

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'



2nd March 2020

Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 10th February 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 24th February 2020:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Clem (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Timmy (Maple)
Grace (Maple)
Clem (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Olivia (Acorn)
Freddie (Acorn)
Austin (Oak)
Toby (Elder)

Headteacher & Governor Award

Clem (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 24th February 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 2nd March 2020:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Kaden (Acorn)
Eloise (Acorn)
Eddie (Acorn)
George (Oak)
Elliot (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn
Archie (Oak)
Sadie (Maple)
Lily (Maple)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Flossie (Elder)

Headteacher & Governor Award

Sam (Elder)

Time to Shine!



Congratulations this week to Daniel & Eryn for your outstanding achievements outside of school.

Congratulations too for last week to Lucy & Luke for their outstanding achievements outside of school.



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Fantastic FOTS Fundraising!

We are delighted to announce that due to the fantastic efforts of the FOTS team, parent and staff support with numerous fundraisers, we are able to purchase the following items:

- **New reading books** for at home and in school with FOTS contributing £500! These should be arriving in the next couple of weeks.

- **Maths resources** for every class to include items such as counters, scales and outdoor equipment with a donation from FOTS of £500.
- **Minipod** which will house 8 bikes and 8 scooters.



- **Mindfulness Garden**—so far a contribution of £2000 towards costs of materials. Plans for this will be on display in the school entrance shortly as drawn up by one of school volunteers Mrs Sarah Ede. This is an exciting project that will see our area at the back of the school transformed. This will provide the children with a quiet area for reflection and relaxation, supporting their well-being using nature and a natural outdoor space to inspire this. The garden area will also support their geography and science learning. The Greenforce pupils met with Mrs Ede (who has previously worked as a landscape architect) and Mr Summers (Harriet's Dad, who is a local landscape gardener) to share their wishlist for this space. Judging by the design, it looks as if their dreams have come true! We are very privileged to have such support for the school in our local community! We are looking for other local support with implementing the design now. If you can help or know someone who may be able to volunteer their gardening skills or materials, please let either Mrs Stender or Mrs Norton know.

During this month we look forward to taking delivery of hedge saplings donated by the Woodland Trust that will plant with the children. Again any support from parents/local community will be greatly received!

To further support the work needed on our garden project we are very excited that FOTS is one of the charities being supported by Waitrose during March! So if you're out and about in Storrington, please pop in for your groceries and don't forget to pop your token(s) in the box for Thakeham!

- **Maths/Science Day visit from RepTylers on 10th March**- fully funded by FOTS!

FOTS have a number of events and further fundraisers planned to provide further support for our Mindfulness Garden project and we will also be fundraising for books for the library and Chromebooks to support pupils' computing curriculum work. Upcoming events as follows:

- **Bags 2school: Tues 31st March** (donations welcome from Mon 30th March). Each family should have received their special bag and extras are available from the office. Please donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). As well as supporting FOTS and therefore each and every child in school, also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.
- **Easter Movie Night: Fri 27th March**—further details to follow

Pupil Well-being: Calm/relaxation end to lunchtime launch

We were very pleased with the impact of our class reading activities in the last 10-15 minutes of lunchtime last week. The children responded really positively and thoroughly enjoyed their story time, hearing their class reader or time to read their own book or share one with a partner. Children began their learning at 1pm in a calm, focused manner! This week the children will be enjoying some calming drawing and colouring activities to support a calm and relaxed end to lunchtime. The following week we will be trying some mindfulness activities.

Lent Assembly: A visit from Rev'd Sara-Jane

Last week we were delighted to welcome Rev'd Sara-Jane back to our school where she led a 'cracking' assembly on making pancakes linked to Lent! It was a great opportunity for the children to reflect on this important part of the Christian calendar. Many thanks to Rev'd Sara-Jane for taking time out of her busy schedule to celebrate this with us.



With Very Best Wishes, Sam Norton (Headteacher)

Relationships, Sex and Health Education: Policy Consultation

We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. From September 2020 it is a **statutory requirement** that all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education.

Whilst in Primary Schools, Sex Education is not a compulsory element, through consultation with all stakeholders we have decided that we will continue to teach as an integral part of our RSHE curriculum.

We have worked with some of our locality STARS headteachers to produce a draft RSHE Policy which we will consult with staff, parents, governors and key stakeholders in our local community on. This will be emailed to parents by the end of this week and we are seeking any feedback from you. There will be a separate consultation on the RSHE curriculum later this year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Norton.

Year 3/4 Dance Taster

Recently ten children from Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a dance taster session at Steyning Grammar School. They were taught a range of different styles and new moves which they enjoyed showing us all upon their return.



Reading Volunteers

We have a fabulous team of volunteers at Thakeham Primary who come in across the school week and support our children with their reading. They have been a valued support to our teaching of reading. We would love to expand that team so that we can offer even more children the opportunity to be heard reading, enjoy talking about books and help them to become fluent readers.

If you are able to offer anytime and would be interested please contact Mrs Hopkins.





INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN
YOUR COMMUNITY?
INTERESTED IN LEARNING NEW SKILLS?
WANT TO HAVE FUN AND FEEL USEFUL?
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2020 Summer School and Showcase

After the huge success of last year's performing arts summer school, SGS are running another this year. The Summer School is a fabulous opportunity to experience a week of intensive performance training with the professional team who run the SGS musical productions and is open to all students from Years 5–13.

[Click here to watch the trailer](#)

The week will focus on singing, dancing and acting. The week will build on your performance and creative skills and help you to explore new disciplines.

Students will work on extracts from productions from the first 20 years of the 21st Century, covering a wide variety of styles and genres.

The week's work will culminate in two showcase performances on Saturday 29th August. The week is open to all students from Years 5 - 13 of any ability with an enthusiasm and passion for performing and creativity. There will be no auditions, but spaces are limited.

Dates: Monday 24th to Saturday 29th August 2020

There will also be a session on July 12th 10am - 3pm

Times: 10am - 4pm each day with two showcase performances on Saturday 29th August at the Drama Hall, Shooting Field.

The summer school will cost £150 per student, with discounts available for siblings.

For further details and an application form, please email Jan Hobson:

jhobson@sgs.uk.net



STORRINGTON MARKET EVERY FRIDAY

9.45-11.15am

STORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

WEST STREET

For your fresh local produce:

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Veg

Merryhill mushrooms

Plants

Eggs

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PLUS

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MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2020
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