

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'



January 21st 2019

Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 17th December 2018, awarded in Celebration assembly on 7th January 2019:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy
Terry (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Headteacher award
Noah (Oak)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 7th January 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 14th January 2019:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy
Dexter (Acorn)
Lucas (Oak)
Harvey (Maple)
Nathan (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Headteacher award
Nikos (Acorn), Dylan (Maple)

Hall of Fame
Grace (Maple)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 14th January 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 21st January 2019:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy
Ettie, Erin (Acorn)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig
Flossie (Maple)

Curious, Questioning
Quinn
Callum (Oak)

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby
Jamie (Elder)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to Grace for her outstanding horse riding/jumping achievements outside of school, Reuben for his swimming success, Beth and Emma Rose on becoming sixers of their Brownie groups and Josie and Matthew for their cycling achievements!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope 2019 has started positively for you and you enjoyed a relaxing time over Christmas with your family.

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children and see how positively they have approached their learning and new topics. Children shared a good range of resolutions for the year ahead in our first assembly on 7th January with endeavours ranging from improving their writing to greater self-belief, resolving to try new things and aiming to achieve even better at their hobbies and out of school.

Teachers planned inspirational starts to the new spring topics drawing on exciting resources and visitors to whet the children's appetites:

Acorn Class had a freaky start to the year. When they came into the class on the first day they found lots of eggs on their carpet. They were trying to figure out what was in them. Some of them thought there might be some dinosaurs or chicks in them. The eggs were multi-coloured and very intriguing. They are all still waiting and hoping to see if they hatch. This links with their dinosaur topic!



Oak Class had a visit from Daniel Gilmore at Sussex Music Workshop to link with their Australia topic. There were many interesting instruments that the children experimented with, such as the didgeridoo, the banging sticks and the water sounding picture frame. Daniel also read Oak class a story, and entertained the class by playing music too. The visit was very much enjoyed by Oak Class and even the teachers! The cultural learning continues this week with an Australian Dance workshop and celebrating Australia Day!

Maple Class had an exciting visit from Gooley Stewey who showed them how light and sound travels. The children became detectives and worked hard to identify counterfeit money using ultraviolet light. They explored a range of sounds and even got to make their own instruments using straws and lolly sticks and even a comb and paper! Lots of fun and noise was had/made by all! This was an inspirational start to their light and sound topic.



Elder Class were visited by Joe from Zoo Lab who came to start the topic off by showing some amazing animals to the class. He started talking about classifications of animals whether there're invertebrates or vertebrates, herbivores or carnivores. The first animal the children saw was Bruce the Giant African land snail. He was a huge snail and was a very interesting species of snail. 'He was very heavy and was all slimy' stated Brooke. Next was Felicia the Chilean rose tarantula but nobody was allowed to stroke or hold her because she is incredibly delicate and if dropped she could damage her legs, or even die.



We have welcomed several new members of staff to the Thakeham team:

- **Mrs Petros** has joined us in Oak class supporting individual needs for 2 pupils in the class. Mrs Petros has made a great start and already feels part of our valued team.
- **Mrs Hall** is familiar to many of you as governor and parent of Maddie and Poppy and for covering the office for a period of time during the autumn. We are delighted that Mrs Hall will be working permanently as Secretary on Thursdays and Fridays alongside Mrs Ayres in the office
- **Mr Saunders** has been a breath of fresh air to our school, making a positive impact already as Premises Manager and getting to grips with lots of jobs!

Unfortunately due to personal family reasons, Mr Picken (classteacher in Oak) decided at short notice not to continue with his contract at Thakeham. This was disappointing, especially after a change of teacher in the autumn term. We are very lucky to be able to draw on the skills and experience of Mrs Stender who has been a teacher with us for 3 1/2 years to lead the class alongside a new face to Thakeham, **Mrs Makuch**. Both teachers are experienced in teaching Year 1 and Year 2 and have shown a great deal of commitment to ensure that planning and teaching go from strength to strength in Oak class. I am sure the children will thrive academically, socially and emotionally under their care and guidance.

