

# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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



February 25th 2019

## Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 4th February 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 25th February 2019:

Positive, Persevering  
Poppy

Rocky (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring  
Craig

Archie (Oak)  
Harry (Elder)

Curious, Questioning  
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing  
Ruby

Callum (Oak)  
Jessica (Oak)

Hall of Fame

Head Teacher Award  
Harry (Elder)

Governor Award  
Will (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 11th February 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 25th February 2019:

Positive, Persevering  
Poppy

Bea (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring  
Craig

Casper (Oak)  
Charlie (Maple)

Curious, Questioning  
Quinn

Miles (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing  
Ruby

Lily (Oak)

Hall of Fame  
Miles (Elder)

Headteacher award

Governor Award  
Harry (Elder)

## Time to Shine!



Congratulations to:

- Archie & Frankie on being selected as 'Man of the Match' for their teams in recent football matches.
- Grace for her showjumping success with her horse 'Bambi'
- Zane for his skiing skills and bravery.

## Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Welcome (Back)!**

It's only been a short break, but hopefully the week was long enough for children to recover from the seasonal bugs that were in abundance before we broke up and for them all to recharge their batteries ready for some exciting learning this half-term. The weather definitely felt Spring-like and I hope you managed to enjoy some time together in the sunshine.

We extend a warm welcome to siblings Kevin joining us in Oak class and Melvin in Elder class today. I am sure they will settle in and experience the care and strong support network of the school and families in it.

We are very excited to be welcoming Mrs Jouanides, Teaching Assistant in Acorn Class. She will be covering Mrs Turner's role in the class as she is now teaching in the class Monday to Wednesday.

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Makuch will be working an additional day so will be in school Monday through to Thursday. She and Mrs Stender will cover each other's PPA (on Wednesday morning) so there is now no need for a 3rd adult teaching the class. We are grateful to Mrs Bowbrick for stepping in to cover the class to release the teachers for their PPA last half-term. During Wednesday afternoons Mrs Stender will be supporting some pupils in Year 1 with their phonics and some Year 2's ahead of the SATs tests. There will be parent meetings in May and March respectively for these meetings—letters to follow.

Mrs Stender will teach in Oak class until 11am on Wednesdays and all day Fridays.

We have created an additional role in school for a Lunchtime Mentor/Assistant to work with a couple of children to support positive lunchtime experiences. Mrs Dukova will be joining us shortly in this role. She is familiar with the school, children and staff as she has been a volunteer in Maple Class since September 2018.

We are fortunate to have Ms Gooris a student from Belgium staying with us for a month. She is visiting us as part of her teacher training course and will be based in Elder but work in classes across the school. We are grateful to Janneke's parents for hosting Ms Gooris during this project and look forward to the exciting work she has planned to support our international learning.

### **Sustrans—Air Pollution**

A few months worth of workshops culminated in an informative and engaging assembly at the end of last term, ably led by the Eco Warriors and the JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers). It was wonderful to see how much these children had learnt about air pollution, what it is, its causes and consequences as well as try their hand at measuring air pollution and campaigning by making posters to share the information. It was clear they had benefited from the sessions led by Daisy from Sustrans.

The Eco Warriors and JRSOs delivered their assembly to a captivated audience of parents and the whole-school and communicated key messages about their project with knowledge and confidence. This work complimented the Living Streets work on the consequences of engine idling.

The final two weeks before we broke up for the half-term break were very busy indeed with Science Day and Safer Internet Day, amongst just some of the exciting events that took place as you will see later on in this newsletter.

### **Parking**

I have unfortunately had a complaint from a local resident about parents from our school parking irresponsibly and illegally on Thakeham Road, near the post box on the opposite side of the road to the parade of shops including Tip Top tutors. This is very unsafe both for pedestrians/wheelchair users and buggies trying to get passed the car as the cars are parked partly on the pavement. If no improvement is seen, the resident will refer the matter to the Police.

There has also been similar parent parking on the pavement in the coach bay. All parents should be very clear that the **left hand side of the coach bay area** is to be used for parents of pupils in **Year 6 as a drop off zone**, it is not an extension of the car park. Both at the beginning and end of the day coaches need to use this area and cars should not be parked here. No cars should be left unattended and no cars should be parked on the right hand side of the parking bay. Parking on the pavement in this area has been an issue which once again is dangerous and unnecessary. Parking is available in our own school car park or on Steyning Grammar School's car park. If such thoughtless parking continues on site, we will consider withdrawing the permission of such parents to use the site for their vehicle. The children's safety is of paramount importance and no excuse is acceptable for unsafe parking in this area!

