

# NEWSLETTER 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

## THAKEHAM PRIMARY SUPER HERO LEARNING AWARDS



Sophie (Oak)

Holly (Oak)

Jessica (Maple)

Amber (Elder)

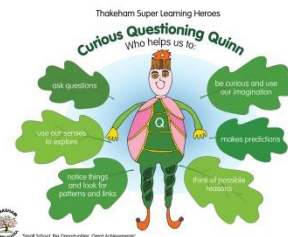


Reilly (Acorns)

Malakai (Acorns)

Freddie (Oak)

Aria (Maple)



Terry (Elder)

GOVERNOR AWARD: Amber (Elder)

### HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Amber (Elder)

Amelie (Oak)



## Time to Shine! Congratulations to:



Lucy: Art certificate for The Greatest Showman; Amber: Distinction in Grade 1 Tap Dancing Exam; Matthew: 5K run for Cancer Research; Evelyn, Daniel Eloise & Reuben: WSCC Library book reading summer challenge; Daniel: L7 Gymnastics; Erin: 5m swimming certificate & ACE Football certificate; Elliot: Football award



## Message from Mrs Norton

### Fond Farewell to Mrs James, Chair of Governors



We were delighted that Mrs James could join us on her last day so children and staff could thank her for all her hard work as Chair since January 2020 and governor for more than five years!

Mrs James treated us to a mini assembly and we in turn presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and later that evening a garden centre gift card on behalf of governors and staff so she can buy something lovely for her garden.

Very kindly, Mrs James left us a very special gift too, a wonderful magnolia tree that Mr Harder, Edie and Dylan helped plant in our Mindfulness Garden. We can't wait for its beautiful flowers next year!



### Harvest Gift Reminders

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our Harvest Assembly linked to the theme of 'Care in the Community.' We would be very grateful if you could send in your child with an item we can take to the homeless charity 'Turning Tides' as per our recent letter. There will be class boxes at the playground gate.



### Curriculum Information Meetings

It was fantastic to welcome parents back into school for these meetings, we hope you found them informative. If you were unable to attend, a copy of the presentation will be found on your child's class web page along with curriculum information, timetable and a copy of this term's Curriculum Letter by the end of 28<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have any other questions or queries, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

### Responsibility Jobs 2021-22

Congratulations to the successful applicants for these school roles!

### School Council



Terry, Reuben, Jessica, Amaya, Amelie and Edie

### Greenforce



Dylan, Eloise, Pollie, Max, Leighton and Ayla

### Book Worms



Luke, Timmy, Amber, Lottie, Sadie, Lily, Evelyn and Emily



## Thakeham Reporters



Evelyn and Lottie

## Play Leaders



Oliver, Emily, Amber, Lily, Sadie, Joshua, Luke and Ava

## Digital Leaders



Daniel, Rudee, Nikos, Erin, Huxley, Matthew, Noah S, Leonie

## Illnesses

We have had a number of children unwell with sickness and diarrhoea over the past 2 weeks. A polite reminder that if your child experiences either of these symptoms then they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout.

## Holiday Absence

A reminder that I am unable to authorise absence from school for holidays if your child is over statutory school age (5 years). Ideally holidays should be planned during the 13 weeks holiday or

across one of the INSET days. If you do wish to request absence for your child, please complete a form from the office.

It is worth noting that any holiday absence meeting 10 sessions (5 days) qualifies for referral to WSCC for a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine. This is also the case where unauthorised/holiday absence meets 10 sessions across 10 school weeks. Also you must inform the school office if you wish to collect your child earlier than the usual end of the school day, please do not arrive without any prior notice.

## Parking

Following concerns and complaints from our parents and staff and Steyning Grammar School, regarding safety and adherence to our parking rules, a reminder of how this operates at Thakeham. **Only Y5/6 (Elder) parents may use the parking bay at the front of the school for drop off/pick up.** In the mornings these vehicles should pull in on **the left hand side only** and **children in Elder can be dropped off from 8:40am. Vehicles should then exit the parking bay, rather than wait for the bell to go.** This will ensure a smooth passage of vehicles across this time.