Mrs Ingham (regular supply) will replace Mrs Stender in Elder class.

The School Council have been tasked with interviewing these new members of staff across the next couple of weeks and will report back in the next edition of the newsletter.

Sad News

At the end of last week, we were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden death of one of our fathers, Mr Reid. His son Charlie started with us last April. The sad news has touched us deeply. We will be drawing on the support of local organisations, especially trained in bereavement to support Charlie, the family and staff, who in turn will support the children as needed. If you feel your child has been particularly affected by the sad news, please let your classteacher/myself know so we can support accordingly. If you would like to contact support groups for your family yourself, you may wish to call Winston's Wish on 08088 020021 or Cruse on 08088 081677.



I am sure that the caring parent community will also look at how they too may be able to help and support in the days, weeks and months ahead.

With very best wishes, Mrs Norton (Headteacher)

Sustrans

Work with Daisy from Sustrans, our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) and the Eco Warriors has continued over these past 2 weeks. The children explored options for campaigning to reduce air pollution and designed posters to link with this. The children also learned how to map pollution and how to choose greener routes for travel.

The project will culminate in a special assembly that parents are invited to on Friday February 15th at 11-11:30am (details to follow).

Year 1/2 Dance Taster

On Tuesday last week, 10 children in Oak class visited SGS at Rock Road for a dance taster. The children got to work alongside other schools, learning new moves and a variety of different dances.



Image of the Fortnight



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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Half Term
Activity
Options

A collage of six small images showing children participating in outdoor activities: kayaking, canoeing, and cycling. The images are arranged in a grid-like pattern with orange borders. The top row shows a child in a blue kayak, a child in a blue canoe, and a child in a red kayak. The bottom row shows a child on a bicycle, a child in a blue canoe, and a child in a yellow kayak.

**Find out what adventures are
happening this half term!**

18th – 22nd Feb 2019 (0900 – 1630)

Find out more and book your adventure

5-day programme £180 Individual days £42

Extended sessions (1hr at end of day) £12

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Dear Parents

RE: **FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP - THE LOVERS OF DISNEY - SOLLINGTON PARISH HALL**

As usual we are offering a camp during the holidays for boys and girls aged 4 – 12 years. As it is Valentines this will be a selection of the famous couples from Disney movies and scenes from the films. Makin' Moves camps have been running successfully for 17 years and offer a variety of activities that include dance, drama, singing, art, sports and games. Children work in groups reflective of their age and ability. The children are encouraged to make the most of their talents and solo and group performances are a great boost to their confidence.

Although we do sometimes take bookings at the last minute it is proving extremely difficult to work out staffing when we do not have definite numbers a few weeks before camp begins. Also, recently, we have had several people cancelling at short notice which has caused problems in many areas. Therefore, please be aware that once registered the full camp fee must be paid for all pupils cancelling within four weeks of the camp date. It would also be of great help if you could book your child/ren in as soon as possible as limited spaces are available. Camp details are as follows:

Dates: Tuesday 19th February – Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive
Times: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Price: £100 per pupil per camp
Show: 4.00pm on the last day
Clothes: Old! We will get messy!
Allergies: Please inform me beforehand
Food: Please provide a healthy packed lunch

Kind regards

Sandra

I wish to enrol my child/ren for the: February Half Term Camp **THE LOVERS OF DISNEY**
Tuesday 19th February – Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive

Name/s:

Age/s:

Address:

Contact Numbers:

Email Address:

Allergies:

I enclose deposit cash/cheque/BACS for £25 per child: £.....

(Please make cheques payable to The Sandra Wilson School of Performing Arts or bank transfer to Account number 41711160 sort code 30-99-93)

Principal: Sandra M WILSON NAID (Tap and Modern Stage)