### **FOTS events**

Whilst we've raised enough money for 1 sun-shade canopy, we're now on a mission to raise money towards a 2nd for the playground! The next FOTS event is a Bring and Buy Book sale linked to our celebration of World Book Day (which for us will be on Friday 8th March). Please drop off your unwanted children's/adult books this/next week (old hall will be open in the mornings) and on Friday 8th March and Monday 11th March after school we will sell these, with all proceeds going towards our next canopy. Get digging then get reading!

Other events this term include an Easter Movie Night on Friday 29th March 6-7:30pm. The film will be Peter Rabbit. We will also be holding a cake raffle. Further details available soon.

You are very welcome to join our next FOTS meeting on Thursday 7th March at 7:30pm

With very Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher

## Safer Internet Day

RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • REASONING • RESILIENCE



### Acorn

As part of Safer Internet day on Tuesday 5th February, Acorn Class learnt about the different ways in which they use technology at home and the importance of asking permission from an adult before using a device, such as a phone or a tablet.

### Oak

The children heard a story about a child keeping safe online. Using this as their inspiration the children created posters to remind others about how to be safe on the internet.

### Maple

Our focus this year was how consent works in an online context. The children thoroughly enjoyed finding out how best to stay safe online and how to keep their personal information private. We role played a variety of scenarios to work out whether it would have been safe to share their information or not!

### Elder

Elder class discussed how to keep passwords secure. We looked at how the combination of letters, numbers, symbols upper and lower case keeps your password more secure. We also looked at how you must give and receive consent before your picture or information about you is used on social media.

## Year 3/4 Dance Taster

This taster was highly anticipated by the children in Maple Class. They got the opportunity to test out their dance skills to a range of different music and styles. All involved came back really excited to share their knowledge and show us the new moves they had learnt.

## Science Day

On Tuesday 12th February, the whole school took part in a Science day. Each class took part in a hilarious Silly Science workshop, hosted by Professor Nitro. The workshops were full of bangs, flames and explosions, accompanied by an explanation of the Science behind the reactions.

Later on, the whole school were further treated to a visit from Kevin from Hawking About, who brought along a selection of birds of prey. The children found out about the different types of owls and hawks, including their diet, then watched each bird fly. Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Brown and Mrs. Turner even got chance to fly the birds!

**Acorn Class** explored lots of different investigations with the help of their Year 6 buddies, as part of Science Day on Tuesday 12th February. They had great fun blowing bubble streams using plastic bottles, making a rainbow with skittle sweets, finding out what happens to water beads when they get wet, investigating putting water on bath bombs and making "slime" with cornflour.

### **Oak Class**

The children investigated the different states and changes of milk, dark and white chocolate. The children worked on their team building skills and investigated how to construct a tower using marshmallows and spaghetti. They also took part in a number of challenges across the day which they enjoyed immensely.

**Maple Class** themed Science Day to Harry Potter. We spent the day looking at reversible and irreversible reactions. The children created their own magical potions using a range of ingredients and then wrote their own secret messages in invisible ink. We discussed what would need to happen so that we could read our messages. We heated them in the oven and they magically appeared showing us an irreversible reaction.

### **Elder Class**

Elder Class dissected a flower and learnt about the different parts. They also constructed simple food chains and then developed them further into food webs but with a geographical link to their work on biomes.



### Workshops at Chichester Cathedral

Recently, some of our KS2 children spent an exciting day at Chichester Cathedral with other local schools extending their Mathematical or English enquiry skills. Using the cathedral environment, Timmy, Terry and Matthew used co-ordinates to complete treasure hunts, look for mathematical patterns and explore the use of angles in the building. Brooke, William and Harry investigated the collapse of the Cathedral spire through records kept in the record office and by interviewing some of the local community about the event. They then created a poem or a tweet using this information.



### Little Life Savers

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of February, Elder Class had a visit from Little Life Savers. They were taught how to revive and help an adult or child having a heart attack, choking and losing consciousness. The leaders (Tim, Nanja and Barbara) brought in dummies which were used for practicing life-saving manoeuvres. Elder Class learnt what to do if their friend is choking, they did back blows and tummy thrusts; what to do if someone is having a heart attack, do CPR; how to get someone in the recovery position, follow the short rhyme.

Elder were also taught to:

- Call 999.
- Check the environment.
- Shout to them or try and make contact.
- See if they are responsive.
- If having a heart attack, do CPR (chest compressions.)
- If choking, do back blows/tummy thrusts.
- Get them in the recovery position.
- Make sure you have adult help.
- Check again if they are responsive.
- Keep doing the action depending on the injury, until the ambulance arrives.



### Bikeability

From the week beginning on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of February, Year 6 started a week long course on how to ride their bikes safely. The instructors (Jenny and Sue) taught Year 6 how to come in/come out of junctions, how to signal, where to check for traffic and the Highway Code. Also, over the weeks training, Year 6 were treated to a bike ride to test out their skills. Each day they learnt a new skill, and definitely showed co-operative behaviour to others and helped their friends when they were unsure or didn't have a persevering attitude. Many members of year 6 were very eager to get their results and grades. The activity was very pleasurable and was obviously enjoyed by the pupils!



