

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

March 11th 2019



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 25th February 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 04th March 2019:

Positive, Persevering Poppy

Pollie (Acorn)
Lexi (Maple)
TJ (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring Craig

Curious, Questioning Quinn

Poppy (Oak)
Ralph (Oak)

Reflective, Reviewing Ruby

Logan (Acorn)
Sophie (Elder)

Hall of Fame Tilly (Maple)

Head Teacher Award

Governor Award

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 4th March 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 11th March 2019:

Positive, Persevering Poppy

Sadie (Oak)
Clem (Elder)
Nathan (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring Craig

Curious, Questioning Quinn

Daniel (Oak)
Maddie (Maple)

Reflective, Reviewing Ruby

Erin (Acorn)

Hall of Fame William (Elder)

Headteacher award

Governor Award

Time to Shine! Our Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations last week to: Jessica for her football success, Isla for her Brownie badge, Emma Rose and Grace for the drama talents and Timmy for top points in Cubs.



Congratulations Beth for getting into the STARS netball team and Vivi for her Ashington Festival audition as a princess!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Place in the World

This is one of our Curriculum Drivers and represents our commitment to the importance of developing children's understanding and appreciation of their local area and that of further afield on a global level. Our topics and assemblies will have links as possible and appropriate to these across the year.

On March 1st a few of the pupils and I celebrated our Welsh culture and heritage as part of St. David's Day. St David is the patron saint of Wales and was known for performing miracles and preaching far and wide about God. Key emblems linked to Wales and St.



David's Day are daffodils, leeks and welsh cakes! I was delighted to be presented with a bunch of daffs and some welsh cakes and a visit from 2 of our pupils dressed in Welsh rugby tops, yes continue to do rather well in the rugby I'm pleased to say!



Some of my English teachers (perhaps a bit sore after their defeat to the Welsh team?!) asked if on St. George's Day (April 23rd) the children might celebrate by dressing up too? This would be lovely to see and let's do this for children who have links to other national days as well, this might be St Patrick's Day (17th March is a Sunday so 18th instead) or St. Andrew's Day (30th November is a Saturday so 29th instead) or perhaps your child may celebrate another day linked to a different country, just let your child's classteacher know).

Inspired Learners



This year's World Book Day was truly a source of inspiration for the children both with the exciting activities in each classroom across the school, children's author Abie Longstaff leading workshops and autographing books and our 'Bookie Breakfast'. You can see photos and find out a bit more on the next page of our newsletter. It was wonderful that so many parents and families joined us for this. Huge thanks go to Mrs Hoare and Mrs Hopkins for their hard work in organising the day.



Sun Shade Canopy

We are delighted that at last WSCC have approved our application for our canopy which will be located over the Reading Area on the playground. This will be installed between 19th-21st March. Through the hard work of FOTS events and parent support we have raised £6000 towards the total cost of this which we are delighted with. They are already hard at work planning events to raise money for the next canopy to be located over the 100 square at the top of the playground. We hope you managed to visit our second hand book sale after school on Friday? If not don't worry as you have another chance to browse and buy on Monday 11th March after school.

All we need now is the sunshine, though the canopies will be useful for sheltering from showers too!

Staffing Update

We are delighted Mrs Jouanides (TA) has settled in so well in Acorn class and is being well looked after by the Acorn children and staff! Mrs Mills has settled in nicely too in her role as Intervention Teacher. This is an additional teacher we have employed to support the learning needs of pupils across the school with English, Maths and social skills. She will be working every afternoon with us until the end of the summer term supporting groups and individuals. We are also delighted that Miss Makuch will be working with us as a permanent teacher from September. Currently she works 4 days in Oak on a supply contract, this will extend to full time after the Whitsun break in the run up to the full-time permanent position in September.

Unfortunately we have said goodbye last week to Mr Saunders who was our Premises Manager. As you may be aware he also had his own property maintenance company but the hours alongside this didn't work out as he had hoped. We have advertised for this role and hope to find a replacement as soon as possible.

With very Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton (Headteacher)

World Book Day

Acorn

Acorn children started World Book Day with the rest of the school in the hall with breakfast and a book, they were then immediately met with Abie Longstaff who read them her Superhero story, all children then got to look at and hold Abie's treasures, including potions and a scorpion. All Acorn children then got to design their very own superhero for their story, thinking about the character Mr Invisible and what super powers they would like the most! Buddies then came to read with Acorns spending time reading and talking about their favourite books, what they like most and why. It was a really nice World Book day for all.



