



THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

20th December 2019



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 2nd December 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 9th December 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Gabe (Oak)
Jacob (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Lily (Maple)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Martha (Elder)
George (Elder)

Headteacher award

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 9th December 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 16th December 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Tilly (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Zack (Acorn)
Sam (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn
Noah (Maple)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Daniel (Oak)

Governor Awards

Josie, Holly, Ruby, Archie (Elder)



Time to Shine!

Congratulations to all our shining stars on their achievements outside of school. We are really proud of you all!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Celebrations

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and extended family members to watch this year's Nativity performances. The important 'take-away' messages were linked to understanding how Christmas is celebrated in a number of different countries around the world with the underlying theme of 'same but different.' This links to our Curriculum Driver 'Our Place in the World.' I was very impressed with how well the children learnt their lines and sang beautifully. I am always in awe of the magic our staff work to make these so successful and create special life long memories for both the children and adults! We are very grateful to parents for their support with learning lines and costumes.





Being back in the heart of Thakeham for our KS2 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church was a real treat. One of our school values 'Reflection' was the key theme running through the evening, enabling us to focus on the real meaning of the festive celebrations. The children's singing was outstanding as always and very moving. We are very grateful to Rev'd Sara-Jane for her warm welcome and special words to support our own reflection at this special time of year.



Our Place in the World - Getting to know our neighbours and planting trees!

We were delighted to be invited to local company 'Tesla' to be part of their tree planting venture and learn a little more about their work in making magnets for MRI scanners through a tour of the factory. Caroline Instance (Chair of Thakeham Parish Council) and Owen Richards (Clerk to Thakeham Parish Council) also accompanied us, making it a really local community adventure. It was a pleasure to spend time with the School Council and Thakeham Reporters during the visit. As part of their role, Thakeham Reporters have covered the trip out in more detail.



"We planted all kinds of trees in the fields behind the factories. They said it would take around 3 days to fill the field with trees. The trees were: Oak, Chestnut, Maple and Ash trees. Everyone took it in turns to help plant a tree. In the summer we will be going back to see how much the trees have grown. They put a plastic tube around the young trees to stop the rabbit and deer eating them. As they grow, the tube will start to break in order for the trees to grow. I

In the Tesla factory i was interesting to see how they wrapped the copper around the metal cylinder to make the magnets. Their workers are assigned different parts of a machine to work on. Eventually they put all of the sections together to make an important machine. As the magnets were too heavy to lift manually, they used beams to lift them across the room. Some of the beams weighed 13 tonnes that is the same as 3 female elephants. " Thakeham Reporters

Staffing Update

We warmly welcome an additional member of staff to our team in the new year. Mrs Eatwell will be teaching in Elder class on Fridays until the end of July. This additional post has arisen as a result of Mrs Stender (who used to cover planning and leadership time for Mrs Hopkins), moving into Oak Class. We are excited at the prospect of the children benefitting from Mrs Eatwell's specialism in teaching French. She will share this with both Elder and Maple classes across the course of Friday afternoons.

We also look forward to Mrs Jouanides working as Higher Level Teaching Assistant in Acorn class for part of Wednesday afternoons whilst Mrs Hoare and Mrs Turner have their planning time together. She will be ably supported by Mrs Stickings who has supported in classes over a period of time, including Acorn.

Governor Recruitment

We are currently looking for a Co-Opted Governor. If you know of anyone in the local community who may be interested, please ask them to contact us at school or check our website for details.

FOTS Christmas Fair

A quick update on the fundraising efforts from the Christmas Fair. Current counting stands at over £1700 which is an amazing achievement and an all time high! We are extremely grateful to the FOTS team for all their preparation and hard work, whether this be one of our regular attenders or a parent looking to support at a particular event. We look forward to using the money to support the Mindfulness Garden and new reading books for the children.

Fabulous Finish Maple

Maple Class Fabulous Finish - written by Ben

For our Fab Finish we made a dream land in our classroom. We have been reading the BFG and have really enjoyed listening to his adventures in Giant Country. We decided to create our own giant stories which we wrote on dream jars. We then hung them up all around the room to create a dreamy effect. We also spread out



our own topic projects, some of which included dream jars filled with all sorts of things including sparkly lights. All our parents and some of Oak class came in to see our dream land. Our parents had to cut down our dreams and we then read our stories to them. Here is what some of the children thought of our Fabulous Finish.

