

# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'*



Friday 10th November 2017

## Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 30th October 2017. These awards were recognised in assembly on Monday 6th November.

Positive, Persevering

Co-operative, Caring

Curious, Questioning

Reflective, Reviewing

Poppy

Craig

Quinn

Ruby

Janneke (Acorn) Ava (Oak) Kendra (Elder)

Rocky(Oak)

Logan (Elder)

## Head Teacher's Award

Thomas(Elder)

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 6th November 2017. These awards will be recognised in assembly on Monday 13th November 2017.

Positive, Persevering

Co-operative, Caring

Curious, Questioning

Reflective, Reviewing

Poppy

Craig

Quinn

Ruby

Jacob (Oak)

Milo (Elder)

Adam B (Maple)

## Head Teacher's Award

Milo (Elder)

## Time to Shine

Jaime—400m Swimming Certificate  
Well done!

## Pumpkin Carving Competition:

KS1 Winner: Sadie

KS2 Winner: Ollie B

KS2 Runner Up: Ruby



## Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank to all parents for your time. We hope you found this a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child is settling into their new class/new site and how they are progressing. It was great to hear all the positive feedback about our new building and for you to have an explore! I hope you are seeing positive developments in your child's learning. Please do remember that my door is always open should you wish to discuss your child's progress/achievement or well-being with me.

## Fireworks

Thank you to the parents who celebrated with us and Steyning Grammar School for our first ever Fireworks event on 2nd November. It was a spectacular display! A huge thank you to FOTS members and staff for their help in organising the event and their help on the night, much appreciated. We are waiting to hear back on funds raised which will go towards playground improvements such as soft wetpour surfacing in the EYFS area and canopy shades at the rear of our school to span the 3 classes. Every penny really does count at our FOTS fundraising events as for these 2 projects alone, costs are estimated to be around £16K. With a WSCC school budget of £4K to spend on these projects—we do need your support!

**Our next FOTS meeting is Wednesday 15th November at 3:20pm at school—we look forward to seeing you!**

## INSET and Staff training

As part of our School Strategic Development Plan we are rolling out training for phonics through Read, Write Inc to staff who are leading these sessions. This covers teachers and teaching assistants who have not received this last year and as this spans 2 classes is quite a undertaking. This along with staff attending Writing and Maths courses will mean supply teachers are covering for a number of days next week. Teachers will leave their usual planning and resources ready for them and liaise closely. We ask that you bear with us as unfortunately it is not possible to accommodate all training through INSET days. Furthermore, as you may be aware, we lost 2 of our September INSET days in setting up the school ready to open our doors on time! The training will lead to increased staff skills and expertise which should have a positive impact on the quality of your child's education in the important areas of Reading/Writing/Maths.

Our INSET day on 3rd November was linked to well-being, led by Dr Tina Rae. This was a joint INSET for all STARS and Chanctonbury schools and was thought provoking, understanding and supportive of the challenges to well-being children and young people face today, and how we can support them in the classroom. We also spent time in the afternoon on long term curriculum planning and leadership.

## Building Update

It was very busy in our school over the half-term holiday with work undertaken to prepare for a new power supply, new lighting in Oak/Maple/Elder, painting of doors, enlarging of Maple classroom, shelves being fitted in sheds to name but a few! Mr Gilligan, our Premises Manager was busy co-ordinating much of this! We are also busy undertaking quotes for our trim trail, wetpour surfacing in Acorn play area and canopies to provide shade for our outdoor classrooms. We are hoping the trim trail and EYFS play area will be completed ready for January. Our hall is scheduled for completion on December 19th. We will be organising an official school opening for January to tie in with these developments. Our Food Tech Room is complete (minor snags completed next Tuesday) and the Cookery Club have christened the room—your cheese scones were delicious - thank you and well done! Again an official opening is due shortly for this room.



## Netball Taster

On Wednesday a group of year 5 and 6 children went over to the Rock Road site at Steyning Grammar to take part in a netball taster session. The children learnt about netball positions, ways to pass the ball and most importantly teamwork. They played a variety of mini games and worked hard to develop their understanding of the sport. Mrs Turner was extremely pleased with all the children that attended and they represented our school and its ethos wonderfully.

## Wastebuster/Children In Need Challenge



Want to win Busta's Great Banana Bake Off?

The school that saves the most bananas from going into the bin by encouraging everybody to bake will win the Bake Off. The winning school will get thirty banana print aprons for their school cooking room and a special winners award certificate!

As part of children in need we would like to ask all families to make a banana cake/biscuits at home and bring in on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> November to sell for Children in Need. Different recipe ideas can be found on the website. <http://www.wastebuster.co.uk/challenge/bananabakeoff/>

Children may also come to school in their own clothes that day with a donation and some money to buy back a banana cake.

### A PLEA FROM ACORN CLASS

As the weather changes Acorn class are continuously using the outside area and would really appreciate the donation of any wellington boots, waterproof trousers, or waterproof jackets that you may have in stock or that your children have grown out of.



Many thanks from the Acorns

### FOTS Dates

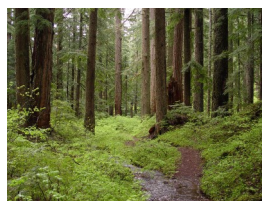
Weds 15th Nov—FOTS meeting, 3:20pm, at school

Friday 1st December—Christmas Disco

Saturday 16th December—Christmas Fayre

### Forest Schools update

Our Forest Schools area has now been cleared, many thanks to all that were involved in this. Work in the area continues. Chichester University Students are coming back to the school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November to work further with your children on mosaics and the environment. Photos to follow..



### Cookery Class



This coming Tuesday, 14th November, there is no Cookery class with Mrs Younger. Classes will resume on Tuesday 21st November.

### Chartwells Christmas lunch

Chartwells our hot lunch provider has a festive menu available on Friday 15th December. All ordering for this meal should be done on line at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk). All orders should be placed by **Sunday 3rd December**. There is a choice of Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet and the meal cost is £2.30



### Flu Vaccine



On Wednesday 15th November children that have been given consent from parents in Reception, Y1,Y2,Y3 and Y4 are being immunised against the Flu virus. The vaccine is administered via a nasal spray. If you would like further information there are leaflets in the school office.

### NHS Screening

On Tuesday 5th December, Children in Reception will be having mandatory weight, height, hearing and vision checks through our NHS nurses here at school. Year 6 will be having mandatory weight and height checks. Please look out for the consent forms coming home soon.



### Photo of the Fortnight



**BBC**

**Children  
in Need**