Oak

Oak class enjoyed a fairytale story telling session with Abie. She showed us where she created her stories and the places, experiences and people that inspired her story writing. We then listened to her read her new story and the adventure that Kitty Lacey, her main character, goes on in the book. Abie then showed us a picture of a happy tadpole and asked us to have a go at creating a comic strip story about this happy tadpole. We were given a few questions to start us off and these linked well to the story writing we have been doing in class. She was very impressed with the imaginative story ideas that we created.



Maple

As part of world book day, Maple class wanted to explore the books we had already got in our bookshelf, after feeling that it had become tired and in need of refreshing! The children pulled all the books out of the shelf and organised them by genre. They then spent time looking through each book and deciding what they liked or disliked about them. At the end of the session we had a brand new bookshelf full of a range of new and exciting authors that the children had chosen. Fantastic discussion was evident throughout with each child being able to critique books and recommend stories against genres being discussed. The children also enjoyed a workshop from Abie Longstaff, who talked about her Trapdoor Mysteries books. The children imagined what their own stories might look like, creating their own trapdoors, working out how they would be opened, what would be inside them and why would someone want to get inside.



Elder

During World Book Day Elder Class enjoyed a 'Bookie Breakfast' in the hall reading and eating toast! In class we found plenty of time to develop our reading stamina and indulge ourselves in a good book. Our year 6 also read with Acorn Class and our Year 5 helped organise the book sale. Our workshop, with the guest author Abie Longstaff, concentrated on how to develop ideas for a plot considering place and era.



Comic Relief—Friday 15th March

Wear red for red nose day - Friday 15th March is Red nose day and we would like to contribute towards this fundraising event by asking all children to wear something red and bring in a, suggested, £1.00 donation for the charity.



Tag Rugby

As Tag Rugby has been recently introduced as an early morning club at Thakeham, the children were invited to take part in a skills and match play festival at Pulborough Rugby Club. There were a range of skill based activities for the children to take part in and then they got opportunity to play a few matches against other schools. All that took part thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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Dance Taster

Years 5/6 have been the recent year group going up to Rock Road to take part in a Dance Taster workshop. It was wonderfully run allowing for a range of dance types and skills to be taught. The children even got to show off a few of the moves they had learnt.



Part-time Permanent Premises Manager - Thakeham Primary School

Address: Rock Road, Storrington RH20 3AA

Website: www.thakehamps.co.uk

Email: head@thakehamps.co.uk

Tel no: 01903 740176



Contract: Permanent Part-time (opening hours every morning - Monday to Friday to be agreed, some flexibility possible, plus a weekly block of 3 hours (time/day to be agreed))

Post accountable to: Headteacher/School Business Manager

Grade 4 - 5: £17,681 (point 14) to £19,446 (point 19) **pro rata** £9.16 per hour to £10.08 (depending on experience)

Contract: All year round with flexibility to alter hours in holidays to accommodate lettings (holidays to be taken during school holiday time - 23 days, after 5 years' service rising to 27 days, pro rata - based on full time hours).

Required from: As soon as possible

Our friendly, popular and successful school with strong community links is seeking a reliable, trustworthy, skilled and hard-working Premises Manager. We are proud of our transformation a year ago, becoming a Primary School enjoying our modern, newly re-furbished site, which benefits from mostly new facilities and fittings.

Thakeham is a small school with 4 classes and currently 102 pupils on roll on a larger site shared with Steyning Grammar School. We are a strong, caring community of staff, governors, pupils and parents who work closely together with the best interests of the children at the heart of everything we do.

We are looking for an individual who will **really want to take care of our school**. The role involves opening up our school each day and undertaking a range of duties to ensure the school meets health and safety legislation and is a safe, clean and welcoming environment for the school community. With some knowledge of building maintenance and a willingness to undertake training, you will have a professional, friendly and helpful approach. We are hoping to recruit an individual who enjoys contributing to a team whilst able to work with minimum supervision.