### Image of the Fortnight



# Horsham Wheels for ALL

Why not come along and join in the fun at our all inclusive cycling sessions. Open to all ages and abilities offering a wide range of adapted cycles.

Sessions take place on the athletics track at The Bridge Leisure Centre on Fridays at 4.30pm-6pm.

Running from: **26 April to 19 July**, (excluding 31 May and 14 June), and **6 September to 25 October**.

Sessions cost £5 or £4 with a Leisure Access Card or Compass Card payable on the day.

Sponsored bike ride will take place on Wednesday 29 May on the Downs Link.



For more information please contact:  
Paul Taylor on 07764 146339 or email [paul.taylor@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:paul.taylor@horsham.gov.uk)



**£2.35**

## Pancake Day

Tuesday 5th March

*Choose a main meal...*  
BBQ Chicken & Rice  
or  
Veggie Sausage & Bean Casserole

*on the side...*  
Carrots & Sweetcorn  
or  
Fresh Salad

*for dessert...*  
Pancake with Chocolate Sauce  
or  
Fresh Fruit Salad

To order or for more information please contact us at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) by Sunday 24th February  
For more information on special diets please contact [westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk)  
Terms and Conditions apply.

# Have-A-Go

## Clay Club

Hello Everybody.

My name is Wendy and I run the afterschool clay club at your school on Thursdays.

Every week it is something new to make from 3d Animals, 2d items learning different techniques like Coil building and Pinch pots.

See below a few of previous items glazed and unglazed.



This terms course is £36.00 per 6 weeks. £72.00 for 12 weeks. You can sign up for 6 or 12 weeks.  
Please see school letter for all details. Thank you Wendy  
Email [wendy@have-a-go.co.uk](mailto:wendy@have-a-go.co.uk)

# CARMINA BURANA

BY CARL ORFF

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# Book Swap Shop

FRIDAY & MONDAY  
8<sup>th</sup> March &  
11<sup>th</sup> March

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND BOOK SALE

FROM 3:15PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL

As part of our 'World book day' celebrations, FOTS together with Elder class volunteers will be running a book sale to raise funds for our school sunshades. After February half term, please bring in any pre-loved book donations (good condition children's and adult) to drop in the old hall. Then join us after school on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to find something new for your home library!

Prices start from 20p



Second hand uniform also available for sale!



# Easter Holidays

**HORSHAM**

All Saints C of E  
Primary school  
10am - 3pm

**£25 PER DAY**

BOOK ONLINE @ [WWW.GOWILDWORKSHOPS.ORG](http://WWW.GOWILDWORKSHOPS.ORG)



### MONDAY 8/04/19

Stone age inventors, make tools like axes, catapults and spears, as well as jewellery and head dresses. Learn to shoot with a bow and arrow like they would in the stone age 70,000 years ago! Build swings, bridges and ladders to escape the rising lava!



### TUESDAY 9/04/19

Bushcraft day - Shelter building, fire lighting, archery and survival skills for the wild, with wild bug cooking and tasting!

### WEDNESDAY 10/04/19

Mad science time! Create the giant ooblek, make mucky muddy potions and create super erupting volcanos! Engineer giant catapults to fire water bombs across the field!

### THURSDAY 11/04/19

Easter egg hunting activities! - learn map reading skills to help locate the Easter surprises! Learn the art of stalking and tracking in our woodland games. End in a splash with our giant 3 man water bomb firing catapult!

### FRIDAY 12/04/19

Nerf battle zone - capture the flag, prison break, bomb squad and other team tactics games. Have a blast with firing off water bombs with our giant elastic catapults!

### MONDAY 15/04/19

Fire lighting + archery day! Natural fire lighting techniques such as flint and steel, bow drill demonstrations and solar. With the chance to try your hand at archery!



### TUESDAY 16/04/19

Nerf wars! Giant nerf day, triumph over the opposing team on the field in epic team games! Have a super splashing with firing water bomb catapults!

### WEDNESDAY 17/04/19

Forest workshop - build mini beast shelters and wild life feeders to help the wildlife survive! Also, 'Reptylers' are joining us for the day, meet a Burmese python - the 3rd largest snake in the world, a Cane toad - the largest toad in the world, a Madagascar panther chameleon, bearded dragon lizard and more! Forest games to finish will make this a day not to miss!



### THURSDAY 18/04/19

Den building + forest games - learn how to build survival shelters in the forest, to survive in all conditions! Fire water bombs at the shelters to put them to the test!



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AND WARM, WATERPROOF  
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