

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'



Friday 20th October 2017

Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 2nd October 2017. These awards were recognised in assembly on Monday 9th October.

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Zachary (Acorn)

Matthew (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Kendra (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Sam (Maple)

Head Teacher's Award

Kendra (Elder)

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 9th October 2017. These awards will be recognised in assembly on Monday 16th October 2017.

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Gabriella (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Daniel/Marcus (Acorn)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Leonie (Ruby)

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 16th October 2017. These awards will be recognised in assembly on Monday 30th October 2017.

Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have welcomed several new children to our school over the past month, Floren in Acorns, Archie in Oak and Casper and Sam in Maple. They seem to have settled well and have been welcomed by children, staff and parents alike to the Thakeham Family.

Harvest Festival

We welcomed Allison Goodfellow (Church Warden at St. Mary's Church, Thakeham) to our new school as part of our Harvest Festival on 5th October. We joined together as a school to give thanks for all the wonderful food we enjoy and to celebrate all those who make this possible, including God of course! Elder class delivered some thought provoking messages, Oak class shared their Harvest poem with us and Maple class shared their Harvest prayers. Wonderful Harvest artwork from Acorn class and super singing by all made this a wonderful celebration. Your generous gifts of food will be delivered to the charity Family Social Work for distribution to those in need.

Hurricane Irma—Fundraising with Steyning Grammar Students

Following the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and Florida, Students boarding at SGS from the Caribbean shared with us in a very special assembly, their experiences and help needed for the relief efforts. All children took part in sponsored events during their PE sessions running laps around the field or for Acorn class, cycling around the playground on their trikes. We would like to invite SGS students back in to our school to present them with the cheque but we are waiting on sponsorship forms/monies to be returned. Please can you return these to school by Tuesday 31st October.

Growing our Forest School Area

We have been humbled by the kindness of some of our parents alongside Chichester University students to help clear the overgrown area that is very quickly becoming our Forest School. Thank you to Marcus and Colette's Dad, Orion's Mum and Thomas and Beth's Grandad. The next step is fencing for the area and involving the children in creating different aspects within this space. Thank you to all the children who participated in a mosaic designing competition for a nature table in this area. The Chichester University students will announce the winner after the half-term break.

Parent Governor Elections

As you know we recently held elections for 2 Parent Governor places. We were lucky enough to have 4 nominations. Thank you to parents who voted, and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Hall and Mrs Stockwell will take up office. A huge thank you to Mrs Wills who has supported the school over the past 4 years as governor, seeing the school through huge changes, expansion and improvement. Her dedication and commitment to the role have been second to none.

Open events

Over the past few weeks we have held open events for prospective parents for Reception class (Acorn) September 2018. The response has been amazing with additional events held to accommodate those interested in a place. We won't know until next April how many will join us, but if it is anything like the number of visitors who have come so far, we may well be full! Many of our other year groups are also currently full with waiting lists operating too!

Building update

It will be a busy half-term break at school with snagging work going on throughout the building. The Food Technology room should be ready for use after the holiday, Maple's cloakroom will grow, new lighting will be installed in the classrooms and all interior doors will be painted. As we now have a new telephone number, broadband should follow shortly as will our school sign and other signage for the car park. The hall is scheduled for completion at the end of this term, it is taking shape already.

Elder Class Residential Trip

It was great to welcome back Elder class from their week long trip to PGL Marchant's Hill, Hindhead today. From the day that I spent with them and talking to the children and staff on their return, it is easy to see what a fantastic time they all had. Children have discovered new talents and strengths and supported each other through the challenges of being away from home or up a telegraph pole!! Behaviour was excellent throughout and children really shone with extra responsibilities and showed great initiative and perseverance. I am eternally grateful to Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Bowbrick and Mrs Ramsell for their time away from their families and for all their hard work, love and care that they showed the children. Great team work and dedication, I am extremely proud of them.

It has been an incredibly busy 7 weeks but so much has been achieved both in terms of curriculum development, planning for the year ahead and shaping our wonderful new school. The journey will continue when we return!

Best Wishes,

Mrs S. Norton

One Day Creative Day Workshop

To tie in with the National Black History month, the children had an African Dance workshop where they learnt traditional African dances and performed in front of each other. This was a wonderful day for all involved with the children excited to show the other classes just what they had done. It provided an insight into the country and got the children thinking about real life versus what they see on the television.

Year 3/4 Football Tournament

On Thursday, 10 children from Y3/4 were chosen to represent the school in a tournament. They played against fierce competition but came away with a fantastic third place. Well done to all those involved!

Year Y5/6 Football Taster

Year 5/6 children really enjoyed participating in their football taster session recently. All adults accompanying the children agreed that we have some budding football stars especially some of the girls. The children's behaviour was outstanding working together as a team and also playing alongside children from other schools.

Urgent—Your View Counts—Thakeham Parish Council Traffic Calming Measures

Thakeham Parish Council will be reviewing the proposed traffic calming scheme at its Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting on Monday 23 October 6.30pm at the Village Hall. The Parish Council is seeking the widest possible community comments on the new scheme so please take a few minutes to visit the link below and add your comments to the form at the bottom of the post by Friday 27 October or please attend the meeting. Of course this is something very close to our heart for many reasons, none more so than the loss of dear Ellie Thornton, former pupil at our school in a tragic road accident in Thakeham.

<https://thakehamparish.co.uk/halloween-fireworks-31-oct-other-updates/>

Purely Sports

Mr Blick our coach at Purely Sports has space for the after school class on a Monday. If you would like to sign up for Purely Sports please log onto www.purelysport-coaching.com This club is open to year groups 1-6.

Purely sports are also running our funded clubs for the next half term. If you would like your child to join our funded before school clubs please contact the school office. The funded clubs include

Netball for year 4-6 from 8-8:45am on Wednesdays
Football for year 4-6 from 8-8:45am on Thursdays
Table Tennis for year 1-3 from 8-8:45am on Fridays

Purely Sports are also running a multi sports club for pre-schoolers and toddlers in Ashington. You can find out more about this club by logging onto www.purelysport-coaching.com

Pottery After School Club

Our very popular Pottery class has space available after half term. If you would like your child to join pottery club on Thursday's after school please contact Wendy the club leader at wendy@have-a-go.co.uk

The club will run from 3:20-4:20pm every Thursday in the hall and is open to Y1-Y6 children. It is £32.10 for this six week class.

The children will be making a variety of pottery items which they will bring home including a

Parents Evenings

Parent Evenings are arranged for Monday 30th October from 3:30-6pm and Wednesday 1st November from 5-7pm.

Please book your appointment on line through school money.

Photo of the Fortnight

