

# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

May 7th 2019



## Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 22nd January 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 29th April 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy  
Archie (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig  
Sophie (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn  
Frankie (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby  
Max (Acorn)

### Headteacher award

Callum (Maple), Charlie (Maple), Flossie (Maple), Mabel (Maple), Sophie (Elder)

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Positive, Persevering

Poppy  
Emily (Acorn)  
Leyla (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig  
Jessica (Oak)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby  
Chloe (Oak)

### Headteacher award

Harrison (Oak)

## Time to Shine!

Congratulations to for Martha for her outstanding dancing success as part of a group and Archie on his rugby success this season!



## Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to Henry joining us in Oak Class today (Year 2). As with all our new starters, I am sure he will be warmly welcomed by the school community, settle in quickly and thrive as part of our 'Thakeham Family.'

The children have had an exciting start to their topics this term. Our 'Stunning Starts' are a great source of inspiration for the children, immersing them in their learning, in line with our Curriculum Driver 'Inspired Learners' and linking with one of our school values 'Curiosity.' Take a look overleaf at the exciting things taking place in our classrooms!

## Stunning Starts

### Acorn



For their stunning start, Acorn Class were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs. Flitney and a box of chicks to introduce their growing and lifecycle topic "Moving On and Up". Mrs. Flitney told the children all about what the chicks eat, how they grow and what they will be like when they are fully grown. Acorn children were Curious Questioning Quinns, as they asked Mrs. Flitney lots of questions about the chicks. They then had the chance to handle the chicks, being very gentle and careful. Thank you so much Mrs. Flitney for bringing your chicks to Acorn Class.



### Oak



Our stunning start was lots of fun, children and staff were asked to bring in a baby photo of themselves, we then had a big discussion on how we change from a baby to an adult and how we have changed. We discussed what we couldn't do as a baby and all the wonderful things we have achieved since. After that, we had the task of identifying which baby photo belonged to either one of class members or a member of staff. We looked for clues such as eye and hair colour, in addition to seeing if we could recognise a cheeky baby smile!



### Maple

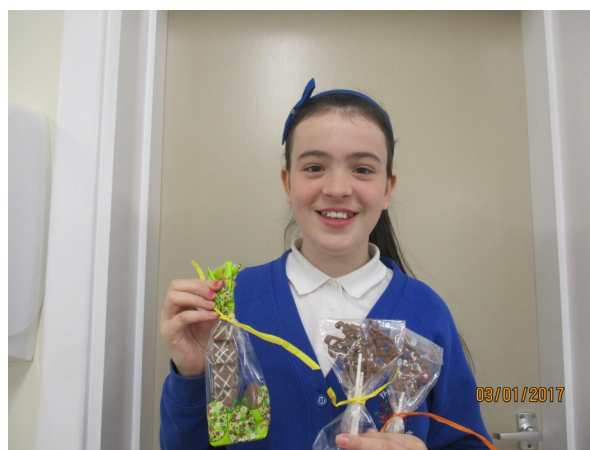
The children became archaeologists for the afternoon, getting the chance to unearth some items from the Tudor times. They dug deep down into the sand to find a range of real Tudor artefacts, becoming Curious Questioning Quinn's to try and figure out what each object might be.





## Elder

The children enjoyed a tasty start to this term's topic 'Mayans & Mahem.' The Mayans are believed to be the first to discover cocoa as early as 900 AD. The beans inside the cocoa pods could be harvested and made into a liquid that would become a treasured Mayan treat. In our chocolate workshops led by Mrs Norton, the children learnt about the journey of the chocolate from bean to bar before making their own irresistible chocolate products. They practised their chocolatier skills learning how to temper chocolate and use a variety of moulds as well as piping skills, oh and a few tasters along the way!!



