

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'



Friday 8th December 2017

Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 27th November 2017. These awards were recognised in assembly on Monday 4th December.

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Max/Archie (Oak)

Callum (Acorn)
Jaime (Maple)
Ollie (Elder)

Head Teacher's Award

Monty/Ollie (Elder)

Governor's Award

Ollie (Elder)

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Ruby

Thomas (Elder)

Josh (Elder)/Leonie(Oak) Harry (Elder)/Callum(Maple)

Head Teacher's Award

Archie/Beth (Maple) Thomas (Elder)

Time to Shine



Congratulations to these children for their outstanding achievements outside of school, well done to all of you



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Super Heroes!

Recently we sent a letter out to parents outlining the different ways in which you could help/support in school whether it be a helping with an event, showing your support through attending one of the many events we are hosting or supporting learning in school. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who have helped over the past few weeks for their time and support with:

- unpacking boxes, organising reading books and one of our stock cupboards: Mrs Barrow, Mr & Mrs Boyes, Mr Wills, Mrs Hall
- Helping to organise, supervise /run the KS1/2 discos: Mrs Flitney, Mrs Pirkis, Mrs Wastell, Mrs King, Mr & Mrs Byatt, Mr & Mrs Hall (extra thank you for supply the music equipment and lights), Ms Toner, Mrs Arrow .
- All parents who visited us for the opening of the Cookery Room and donated money for the class cakes sale. Funds raised:

Acorns £17.00 for Waders
Oak £35.50 for Save the Children
Maple £28.66 for Worthing Foodbank
Elder £35.50 for Chestnut Tree House

Total £116.66

- Helping to transport some Y6 children to Warminghurst Church and with help to decorate our school tree as part of the Warminghurst Church Festival: Mrs Barrow & Mrs Wastell
- All parents who have kindly donated chocolates and bottles ahead of the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 16th December

Other ways in which you can show your support for the school and children in the next couple of weeks:

- Coming to watch our EYFS/KS1 Nativities: 12th & 13th December at 1.30pm, tickets available from the office
- Coming to watch the KS2 Christmas Church Service: 14th December at 6.15pm, tickets available from the office
- Joining Maple Class for their Fabulous Finish: 14th December at 2.30pm
- Joining Elder class for their Fabulous Finish: 18th December at 2:30pm
- Baking cakes for the Christmas Fayre and bringing these in on Friday 15th December (school uniform as usual on this day please)
- Helping children to make festive creations during our Decorations afternoon: Friday 15th December 1-3pm. These will be used to help make the school look seasonally gorgeous for the Christmas Fayre
- Supporting the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 16th December—either in the lead up to the event with organisation, setting up beforehand, helping to run a stall for an hour or so, helping to clear up. Please see sign up sheet at the school gate or see Mrs Flitney (Emilia & Adam's Mum) or Mrs Pirkis (Marcus & Colette's Mum)

Cookery Room Grand Opening

There was a buzz of excitement last week when each class used the new Cookery Room to make cakes for our Bake Off and to raise money for their class charities ahead of the grand opening by local celebrity guests Steven Edwards, winner of 2013 MasterChef Professional and Auntie Val local jam and chutney maker. The baked treats were judged by our guests, for taste, texture and appearance before crowning our youngest class 'Acorns' as the overall winners! The children were lucky enough to receive valuable feedback on their masterpieces from the professionals, which will no doubt stand them in good stead for future baking.





Warminghurst Tree Festival

Jack, Juliette, Ollie, Isabelle, Kendra and Milo worked with me to create Russian inspired Christmas tree decorations inspired by the book 'Wolf Wilder' which they studied last year. The Faberge style egg decorations and Matryoshka dolls were themed also around colours that linked with the story. I was very impressed with their creativity though I think their favourite part though was sprinkling the tree with 'snow'. Whilst at Warminghurst church they also learnt a little about its history and got to ring the bell that dates from the time of the Spanish Armada! The Warminghurst Tree Festival runs from Friday through to Sunday so perhaps you may be able to visit and see our wonderful tree!



