# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

**Friday 15th June 2018**

## Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 4th June. These awards were recognised in assembly on Monday 11th June

| Positive, Persevering | Co-operative, Caring | Curious, Questioning | Reflective, Reviewing |
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| Poppy | Craig | Quinn | Ruby |
| Luke (Oak) | | | Jess/Marcus (Acorn)<br>Callum (Maple)<br>William (Elder) |

**No Super Learning Hero awards this week, due to Sports week**

**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,

**Sporting Fun & World Cup Fever!**

It has been a busy couple of weeks for Thakeham and sports. Children in Year 4/5 had the opportunity to participate in a Tennis Festival at Storrington Tennis Club last week, honing their skills just in time for Wimbledon! A day later pupils were at Storrington Primary School with Clare Bennett from the British Fencing Team, working with other STARS' schools to develop confidence and skills in this sport—see later section for photos and further details. A big thank you to Miss Brown for organising these and to parents for helping with these visits.

Sports Day—Friday 22nd June
A reminder we have a week of sports activities from 18th –22nd June, many linked with football to celebrate the World Cup that began yesterday. This will also involve children learning about a participating country to support our International School work. Acorn will learn about Australia, Oak will focus on England, Maple will be linked with Egypt, and Elder with Germany. If you have any materials or links that you feel would be helpful in relation to these countries, please let the class teacher know.

Children need to be dressed in appropriate sportswear and trainers throughout the week. On Friday June 22nd we will be having our Sports Day, where children will need to wear their school PE kit. Acorns and Oak will have their sports events in the morning starting at 9:15am and Maple and Oak will hold theirs in the afternoon at 1:30pm. Each will begin with a carousel of activities before moving onto races. We hope parents will be able to join us for these events.

**FOTS Sports Day Celebration**
FOTS have organised a number of stalls for the children, (including those run by Elder class in their 'houses') a bouncy castle and refreshments. This will be a lovely way to end the day which we hope children will enjoy. Following our non-uniform day today, we hoped for, but we are very short of prizes, so please can you aim for Monday? Please bring prizes for the children's tombola and sweetie jars (filled with wrapped sweets) for the Sweetie Hoopla.

Please bring in cakes for the cake stall on the morning of the Sports Day. If you are able to help on a stall please let Debbie Pirkis or myself know. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Forest School Update**
Today we have the first of our Forest School sessions taking place in our onsite Forest School area (Elder class). Over the course of this term each year group will have an opportunity to work on a variety of tasks, developing their skills, particularly those linked to our Super Learning Heroes of perseverance and co-operation. Stuart Slade is our Forest School Leader, who also works with Storrington Primary School. Some small groups of children may also receive additional sessions. Forest School sessions are something we would like to continue to extend next year and will be able to fund some, but not all of these. We hope children will enjoy these and parents may be able to support the school in ensuring these continue throughout the year.

**Year 1 Phonics Tests & Year 6 writing moderation**
It has been another busy week for assessment. Miss Brown was very pleased with the children in Year 1 who took part in the statutory Phonics screening test this week. Having observed some of these myself, it was encouraging to see how well the children were able to apply their Read, Write Inc knowledge and skills. The Government require that Year 2 pupils who did not pass last year, have another opportunity to do so the following year. Well done to everyone.

Each year in line with Government requests, County Councils have to select schools to moderate (verify) the teacher assessments in Year 2 and Year 6 (alongside the SATS tests). This year we were selected for writing moderation in Year 6. We were delighted that all of the assessment judgements made by Mrs Hopkins were agreed by the moderator, who was so impressed with the quality of teaching and the superb work produced by the children. Mrs Hopkins has worked extremely hard to ensure the children are prepared to achieve their very best, both in their class work and the SATS. This has been a very thorough approach over the 3 years. We now excitedly await the results of the SATS (due later in July).

**Transition for Pupils**
We were delighted to welcome our new Acorn class parents (September 2018) last week as part of our transition meeting. This week we have had the pleasure of their company again with their children visiting the class for a 'Stay and Play' session which everyone seemed to enjoy. Further morning transition sessions are planned during the next few weeks.

Some Year 6 pupils have been making extra visits to Steyning Grammar School to support transition. A reminder that the Year 5 pupils have a taster day at SGS on 25th June. Year 6 will have their transition day on July 4th.

Body Camera Launch & Wow Project
Following the 'near miss' incident a few months ago at our school crossing, alongside Steyning Grammar School and The Ellie Thornton Foundation we have purchased a camera that Mick, our School Crossing

Patrol will wear that captures audio and video of motorists driving dangerously, or being abusive towards patrols as they help children and parents across the road. If footage is captured of an offence, it is passed to Sussex Police to consider as evidence for possible prosecution.

Today sees the launch of the camera which our (Junior Road Safety Officers) are involved with. Working together with our partners, we hope the camera will help to make the crossing even safer.

We are due to begin a project called 'WOW' which is designed to promote safe and sustainable school travel by encouraging children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Further details to follow.

**Fencing**

Not to be confused with the sporting equivalent…….we are delighted to finally have gained the support of WSCC in having the old section of fencing replaced on our boundary with SGS to match the lovely new fencing that was erected as part of the re-location project.

We are also very pleased that our concerns regarding protection from the stream, on the western side of our site have been acknowledged by the County, and they have agreed to provide fencing to protect children from this to support safe access to the field. Both projects should be completed shortly.