The successful candidate must:

be trustworthy and reliable;

have a pro-active, enthusiastic 'can do' approach;

be willing to go that 'extra mile' and take pride in what they do.

have effective interpersonal skills and be a team player, inspiring confidence in their abilities

have a proven track record of building maintenance, being confident and experienced/skilled in this;

have a good understanding of health and safety or at least a willingness to train to ensure the school continues to meet statutory obligations;

have green fingers to keep our flowerbeds and grass borders looking spick and span;

We can offer:

- fantastic premises, facilities and fittings that are mostly new
- a strong, supportive school community of governors, staff and parents
- ongoing training and professional development opportunities
- a forward looking positive approach
- the opportunity to work together as a team to further shape our school

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects the staff team to share this commitment. This post is subject to a successful DBS, and satisfactory reference checks. Please contact the school office for further details, visits warmly welcomed. Closing date: 9am Friday 15th March 2019 Interviews: Thursday 21st March 2019



Information for badge designers

WOW - the year-round walk to school challenge

Badge design competition 2019

We want you to design an extra special badge to feature in next year's WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge! The theme is inventions that changed the world.

What you can WIN!

- Your design turned into a real WOW badge, encouraging more children to walk to school
- Free resources for your school*

CLOSING DATE: Thursday 14th March 2019

ALL entries to be handed to Mrs Bowbrick or placed in the competition folder on the notice board (corridor next to Elder class)

TOP TIPS FOR WINNING DESIGNS:

- Use big, bold and colourful designs
- Less detail – the badges are only 3cm. Simple, clear designs work best
- Trademarks, logos, images of Strider will not qualify for the competition
- Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens
- Avoid drawing people

For full details on how to enter the WOW badge design competition, visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2019

*Terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for more details.



Think about some of the best inventions through time and how these inventions have helped to improve people's lives. For example, the first printing press allowed people to have access to news and books and the invention of the World Wide Web meant that we could communicate with people all over the world via e-mail or interactive messaging.

What do you think is the most important invention of all time? How did it change the world? Did it help in some ways? Or make everyday life easier? Did it teach us something new?

Think about great artists, architects and designers in history.

What inventions stand out to you?

Over time, there have been important inventions that have allowed us to make fascinating discoveries in maths and science.

The original calculator was called an abacus.

This was invented in China in the ninth century.

The telescope appeared in 1608 in the Netherlands by an eyeglass maker named Hans Lippershey.

What other important inventions can you think of?

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March and April 2019 at
Horsham Museum & Art Gallery

FREE ADMISSION

New Children's Art Zone opening on 1 April



THE BEAUTIFUL GAME: A HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN HORSHAM DISTRICT
 5 January to 30 March



HORSHAM DISTRICT'S LITERARY LIFE - COLLECTED, PORTRAYED, DISPLAYED
 30 March to 22 June



ACCENTS ON THE LANDSCAPE - ANCIENT CHURCHES OF WEST SUSSEX BY GORDON RUSHMER
 30 March to 1 June



HORSHAM DISTRICT CAPTURED BY LIGHT: PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY HORSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND STEYNING CAMERA CLUB
 6 April to 6 July

PICTURING THE DISTRICT
 Continues until 25 March

see www.horshammuseum.org for further details

For more exhibitions, events and childrens activities, see www.horshammuseum.org

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YEAR OF CULTURE 2019

Horsham District Council

10am - 5pm | Open Monday to Saturday,
 Good Friday and Easter Monday 11am - 4pm

www.westsussex.gov.uk

Horsham District Year of Culture 2019

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

B is for Birds

Join us at the library for fun stories and craft

Saturday 23rd March 2019
10.30am - 11.15am





Everyone welcome

Tickets are free but please reserve your place to avoid disappointment.
 Parents and carers are asked to remain on the premises during this activity






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Storrington Library
 Rycroft Lane, RH20 4PA
 01903 839050

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28 APRIL 2019



'DIDDY' DAVID HAMILTON WILL BE OPENING THE SHOW AND WILL BE SIGNING HIS NEW BOOK 'THE GOLDEN DAYS OF RADIO ONE'

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10AM - 3PM

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WEDNESDAY | APRIL 10TH | 9.00-12.30
 Laura Sparkx | LOCKIN' SuperMalcom | HOUSE

THURSDAY | APRIL 11TH | 9.00-12.30
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