

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Monday 28th June 2021



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their recent certificates awarded over the past two weeks:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Reggie (Acorn)
Timmy (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Iga (Oak)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Lucy (Oak)
Rudee (Maple)

Headteacher award

Amelie (Oak)
Iga (Oak)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to for your outstanding achievements outside of school

Martha (Elder) came 2nd in her free routine & 3rd in her ball routine for an international rhythmic gymnastics competition in which 80 clubs took part.

Lucy (Oak) played Lavender in the production of Matilda with Sandra Wilson Stage School.

Dexter (Oak) gained a yellow belt in karate

Gabe (Oak) gained a blue tag in karate

Teela-Mae (Acorn) & Kaden (Oak) have a new baby brother called Maddox who was born this weekend!

Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Transition

The weather was kind last Thursday evening and we were delighted to meet our new Reception parents. Thank you to staff and Judith James (Chair of Governors) who attended to share information with parents. It was the first opportunity for our new Reception teacher, Mrs Usherwood, to meet parents and be welcomed to Thakeham. Mrs Usherwood and Mrs Stender will welcome children and a parent/carer to school for a taster session on Wednesday 21st July in 2 separate groups.

Mrs Stender and Mrs Devereux (TA) will be making outside visit to parents/carers and children on Friday 2nd and Friday 9th July. Many of the visits to pre-schools/nurseries to see children are underway and transition meetings have already taken place between school and nurseries/pre-schools. We are really looking forward to welcoming our new class to Thakeham!

Virtual Michael Rosen Visit

Everyone should have received a letter (by email) recently outlining the Michael Rosen virtual visit on July 1st. This is a personal workshop for KS1 and for Maple and Elder classes, it isn't something we will be joined by other schools for. We are really looking forward to our virtual visit. We hope you will be able to support this financially being just £3 as there have not been any other visits this academic year. Those in receipt of Free School Meals/Pupil Premium funding are not required to pay as we will fund this.



There is also an opportunity to purchase one of Michael's books. Each child will receive a Bookshop Wallet before 1st July. These are envelopes for parents/carers to send in cash or cheques (payable to Roving Books) for children to buy books. Any change is returned to the child in the wallet. Please return any unused wallets on the day.

The personal workshops with Michael Rosen should be a wonderful opportunity for the children and we are all very much looking forward to this event!

Additional Sports Sessions

Last term we organised for Mr Petros to lead some exciting sports sessions across a morning for each class in turn. These are in addition to the usual twice weekly PE sessions. This is part of our commitment to enhancing opportunities for physical activity for children. Mr Petros leads our extra-curricular sports clubs. Children will have another enhanced PE session this term:

- Tues 6th July (Maple)
- Tues 13th July (Elder)
- Thurs 8th July (Oak)
- Thurs 15th July (Acorns)



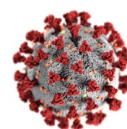
Staff Update

Sadly Mrs Petros will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Petros has worked as a fantastic Individual Needs Teaching Assistant with us for over two years and she has also more recently supported children at lunchtime with therapeutic sessions. She will be taking up an exciting post drawing on her artistic and creative skills at another school.

We have appointed a wonderful TA to take up the reigns, Mrs Sippye. Mrs Sippye is an experienced TA and qualified teacher who will join us on our transition day 21st July before taking up post in September.

Covid-19 reminders

I am very grateful to parents/carers for their support with following both our onsite protocols and national rules during this time. As I wrote to you recently, local cases of Covid-19 have risen significantly as of late and it is really important everyone plays their part. We continue to follow our rigorous risk assessment in school and ask that you help us in the following ways:



- Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms. If children present with symptoms during the day we will contact you to collect promptly. We are not keen to send children home and recognise this causes disruption for the **whole household as everyone must self-isolate until a negative PCR test result is received**. We also recognise that time away from school is not ideal following national lockdowns and missed education already. However we have a duty to keep everyone safe and so any of the 3 symptoms below would trigger us to contact you to collect your child:
 - * a high temperature
 - * a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 - * a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

As per my communication last week, as the whole household has to self-isolate, all siblings will need to be collected at the same time too.