## Year 1 /2 Multi-sports

On Tuesday last week, ten children from Oak class had the opportunity to go across to Steyning at Rock Road to take part in a multi-sports tournament. The afternoon was led by a variety of year 7 and 8 pupils who taught the children how to perform a range of skills including running, jumping, throwing and dribbling a ball. A great afternoon was had by all who took part.

## **Statutory Tests**

During May and June in every state primary school across the country, statutory national testing will take place.

### **Year 6 (SATs)**

The first round of testing will take place next week for our Year 6 pupils as they embark on their Key Stage 2 tests for reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths. Writing is still assessed by their teacher. The children have worked really hard and we hope will do well. To help your child please ensure they have adequate sleep and are not to bed late. Please also ensure they arrive at school promptly to avoid any anxiety associated with being late and in a fluster, like you, we want the children to have the best opportunity possible of reflecting their skills, knowledge and understanding.

### **Year 2 (SATs)**

The week after the KS2 tests, week beginning 20th May, our Year 2's will be taking their Key Stage 1 tests for reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths. All of these areas and writing are also teacher assessed. Like our Year 6 pupils, they have worked hard and had opportunities to see the style of questions that arise on the test papers. Again good sleep habits and arriving on time for school will help your child to feel calm and prepared.

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

Week beginning 10th of June is the time when we are looking for our children again to be like 'Reflective, Reviewing Ruby' and apply their great phonics knowledge to a reading task. We recommend the same top tips as for other year groups to support your child.

Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Stender, Miss Makuch, the TAs and Mrs Mills (our intervention teacher) have all worked incredibly hard both on an ongoing basis and through focussed support and intervention to ensure your child is prepared as possible to do their very best.

As always your child's outcomes will be communicated to you in their report and we have a statutory duty to report the outcomes of the cohort to WSCC and the DfE as well as on our website. All parents have been offered an opportunity to find out in more detail about the tests through a parent meeting. If you have any further questions, please consult your child's classteacher.

### **Year 4 Maths Times Tables Test**

From next year this will become a statutory test in the school assessment calendar. This year schools have the opportunity of taking part in a trial opportunity. Through activities such as 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and our Rainbow Times Tables Awards, the children are familiar with the style of these times online assessments and should feel confident. These assessments will take place week beginning 17th June.

## **Lateness**

A reminder that school begins at 8:45am, with learning activities taking place as soon as they step through the classroom door. A number of children are arriving at 8:55am which means by the time they arrive in the classroom at 9:00am they have missed important spelling/handwriting/reading activities which adds up to a loss of 1 hour 15 minutes of learning across a week, disadvantaging your child. We also see how flustered they are running into school which is not a good start to their day.

Timeliness is important now as it will be in secondary school and in later working life. Please support your child with good habits.

## **Uniform**

As we are now in the summer term, summer uniform can be worn should you wish your child to do so. A reminder that children should be wearing black school shoes, not trainers or sandals/flip flops. A reminder that nail varnish should not be worn. A watch and studs are permitted jewellery, both of which should be removed for swimming and PE.

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please can we suggest this takes place at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for the 6 weeks of wearing the earrings without the need to remove them.

Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher



## Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 8th May	Oak Class Trip to Thakeham Village
Wednesday 15th May	Acorn Trip to Pizza Express
Monday 20th May	Year 2 SATS Week
Tuesday 21st May	Year 1 Phonics Meeting @ 2.45pm
Wednesday 22nd May	Y3-6 Cross Country

*Half term—May 27th—May 31st*

10th -14th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11th June	Maths Mastery Parent Workshop @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 19th June	Y1&2 Athletics @ Amberley
Wednesday 3rd July	Whole school transition afternoon
Saturday 6th July	Thakeham Village Day
Monday 8th July	INSET—SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 12th July	Maple Class Trip to Weald and Downland Centre
Friday 19th July	Sports Day
Friday 19th July	School discos
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term

*Summer Holidays—Wednesday 24th July— Monday 2nd September (INSET on 2.9.19)*

## Image of the Fortnight

