

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Monday 10th May 2021



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their recent certificates awarded over the past two weeks:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Joseph (Acorn)
Max (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Amelie (Oak)
Gabrielle (Acorn)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Rocky, Martha, Toby,
Harriet, Lizzy & Lexi
(Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Pollie (Oak)
Ralph (Maple)
Leighton (Maple)
Reuben (Maple)
Daisy (Maple)

Headteacher Award

Daisy (Maple), Tilly, Callum & Lexi (Elder)

Governor Award

Tilly (Elder)

Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Monitoring the Quality of Education

School has been particularly busy last week with myself and Curriculum Leaders having the opportunity to spend time in classrooms observing the effectiveness of our Maths Mastery approach. This will continue into next week and there will be subsequent phonics and writing monitoring observations. We will also be looking at progress in books and reflecting on data too. The aim of the monitoring is to enable us to reflect on what is working well and how we can further improve teaching and support learning.

Catch Up Support

We are fully in the swing of supporting children through our 'Catch Up' groups. These are frequently reviewed to ensure the teaching matches the needs of the learners and we are supporting them effectively. We are moving onto new rounds of support and you will have been contacted if your child either has finished their sessions or embarking on new/additional sessions.

Reading Volunteers

We are delighted to have some parent volunteers offer to support with reading in school following our recent request. In the past this has really helped make a difference to the children's reading and supports our very busy staff too! If you have been thinking about helping, but not yet had an opportunity to contact us, please can I ask that you do this by Friday 14th May in order for us to plan for support/induction, especially with Covid-19 restrictions still in place.

Staff Update

As I wrote in my letter last Friday, our wonderful Mrs Hoare is moving on to take up post as an Early Years Adviser for WSCC. She has ensured a happy, successful foundation for our children in Reception over the past four years and been a fantastic member of staff, leading improvements across a number of areas. We will be sad to say goodbye at the end of July, but know that she will continue to influence even wider good practice and of course her good cheer in the new role!

We have appointed Mrs Usherwood to start in Reception in September. Mrs Usherwood is an experienced Reception teacher who has demonstrated excellent impact in her current school. She will be a great asset to the school. Mrs Stender will be increasing her days to three and will be in class Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Mrs Usherwood teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Plans are in progress regarding transition work to ensure both teachers are fully involved in the process.

Spring is in the air!

It has been a busy week in the Mindfulness Garden too with children and staff working hard to sow seeds in our lovely new planters. You can see the busy team and read more overleaf!

Parent Governor Vacancy

As mentioned before the Easter break, with Gilly Hall resigning as a result of an imminent re-location, we are seeking a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body (details will be sent out today). Judith James (Chair), has outlined a few details about the role:

“Being a governor has given me the exciting opportunity to see the school move from the village to Rock Road and become popular, thriving and successful.

Being a governor enables you to “see behind the scenes” and take part in the continued development of the school in a strategic way, focusing on improvement and providing the best education for the children.

If you have an interest in education, would like to be involved with the school and have skills to offer, we would welcome your nomination as parent governor.”

FoTS

Please see attached FoTS newsletter with details of upcoming fundraisers.

Save the date: Monday 19th July—Bags to School & WB 19th July—recycling week!

Coats and PE kits

The weather is still very changeable and so it is important that your child has a coat each day at the moment to ensure they make the most of outdoor play.

We have noticed that children are bringing a wide variety of clothing in for PE and before/after school clubs. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for PE lessons and the same colours for clubs too.



Some of our Greenforce team and school gardeners have been busy planting in the raised beds in our Mindfulness garden. We have planted strawberries, French beans, courgettes, peas, lettuce, runner beans, parsley and parsnips. The Greenforce team across the school will now be taking on the responsibility of looking after our plants and watering/ weeding them on a weekly basis. The children have really enjoyed seeing the different vegetables growing and shared with each other a lot of their own knowledge about gardening. A huge thank you to Mrs Turner and Mrs Petros for their help, gardening knowledge and time in helping us get the vegetables growing.

You are all shining examples of our school Superheroes, Co-operative Caring Craig and Positive Persevering Poppy! Thank you, Mrs Stender

With Best Wishes, Mrs Norton Headteacher



Recycle your Stuff

WEEK COMMENCING
Monday
19th July

DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILES, ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, CONSOLE GAMES AND LEGO FOTS WILL RECYCLE IT FOR YOU!

BOOKS – Need to be in GOOD condition with no damage or missing parts and have an ISBN code on the back.

GAMES (Console) – Need to be complete with packaging/artwork, not damaged & not have missing or used Access codes.

CDs & DVDs – In good undamaged condition, with no missing/damaged covers.

DVDs should not be promotional or rental copies and NO ADULT CONTENT

MOBILES - Apple iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, Blackberry, HTC, Nokia & Sony ONLY

ELECTRONICS - Tablets, Digital Cameras, iPods, Xbox 360s, Sat Navs, MP3 Players

LEGO – Bagged up please is measured by weight!