**Website**

We hope parents are finding our website useful. We regularly update it with photos and information and a calendar of events can be also be found here. Some of our photos from the School Opening can be found here too.

With very Best Wishes

Mrs S. Norton

Headteacher

## Tennis Festival

On Tuesday 5th June, 15 children from years 4 and 5 went down to Storrington Tennis Club to take part in a tennis festival alongside other local schools. The children got to practise their serving, perfect their rallies and complete circuits. The festival was run by Horsham District Council to encourage more children into tennis and show them the local opportunities that are available.

## Photo of the Fortnight

## Fencing

As part of a keep fit project, Premier Sport set up and ran a taster fencing afternoon with the objective of developing a positive impact on the children, opening their eyes to different activities and different delivery techniques. The afternoon began with an assembly from Claire Bennet who is part of the British Fencing team, and then the children took part in coaching sessions and tasters finishing with a mini competition and certificates.

## Bluebell Evacuation Experience

Hurtling through tunnels, German bombers overhead and running to the air-raid shelter were just a few of the experiences the children endured on Monday at the Bluebell Railway. The Bluebell Railway volunteers delivered an amazing insight into how it was for the children in 1940 when they were evacuated from their homes to be billeted in countryside villages, not knowing what the future was to hold for them.
When reading the evacuation stories the children write in school after the trip, I can see what impact this trip had on them and I must thank all the Elder Class families for the costumes the children wore on the day. Please note: Our fabulous finish WW2 tea parties will now be on Friday 13th July at 2pm, all parents welcome.

# Summer Camps

Sandra Wilson is running a numer of summer camps in the area throughout the summer holidays. Listed below is the information on the camp running here at school. If you would like further information on other camps please contact Sandra directly.

# "Makin' Moves"

## Exciting and Creative Holiday Camps

**..... believe in what you can do!**

**Contact: 6 St Malo Close, Ferring, West Sussex, BN12 5HF**
**Mobile: 07817 644652 Email: sandra.wilson62@hotmail.co.uk**

REF: SW/CL113

April 2018

Dear Parents

RE: **SUMMER CAMP – GREATEST SHOWMAN – THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are delighted to inform you that we have been invited to bring our holiday camps once again to Thakeham Primary School. These camps are for boys and girls aged 4 – 12 years. Makin' Moves camps have been running successfully for 16 years and offer a variety of activities that include dance, drama, singing, art, sports and games. Children work in groups reflective of their age and ability. The children are encouraged to make the most of their talents and solo and group performances are a great boost to their confidence.

Alongside the performance, which we work towards for the last day, the children make all of their own scenery so there is much opportunity for budding artists. On the sports side, we have a variety of team games including football matches (weather permitting) and team competitions run throughout the duration of the camp.

For your child to be included in the end performance it is desirable to attend every day, however, we will, of course, take bookings for individual days if required and if space is available. Thirty places will be available. Should you wish to register please do so by **Friday 8th June 2018**. Please be aware that once registered the full camp fee must be paid for all pupils. It would also be of great help if you could book your child/ren in as soon as possible as limited spaces are available. Camp details are as follows:

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| Dates: | Monday 13th – Friday 17th August 2018 inclusive |
| Times: | 9.00am – 5.00pm Show: 4.00pm on the last day |
| Price: | £125 per pupil per camp |
| Clothes: | Old! We will get messy! |
| Allergies: | Please inform me beforehand |
| Food: | Please provide a healthy packed lunch |

Kind regards

**Sandra**

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I wish to enrol my child/ren for the: Summer Camp

**THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**

Monday 13th – Friday 17th August 2018 inclusive

Name/s: .....

Age/s: .....

Contact Numbers: .....

Email Address: .....

Allergies: .....

I enclose deposit cash/cheque/BACS for £25 per child: £.....

(Please make cheques payable to Sandra Wilson's School of Dance or bank transfer to account number 41711160 sort code 30-99-93)

**Principal: Sandra M WILSON NATD (Tap and Modern Stage)**

# Ashington Cougars Taster Sessions

A superb opportunity for reception and year 1 children to get involved in football in their local club.

Sessions will be run by FA Level 1 affiliated coaches.

All children are welcome, and we are actively encouraging girls to play so no one is excluded……get involved!!!

**Session Dates and Times**

Ashington Rec (The Sands end) - Saturday 16th June 0930 - 1030

Ashington Rec (The Sands end) Saturday 23rd June 0930 - 1030

Ashington Rec (The Sands end) Saturday 7th July 0930 - 1030

Ashington Rec (The Sands end) Saturday 14th July 0930 - 1030

No registration required just turn up and be ready to have fun!

Please provide refreshments for your children and suitable clothing and footwear for playing on grass. ***All players MUST wear shin pads!!***

In the event of inclement weather we will do all possible to advise of cancellations…..facebook and FACES reps.

We look forward to seeing you!!

Steyning Grammar School

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

FoSGS will be holding a second hand uniform sale this Saturday

(16th) at 11am - 12 am in Room 322 at the Shooting Field Site.

Uniform will be sold on a first come first served basis and it is cash only.

Parking is available at the school including on the hard standing by Room 322.

If you have any uniform that you can donate for the sale please drop it into Shooting Field reception or alternatively we will be there setting up from 10am so you are welcome to drop it in before or even during the sale.

Catherine, FoSGS

# STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## *SUMMER EXHIBITION 2018*

**Thursday, 14th June**

6:30 – 9:00pm

Shooting Field

Art & Design, Photography, and Technology