- If your child is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, please do not test them using an LFD and then send them to school if negative. Please book a PCR test and self-isolate.
- Please report the result of a PCR test to us—a negative result should be sent to the office email; a positive result to the covid@thakehamps.co.uk email. This is to enable us to clearly and promptly address contact tracing if needed. **The covid email is regularly monitored out of school hours. The office email is not.**
- Please ensure your child has their own water bottle, we do not provide cups other than at lunchtime if your child is having a Chartwells lunch.
- Please assemble in the correct areas at the beginning/end of the school day. Please not wait on the pathway between the 2 gates (at the front of the school). Our pathways are narrow and we need to keep these clear to support the movement of everyone around the site.
- Continue to wear a face covering whilst on site, again it can be a challenge to socially distance on the pathways on our site, so this is still required.
- If your child is required to self-isolate for Covid-19 reasons, we will set home learning in line with our policy (see school website). If they are unwell please let us know as we would not expect them to complete work if unwell.

Stranger Danger

Following a number of reported incidents in the local area of different individuals following students and also taking photos, we would like to remind you to ensure your child does not arrive at school before their allocated time (if travelling without an adult). We strongly recommend however, that Year 6 children travel to/from school with another person, at the moment it may be wise for this to be an adult.

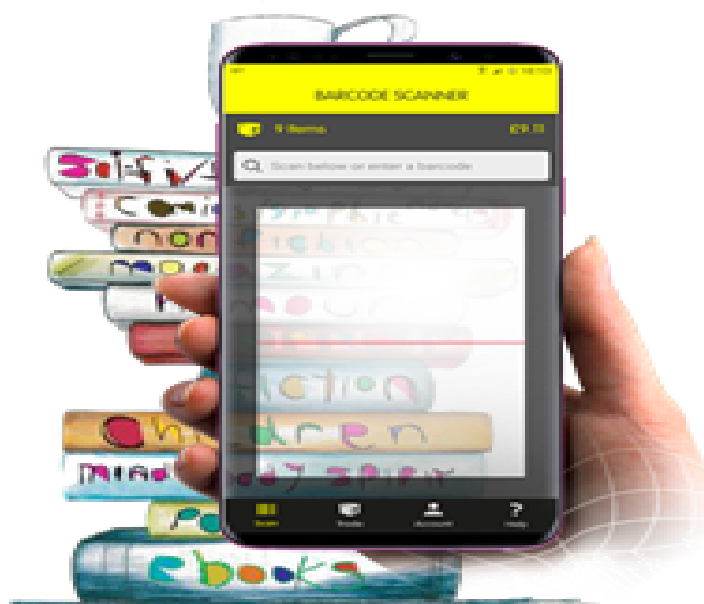
Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the local Police and of course update us also.

We will continue to monitor the situation and support children's personal safety in school through age-appropriate discussion. Thank you for your support in talking with your child too.

Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher



Recycle your Stuff

Monday 12th July: Acorn & Oak drop off.

Tuesday 13th July: Maple drop off.

Thursday 15th July: Elder drop off.

DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILES, ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, CONSOLE GAMES AND LEGO

FOTS WILL RECYCLE IT FOR YOU!

BOOKS – Need to be in GOOD condition with no damage or missing parts and have an ISBN code on the back.

GAMES (Console) – Need to be complete with packaging/artwork, not damaged & not have missing or used Access codes.

CDs & DVDs – In good undamaged condition, with no missing/damaged covers.

DVDs should not be promotional or rental copies and NO ADULT CONTENT

MOBILES - Apple iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, Blackberry, HTC, Nokia & Sony ONLY

ELECTRONICS - Tablets, Digital Cameras, iPods, Xbox 360s, Sat Navs, MP3 Players

LEGO – Bagged up please is measured by weight!