There are over 60 places at the car park behind Steyning Grammar School which Thakeham parents have full rights to use at the beginning/end of the day. We ask those using this car park return to their vehicles promptly at the end of the day to allow premises staff to secure the car park.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Sam Norton  
Headteacher



INTERESTED IN LEARNING NEW SKILLS?  
WANT TO HAVE FUN AND FEEL USEFUL?  
IS KEEPING FIT AND FRESH AIR A PRIORITY?

# STORRINGTON ON SHOW!

**SATURDAY 9th OCT  
10am - 2pm**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY?**

**COME ALONG TO HEAR MORE AT  
STORRINGTON'S VOLUNTEERING FAIR**

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Spierbridge Road, RH20 4BG

[www.storrington.org.uk/SonShow](http://www.storrington.org.uk/SonShow)



**FREE ENTRY**



## Guitar & ukulele lessons

West Sussex Music are offering guitar and ukulele lessons in school.

Taking place on Friday mornings, group (£8.50) or individual lessons (£13.90) are available. Y3 and above can apply. Instruments can also be rented from WSM. Help with paying for lessons might be possible for some families.

Chris Eaton has been working for WSM for 8 years.

Here's a video which demonstrates the different guitar styles Chris teaches;

<https://youtu.be/oj45J3hCRKA>

To apply please complete an application form on the WSM website;

[Music lessons - West Sussex Music](#)

If you have any questions you can email Chris direct;

[chris.eaton@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:chris.eaton@westsussexmusic.co.uk)



## Sussex Academy of Music

### Autumn Term Update

We plan to continue the lessons online for this term due to student numbers and the viability of sending tutors to schools, and we appreciate your understanding and support in this regard. The lessons online have been working brilliantly with pupils progressing fast! Parents / carers and pupils can now even playback videos of each lesson through mySAM, along with weekly written feedback by their tutor, which has proven very beneficial for practice purposes.

### Free Taster Lesson

We are now offering a free, no-commitment taster lesson, which will hopefully encourage pupils interested in learning an instrument the opportunity of giving it a try! Parents / carers can enquire by simply visiting [www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com) and completing the short enquiry form, or by calling 01273 465122 or emailing [lessons@sammusicservice.com](mailto:lessons@sammusicservice.com).

### Pupil Performance Videos and Grades

From Nov / Dec, we will be producing short half-termly showreel videos of pupils from Thakeham Primary performing in their lesson to be shown in assembly. We are passionate about encouraging pupils to perform and this will hopefully be a fantastic platform for, giving them the confidence to then play in front of the school! We will also be giving a half-termly update of any pupils that have recently passed their Grade exams or any other note-worthy achievements, as you may wish to include this as a story in your newsletter.

Kind regards,

Rob Biss

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## STEYNING MINI'S RUGBY

28/20



If you are interested in:

TEAMWORK

RESPECT

ENJOYMENT

DISCIPLINE

SPORTSMANSHIP



Call for further details:  
Richard - 07905 139136

### MINIS RUGBY @ STEYNING

In 2019 we launched our own MINIS rugby section, Our 1st year has been a great success and now we want to share

**Come and try MINIS Rugby at Steypning**

First couple of sessions are free of charge

Boys & Girls from U5s to U10s, reception & up

Every Sunday, from 10am to 11am

Steypning Grammar School Playing Fields

Next to Steypning Leisure Centre

Visit our Website, Facebook or call

[WWW.STEYNINGRUGBY.COM](http://WWW.STEYNINGRUGBY.COM)

The new...

## Storrington Table Tennis Club



For players of all  
abilities, including  
absolute beginners!

Weekly Opportunities for  
Social Play and Coaching at  
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre  
on Tuesdays from 14 Sept '21

**Fifty Plus      Juniors (Age 7-14)      Adults**  
**1.30-2.30pm      5.45-6.45pm      7.00-9.00pm**

With experienced Level 3 coach Ian Ford



For further information and booking go to  
[horshamsportsservices.bookwhen.com](http://horshamsportsservices.bookwhen.com)