carlisle Sheehan	Hawk Class	- Tevita Naulago
Eagle Class	- Layla Longley	Eagle Class	- Alesha Carasco

International Week - Part 2



The children had a great time undertaking a range of activities with different teachers. Miss Hubery particularly enjoyed teaching Owl Class; a new experience for her. The water rockets and campfire were a great success. Toasting & eating marshmallows and getting soaked were just an added bonus! Miss Butler-Waite was also very keen to be involved in all the action.



Eagle Class - Roman Banquet



Raven Class - Wear it Wild Day

The children enjoyed dressing up as wild animals at the end of our topic, 'Here Today, Gone Tomorrow'. They baked animal biscuits, made model habitats and created some great animal art.



Parents Evening + Class Curriculum Letters + Homework Menus for KS2

I would like to thank parents for attending this term's Parents Evenings; the turnout was exceptionally high (over 90%). These meetings enable teachers to explain how your child is progressing and how you can support them with their learning. To support you with this class curriculum letters for each half term can be found here:

<http://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Curriculum%20Letters.html>

Football Tournament



Bosham v Thorney	1 - 2
Thorney v Southbourne	0 - 5
Southbourne v Bosham	5 - 2
Thorney v Bosham	3 - 4
Southbourne v Thorney	3 - 1
Bosham v Southbourne	1 - 2

The boys played extremely well winning their first game against Bosham. This was the first time they had played together as a team and they showed great sportsmanship. We will certainly learn from this tournament and be better prepared next time, especially in relation to positional play!

Starting School in September 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, 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.

You can apply online from Monday 2 October 2023. The deadline for applications to be received by the local authority is Monday 15 January 2024.

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.

Marwell Zoo



The children from Merlin and Raven Classes had a great time at Marwell Zoo learning about lots of different animals and the habitats that they live in. They enjoyed it so much some of them decided to come to school dressed up as their favourite animal.

Parents Deployed or Away?

If parents are away or deployed and your child is struggling please let the school know so we can put in place any necessary support.

Harvest Festival 702 Meals Provided by You - Thank You!

Dear Thorney Island School,

On behalf of Chichester District Foodbank, I would like to thank you, your staff and pupils for your generous Harvest Festival donation of food to help sustain the work of Chichester District foodbank to feed those who are in crisis.

This year we have seen a steady increase in the number of people who need our help. Feeding approximately 7015 people across the district, that's more than during the pandemic!

In addition to the emergency food parcels we supply holiday lunch packs for school children who are eligible for free school meals during term time. This Christmas we will be distributing about 1000 packs to support children over the holidays to ensure they have the option of a hot meal each day.

All of our work relies solely on donations from the community and we really value your continued support.

For your interest, the Harvest donation weighed 175.4 kg, which is the equivalent to providing 702 meals.

Thank you again for your donations which are very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Marie at Chichester District Foodbank

Owl Class Party and Cakes



I would like to say a big thank you for the effort Owl Class put into making their cakes. There were some very interesting designs and amazing flavours. I am sure the children learnt a lot about measuring and weighing ingredients as well as having a lovely social time with family members. As always, the tasting of the cakes was the best part.

Thank You for Your Support with Home Learning

It is always a last resort to have to close the school, however, as many of you are aware the Main Entry Point (MEP), the only vehicle access point to camp, had to be closed by the Station Commander due to the flooding becoming so severe that there was risk to life. (At its highest the water reached 50cm at the centre of the road). However, with the support of the military we were able to reopen the school, with over 70 children and 24 staff being transported onto the Island and then back again at the end of the day. The support of the military was exceptional and above and beyond all support I received from any other agency. I have passed on your thanks to all those involved for going above and beyond expectations to ensure the children had the education they deserve. Our community certainly came to the rescue!

The One Church also allowed us to use their car park and were fully supportive of our efforts to open the school, along with Councillor Andrew Kerry-Bedell who was in constant contact to offer his support. Without this support we would have had to remain closed for much longer.

Remembrance Sunday



A big thank you to Mrs Jennings for representing the school at the service on Remembrance Sunday and to all the children in Falcon Class who helped produce a wreath that was placed on the memorial.

Owl Class Wedding Ceremony - Bringing RE and PSHE to life!



Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

30 November	Raven and Merlin Classes - Pyjama Day
01 December	Rainbow Theatre performing Snow White - whole school
05 December	Nativity - Owl, Merlin & Raven Classes - 9.30
06 December	Carol Service - Hawk & Eagle Classes - 9.15
06 December	Nativity - Owl, Merlin & Raven Classes - 2.00
07 December	Christmas Performance - Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel Classes - 9.15
07 December	Carol Service - Hawk & Eagle Classes - 2.30
08 December	Christmas Performance - Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel Classes- 2.15
12 December	Clarinet Assemblies - Merlin Class 9.30 - Raven Class 10.30
13 December	Osprey Class to Kings Theatre, Southsea - Hook (Panto)
14 December	Chartwells Traditional Christmas Lunch/Class Christmas Parties
15 December	Last day of Autumn Term - Merry Christmas everyone!

2024

02 January	Back to school - start of the Spring Term
31 January	School Photographs

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