"Amazing, I loved every second of it." - Joshua

"It was so much fun reading our stories." - Amber

"I really enjoyed listening to all of the fabulous stories." Miss Brown



Age UK



The choir had a special invite to perform for Age UK at Trinity Church, Storrington. The children performed a wide range of festive songs which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Just the Christmas lunch and parties to go now! Thank you to FOTS for their kind donation of Christmas crackers!

I would like to thank all my staff for their hard work this term and hope they enjoy time putting their own family and children first for 2 weeks! All the very best to all our families for a fun-filled Christmas and thank you for your support—especially all those parents who have come in to help reading and to those who have helped with recent festive events. We really appreciate your help!

With very Best Wishes, Mrs Sam Norton (Headteacher)



Green force Update!

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated their old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, pens, milk top lids, other bottle lids and crisp packets. Isla Rose in Oak class has been collecting all the crisp packets to help support the work of the Sussex and Kent air ambulance.

Fiona McConnaiche (known locally as Fiona Womble due to her recycling work her Sussex Green Living!) came to collect what we had recycled and she was amazed at how well we had done in the past few weeks.

So far we as a school have collected:

- 1,773 milk bottle tops
- 810 other bottle tops
- 119 pens
- 24 toothpaste tubes
- 14 toothbrushes

In assembly at the end of term I shared with the children an amazing playground at Cranford Park Primary School in Hampshire. The school won a recycling competition run by Colgate and as a result had an amazing new playground built made entirely from 30,000 recycled oral care products! It was just amazing to think what good use these products had gone to instead of filling our landfill sites.

I think we can beat our results though so I am challenging us as a school to raise more in each box over the next half term. Fiona will be back at the end of term to see how well we have done so please keep recycling, keep doing your bit to help our environment and create a better world for future generations!

Thanks again for your support, Mrs Stender

CENSUS DAY—WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SCHOOL FUNDING ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020

From September 2016, West Sussex County Council have made schools responsible for the administration and payment of hot school meals for children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2. As a school, we are obliged to provide all pupils in these year groups with a hot meal for the whole academic year, in line with the Universal Free School Meal government initiative.

The funding given to schools for these hot meals is calculated by counting how many children actually have a hot meal on two specific dates - one on 3rd October 2019 and one on 16 January 2020.

If, on any day during the academic year more children take a hot meal than the averaged number from these two dates the school must pay for the additional meals from the main school budget:

For example: If 20 extra meals are taken on just one day, the cost to the school will be £46.00. If 20 extra meals are taken every day for a year, the cost will be £8740.00.

In order to ensure that we receive sufficient funding, so that we do not have to use money from the main school budget, we are requesting your help. On Thursday 16th January our plan is that we will provide **every child in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 with a hot meal**. We ask that you support us to obtain as much funding as possible by encouraging your child/ren to have their free hot dinner on that day. The menu is shown on the sheet below but will also be sent out to you via email.

If you are **unable** to support the school, we request that you return the completed slip to the school office by Thursday 19th December (paper copies can be obtained from the school office). **If you do not return the slip your child will be provided with their free hot meal on Thursday 16th January.**

If your child has a specific dietary need that Chartwells are not aware of, please contact them on 0845 603 7998, to ensure that the appropriate menu can be provided that day.

Thank you for your help in securing this funding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Chartwells Catering has a Kitchen Staff vacancy
at Storrington Primary School

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?
If yes, why not join our friendly, professional team?

Position is term time only, 3 hours per day (10.45am to 1.45pm) 5 days a week
Appropriate training will be given and uniform will be provided.

For more information please contact
Nicola Eves, Area Manager via email at
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£2.35

Childrens Choice Menu

Thursday 16th January

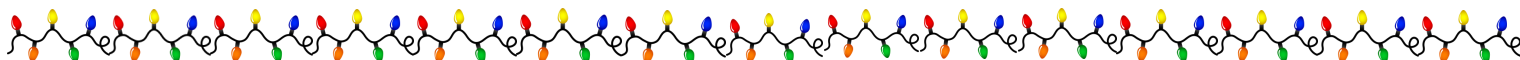
Choose a main
Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips
Veggie Nuggets & Chips

on the side...
Baked Beans or Salad
Tomato Ketchup

for dessert...
Jammy Jack
(flapjack)

for a drink...
Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

To enjoy our Census Day Menu, please
order at www.menuselector.co.uk
by Sunday 5th January.
Please take note ordering is for KS2 children only.



CHRISTMAS @
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15th December - 6.00 p.m.

Christingle Service

Saturday 21st December - 3.30 p.m.



Refreshments will be served after each service