

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

November 16th 2020



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 2nd November 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 9th November 2020:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy
Amelie (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby
Jacob (Acorn)
Peter (Maple)
Martha (Elder)

Hall of Fame
Rocky (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 9th November 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 16th November 2020:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy
Jeni (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby
Frankie (Oak)
Jessica (Maple)
Lizzy (Elder)

Hall of Fame
Noah (Maple)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations for outstanding achievements outside of school

Congratulations to Isla, who took part in an online Halloween Art/Craft competition run by Isadora Moon Books (Isla's favourite series of novels). We are delighted to confirm that she won! Her prize is a signed copy of the newest novel. We think this is a wonderful achievement and very well deserved.

Well done to :

- Emma Rose for her Art award whilst attending a half-term Sandra Wilson club
- Beth for her intense tennis club sessions during half-term
- Poppy and Maddy for the hard work and effort with more exciting auditions!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Outdoor Clothing

Even though temperatures at points have been unusually warm for this time of year, our weather is changeable and we are entering a period of wetter and colder weather. As children will be outside at lunchtime, breaktime and other points during the day, for curriculum learning (especially Acorn class), we ask for your full support in ensuring your child comes to school with a coat.

Community Support

We consider the 'Thakeham Family' to extend beyond our school and are always very appreciative of our positive community links. We were very grateful to St. Mary's Church, Thakeham for their supermarket vouchers for those in need during the October half-term break and now they are working hard on supporting the school with Mindfulness resources for our calm/relaxation activities at the end of lunchtimes.

Last week Storrington Rotary Club contacted us with a project they are running to support some families at

Christmas time, which we are sure will be gratefully received.

We are delighted that the four teacher trainees are making good progress with their section of the Mindfulness garden. They are also looking to develop community links to support their work and we are very grateful to Horsham Stone for their supply of stones for our dry riverbed at a discounted rate. If you know of any other businesses that could support our garden work and make our funds go further, please let Mrs Stender and I know.

Catch up Funding & NELi

As widely publicised in the media, national lockdowns last academic year have had a significant impact on children's learning in many cases, especially in younger classes where the building of a strong foundation is essential. Following our September/October assessments staff have identified pupils that are eligible for catch up funding, drawing on financial support provided by the DfE to all schools across England. Mrs Turner, Mrs Jouanides, Miss Brown and Mrs Hopkins are all leading support with groups of children from Year 1 to Year 6. Mrs Hopkins, who has done a fantastic job of co-ordinating the support, has written letters to parents of those due to begin the programme. Most of these sessions are in the afternoons, with Maths support with Miss Brown, being after school. I

For each group of children, learning objectives have been carefully identified to address current gaps in learning. The children will be assessed on an ongoing basis but particularly at the end of a half-term to assess impact. We will be sharing progress at appropriate points with parents, but this cannot be on a week by week basis as I'm sure you will appreciate.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for poppies and other merchandise. The funds received will be sent to the Royal British Legion. Across the school we marked 11th November with two minutes silence and classes also undertook a range of activities. I was particularly impressed with Elder class and their beautiful poppy art work, some of which will be on display in my office!



Children in Need

As I wrote in a separate communication, children across the school joined in with daily Children in Need activities, both in support of the charity, but also because the daily themes linked so well with our school values. The week ended in spectacular style with all children in school joining in with the last 20 minutes of the Joe Wicks 24hr PE Challenge! I hope families were able to join in from home with activities and support the charity as generously as circumstances allow.

Anti Bullying Week

The national theme for this week's anti bullying week is "United against bullying." In addition to assemblies for each class/key stage, the children will be engaging in a wide range of activities to further develop their understanding of what is/isn't bullying, the different forms this can take and the part they can play to stop/prevent bullying.



Staffing & Communication

We focus a lot on our Super Learning Hero characters in school who help us think about what it means to be an effective learner and good citizen, but I wanted to highlight our staff who are also important Super Learning Heroes, especially at the moment. The pandemic has touched everyone's lives in many different ways, some directly and some indirectly. It is no different for the staff. They are all working extremely hard behind the scenes and are totally committed to supporting the children, each other and the school in general. They are all doing an amazing job in challenging circumstances. I know you will agree the support and dedication they have shown in unprecedented times, is second to none. A huge thank you to our amazing staff!

Following on from this, to support the wellbeing of all staff in the school, I would like to highlight that staff are unable to respond to communications by email or SeeSaw outside of their working day. It is really important that we try to ensure their evenings and weekends are for their own families as much as possible. Please can I therefore respectfully ask you to consider the timings of any communication to school staff.

At the end of this week Mrs Ramsell, Teaching Assistant in Elder will be retiring. Mrs Ramsell has in fact retired once before (from her position of teacher at another school) over four years ago! This time she really will be putting her feet up as she is also due to have a knee operation! As a result of this and needing to self-isolate before the operation, her last day at school will be this Friday. After four great years we will be sad to see Mrs Ramsell go, and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done for the school but wish her a lovely relaxing retirement!

Mrs Ramsell has kindly stepped into Mrs Bowbrick's shoes, who has been off for the past few months. We are pleased that Mrs Bowbrick will be returning to school next week and look forward to seeing her back!

FOTS

Although it has been quiet from the FOTS team recently, judging by a recent meeting, they have clearly been planning some great ideas for the children and to raise funds for the school, which we are very excited about! We are currently raising funds for books for the library and Chromebooks. Here are some of the things FOTS have planned:

Bags 2 School collection

Perhaps over half-term you have had a clear out or maybe you're finding with charity shops closed or having restrictions on when they can accept donations, you have a build of clothes to clear out? Please help us to raise much needed funds for the school by donating your unwanted clothing. See flyer attached.

Decorations Afternoon

This year, this event will be held on Friday 4th December. Usually this would be to decorate the school for the Christmas Fayre, but unfortunately this can't happen this year. The children will still be making decorations for their classrooms but sadly we won't be able to invite parents in to help, which is a shame as it is always something we enjoy welcoming parents/carers in for. Very kindly, FOTS will be covering the costs of materials each class will use to make their decorations.

Christmas Lunch & Crackers

On December 16th, children will have the opportunity to enjoy their usual Christmas Lunch at school provided by Chartwells (KS2 need to order this online). We are pleased that FOTS will once again provide the children with Christmas crackers to add some festive cheer!

FOTS are planning further fundraising activities and we will bring you news of these shortly.

With very best wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher



LIGHT UP
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8th Dec to 3rd Jan

School art competition!

The winner will receive a free family ticket to Light Up Wiston Estate and £2500 for their school's art department!

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T&Cs apply, see website for more details.



LIGHT UP
WISTON ESTATE

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Covid safe family event!

Taking place from 8th December 2020 until 3rd January 2021 between 4-10pm, there will be a wide variety of interactive light and sound installations, as well as mulled wine, crepes and delicious Christmas treats.

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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:



Thursday/Friday 10th & 11th December
at your designated class drop off time!



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Blue Peter You Tube Channel

We've received the following information from the Blue Peter team which may be of interest to you:

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you're interested please subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,
The Blue Peter Team!



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