Building Update

The hall has really been progressing well and we are due to move in on December 19th. It will be a fantastic space for our PE, assemblies and lunch. Next Friday the Eco Warriors will be working alongside the gardener to plant the wildflower garden in the playground area which we are very excited about. Tarmac will be laid to create the extra bit of playground next Friday too. We are in the process of finalising plans for the trim trail and will let you see the design as soon as possible—again this will be a great addition to the playground. Thank you to FOTS for raising £2000 towards this.

January 15th sees the playground markings being put in place. You may remember the School Council worked with classes to decide on these last year. We are also working out plans for an official opening of our school in the new year which we will write to you about.

Over Christmas our entrance area canopy will be installed and work to completely replace the roof will begin. This is due to be completed by the end of March. This will unfortunately see scaffolding go up again, but it will be worth it in the end!

Parking

A reminder again to park in either our car park spaces or those available next door at SGS. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DROPPING OFF/COACH BAY. A note also that Mr Gilligan cannot supervise children left in cars whilst dropping off siblings at our school. We would not recommend leaving children in cars unsupervised.

As this is the last newsletter of the calendar year, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and thank you for all your support over this past term as we have settled into our new school. Your patience, understanding, and positive feedback have been much appreciated!

With very best wishes for the New Year!

Mrs S. Norton
Headteacher

Photo of the Fortnight



Pottery After School Club

Enrolment for Pottery Club beginning in January is now available through Wendy our pottery teacher. Spaces are limited to 20 for the class. The children can be signed up for the whole ten weeks (11th January to 22nd March) but payment can be in two halves.

The cost for the whole term is £53.30. It can be paid in one lump sum, or £26.75 payable before pottery club starts on 11th January the next amount due in the half term break before the next half.

Help!

On Friday 5th January, Mr Gilligan is rolling up his sleeves to begin painting the entrance area corridor wall here at school. This will be used for our an art installation that every child in the school will contribute to.

We desperately need some parent helpers on Friday 5th January to help Mr Gilligan paint this wall.

This will be a really exciting project, so please call the office if you can help us with this one.



Oak Class Bramber Castle

Oak class recently visited Bramber Castle for part of their fabulous finish. The children explored the ruins of the Norman built castle and went around identifying the physical features that would prevent the castle from being attacked. It was a wet and windy day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Dance Taster

On Wednesday 6th December a group of Maple class went over to the Steyning Grammar school site at Rock Road to take part in a dance taster. They completed a number of dance sequences in a variety of different styles. All who took part enjoyed learning new moves and will bring back these new ideas into dance in school.



Friends of Thakeham
Christmas Fair

Saturday 16th December
1-4pm

At Thakeham
School



Santa's Grotto,
Raffle, Tombolas,
Children Stalls.
Refreshments Available

Fundraising for
Sun Canopies

Friends of Warminghurst Church
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
PROGRAMME

Saturday 9th December 10 am – 4pm

4.30pm – **Candlelit Carols**

Sunday 10th December 10am – 4pm

Demonstration of festive wreath making through day by **The Floral Artisan**

11.00 **Kaleidoscope Singers**

4.30pm **Candlelit Carols**

REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE. CHRISTMAS STALL

FREE Entrance to Festival between 10-4pm

Space is limited for all 4.30pm events so for

-Tickets for Christmas Carol

-Spaces for Candlelit Carols

please call 01903 891312 or email info.fowc@gmail.com.



The PTA of
St Mary's CofE Primary School, Washington
invite you to a

CANDLELIT PROCESSION & CAROL SERVICE



SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017
at 4.30PM

At St Marys School, School Lane, Washington RH20 4AP



Tickets £4 per child (Funds go to the school)

Ring or text 07780 601 255 to book

- Decorate your own lantern to take home (bring a jam jar)
- Decorations and electric tea light provided (no flames to worry about)
 - Hot dogs, tea, coffee and cake while you get busy
 - Procession through the village
 - Fancy dress welcome
 - Carol Service in the church
 - Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards

