

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Friday 21st September 2018



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 17th September 2018. These awards will be recognised in Celebration assembly on Monday 24th September

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Vivi (Oak) Evie, Brooke
Yasmin (Elder)

Tilly (Maple)

Brooke (Elder)

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 10th September 2018. These awards were recognised in Celebration assembly on Monday 17th September

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Sophie (Elder)

Marcus (Oak)

Timmy (Maple)

Headteacher award
Harry/Linocka (Elder)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to Will for his mazing swimming success!
Congratulations for Luke for his array of certificates—we were very impressed with your martial arts prowess!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the wind may be whipping up outside, as autumn edges ever closer, but the atmosphere around the school has been calm and productive. I am delighted to have had many children visit me over the past couple of weeks with examples of really good work—handwriting has been a particular focus, so I have been really pleased to see how the children are progressing, especially the younger ones. Parents in Oak class who are making the transition from printed letters to cursive (joined up) handwriting, this will be a journey.....handwriting will seem to get worse before it gets better! Perseverance and practice will see this improve, so please don't be alarmed at first.

I have been particularly impressed with children who have joined us new from other schools far and wide. They have really settled down, are learning the Thakeham ways and are making an excellent impression!

Behaviour and Safety

A reminder for all adults dropping off/picking up from the playground that the bikes/trikes etc and upper playground with trim trail are not available for use before/after school. I am noticing many pre school

Children in this area, often unaccompanied. Please ensure you keep a close watch on your child so they do not wander off—the playground is very busy before and after school.

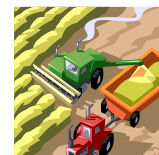
As Mr Gilligan is unwell and will not be at work for the next 2 weeks, we may not have cover for the car park duty in the mornings. Please can I urge you to take extra care when entering/leaving the car park. I will be on duty there at the end of the day.

Harvest



Unfortunately due to prior commitments Allison Goodfellow (Church Warden at St. Mary's) will be unable to join us for our **Harvest Celebration** this year. Rev'd Dawn Carn has kindly stepped in to lead our service in school on **Friday 28th September at 10:30am**. Parents are warmly invited to the service which will be held in the school hall. A letter will be sent out today with a reply slip. If you would kindly complete this, it will assist us in setting up the hall with sufficient chairs for parents. This year we are collecting food for the Worthing Churches Homeless Project so any donations of tinned/dried/packet food (not alcohol) would be greatly received. Please send your child in with their donation on the day of the assembly (28th September).

Some of the children's lovely art work will appear in one of the windows of Warminghurst Church for their Harvest Service on Sunday the 7th October at 6pm, do pop along and have a look!



Thakeham Village Day and Fun Guy Fest

If you managed to make it to the Village Day last Saturday, I am sure you'll agree it was a huge success, certainly putting Thakeham back on the map again! This day and evening were the culmination of much planning and preparation by our school, Thakeham Pre School and Thakeham Parish Council. Early indications show we have raised around £1200 for our school towards shade canopies for the playground.

Huge thanks go to the organising team and parents and staff who helped at the event, we really could not have done this without such help, Debbie Pirkis deserves a particular mention as Chair of FOTS for all her hard work.

We will be meeting together again to review what went well and how this could be further improved so if you have any feedback, please can I have this by Tuesday 25th September so we can share this with the team. One of the aspects for improvement we have already highlighted is the need for more parent help for further events. It really was such a stretch at times for some stalls, particularly refreshments and BBQ - yet these are amongst the stalls that raises the most money.

FOTS events and meetings

We desperately need parents to offer support in helping with future events. These not only raise much needed money for the school, but also are events that the children really look forward to. This term we are planning a Halloween themed Film Night on 19th December at 6:30pm and our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December. Please come along to one of our meetings to see how you could work together with us to help in any way with these events:

Thursday 4th October at 7:15pm, Tuesday 6th November at 7:30pm, Both meetings will be held at school.

Fireworks 12th October

Please see attached flyer for the Fireworks event organised by Steyning Grammar School. This year due to the timing of Village Day and planning for our Christmas Fayre we will only have a small involvement in this event, but SGOSS will be kindly making a donation to our school, so please show your support by buying a ticket. These will be available from our office and at Rock Road too.

Staff Update

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Byatt will be back next week in Acorn class and will be expecting a baby in the spring! Congratulations to the Byatt family!

Best Wishes, Mrs Norton

OAK CLASS- Stunning Start

On a tour around our school , helping Mrs Double to learn her way around, Oak class discovered the remains of an old diary. The diary was badly burnt , but luckily Brook was able to read a little. It was dated 2nd September ...and signed Samuel p... This generated many questions- who wrote it ? When did it happen? Why ?.... which led to the children eager to find out more! Some have visited the library, looked on the internet or asked Alexa! Sarah has even visited London and climbed the 311 steps the Great Fire Of London Monument. We look forward to our visit from the Rainbow Theatre on Tuesday when we will be taken back in time to 1666.



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Acorn Class

Acorns are now two weeks into school and are all settling well. A few early morning tears then all of the children are getting busy and independent; the children are using all the different areas and already following school routines. They have been supported well and enjoyed working with the year six children who have been Caring Co-operative Craigs over the last fortnight. It has been lovely to see such support from the buddies. Here are a few pictures of our busy time so far.



Maple Stunning Start

As we deepen our knowledge on mountains, Maple class have been exploring how they are formed. We looked at the 'life-cycle' of a pebble and how it is eroded and compacted over millions of years, starting sometimes as molten rock from a volcano! The children looked at the different types of rocks; sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous and made their own using chocolate. They sprinkled different layers of milk and white chocolate into a cup and pressed down so that they could see the many layers in sedimentary rock.



Netball Taster

On Tuesday 18th, a group of year 5 and 6 went over to Steyning Grammar at the Rock Road site for a netball taster session. The children took part in drills that would test their netball skills. They looked at footwork in netball and how important it is to pivot on one foot when you have the ball. The children came back to school full of enthusiasm at what they had all learnt.









Every Person The Best They Can Be

Steyning Grammar School

Day & Boarding

We are a caring, kind and accepting community, with high expectations and uncompromising ambition for students to flourish and achieve.

OPEN EVENTS

at our KS3 Rock Road Campus, Storrington

Open Mornings: 3rd & 4th October
10:15am to 11:30am followed by an optional tour of our Shooting Field KS4 & KS5 Campus

Open Evening: 4th October
Tours available between 5:45pm and 7:30pm
Presentation by Headteacher and key staff at 5:45pm & 6:45pm

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THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

Open Events for Prospective for Reception Sept 2019

We warmly welcome any families who have a child starting school in September 2019 to any of the following Open Events:

- 2nd October @ 2pm;
- 3rd October @ 6.15pm;
- 10th October @ 11am;
- 1st November @ 6.15pm

The sessions will last around an hour and will offer an opportunity for you to tour the school, meet myself and key staff and find out what life is like at Thakeham Primary School. Bookings can be made via the school office on 01903 740176 or office@thakehamps.co.uk

Photo of the Fortnight



PLEASE HELP US TO RAISE MONEY FOR THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Sunday 28th October, Rob Pirkis, Lawrence and Cheryl Stockwell, and Carrie and Ben Nicholls are beginning the challenge of cycling 100 miles, nearly 4,000 meters of climbing along The South Downs Way, from Winchester to Eastbourne. Please support us to raise enough money to provide sun canopies for our school playground. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thakehamps



UK SOUTHERN BOOK SHOW

28 OCTOBER 2018

10AM-4PM

AT FIELD PLACE BARNES
WORTHING BN13 1NP



www.uksouthernbookshow.co.uk

Fireworks Display

FoSGS and Friends of Thakeham Primary School are holding a Fireworks display with Thakeham Parish Council on 12th October 2018 at [Thakeham Village Hall](#), The Sportsfield, Storrington Road, Thakeham, RH20 3EJ.

Doors open at 6.30 pm and there will be food and drink available to purchase at the event. The firework display will start at 7.15pm. We are delighted that Aurora who have provided the display at Rock Road for a number of years are back this year and that both schools and the Parish Council are working together on this event. The Village Hall is almost completed and is an excellent resource for the Thakeham Community.

Ticket purchased in advance: £5 (children under 5 free).

Tickets bought on the gate: £7 (children under 5 free).

Tickets will be available for purchase in advance from Rock Road reception, Church Street reception, Shooting Field reception and Thakeham Primary School reception from Friday 28th September.

CAR PARKING: This is available on site and a donation of £1 per car is requested on the night on a first come first served basis.

Please check the school website in case of postponement due to weather before attending on the night.