



# NEWSLETTER

## 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### THAKEHAM PRIMARY SUPER HERO LEARNING AWARDS



Ava (Acorn)



Jasper (Acorn)  
Dylan (Oak)

Ella (Maple)

Leonie (Elder)

Ben (Elder)

Alice (Elder)



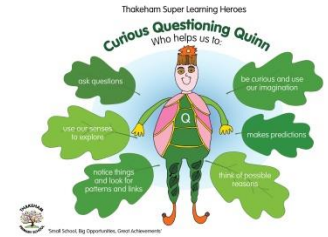
Harley (Oak)  
Freddie (Oak)

Edie (Oak)

Amelie (Oak)

Evelyn (Maple)

Chloe (Elder)



#### HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Leonie (Elder)  
Chloe (Elder)

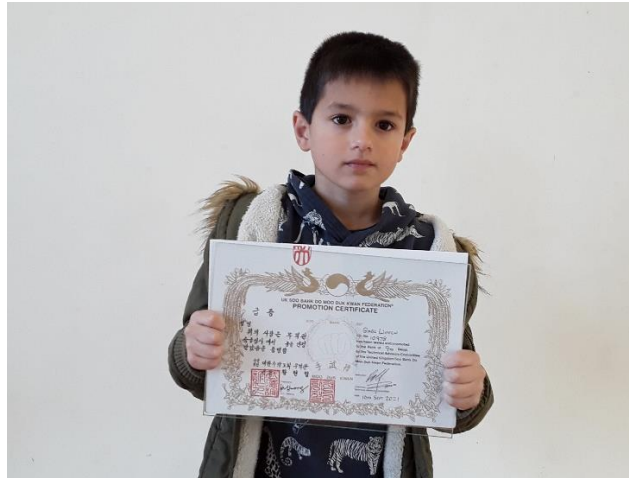
#### HALL OF FAME

Alice (Elder)  
Leighton (Elder)

### Time to Shine!

**Congratulations to for your outstanding achievements outside of school**

Gabe Wiffen for achieving a yellow belt in karate!



## Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you managed to enjoy the autumn break with your children and you all stayed safe and well. As you are aware, before half term we had a small number of known cases of Covid-19 in school. Whilst as yet we are not aware of any others in our school community, it is important we are all vigilant as cases locally have been high.

A reminder that should your child or anyone in your household experience any of the three symptoms (new, continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell), then a PCR test should be booked and the individual must self-isolate. Others in the household do not need to self-isolate, as long as they do not have symptoms, they should however all have a PCR test booked. Children can attend school if they do not have symptoms, whilst awaiting their PCR test result, but a reminder that WSCC have asked that before returning to school that they undertake an LFD test. These can be ordered online and are free of charge and usually arrive within 24-48 hours, so it is useful to keep a box at home, just in case. These should not be used though if someone is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, as a PCR test must be booked. We appreciate your support with these steps and keeping us updated with test results.

### Events in the run up to Christmas

We are very much hoping to celebrate Christmas in a 'normal' way this year, welcoming parents to join in festivities with us as a school community. Whilst we are planning on this, we will have to make

decisions nearer the time of each event in line with our risk assessment and local/national guidance as safety must be a priority, which we hope you will understand.

All our dates are on our website, but are also listed here as a reminder:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Flu vaccinations
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 6pm: Open event for prospective EYFS parents September 2022
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm: FOTS meeting at school – all welcome
- 8-12<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying Week
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9am: Closing date for Parent Governor Nominations
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 4-6pm: SEND Parent Consultation Meetings with Mrs Mullineux (booking via T2P – online (child's Google Account))
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 4-7pm: SEND Parent Consultation Meetings with Mrs Mullineux (booking via T2P – online (child's Google Account))
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am: Open event for prospective EYFS parents September 2022
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Y5/6 Football Tournament at SGS Shooting Field
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1:30pm Open event for prospective EYFS parents September 2022
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Year 6 Health Screening Check

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 9-11am Pupil Premium Meetings for parents with Mrs Mullineux and Mrs Norton
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 11:00am Open event for prospective EYFS parents September 2022
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Y3/4 Football Taster Session at SGS Shooting Field
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Growth Mindset Day
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Bags2School
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Y2 Phonics Screening Assessment
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6-6:30pm: Therapeutic Approach to Behaviour – information session for parents
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Warminghurst Church Christmas Tree Festival – tree decorating (School Council)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Non-uniform Day (bring a chocolate/wine donation for FOTS Christmas Event)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1-3pm: Decorations Afternoon – parents and children
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9-9:30am: KS1 Nativity
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-2:45pm: KS1 Nativity

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6-6:45pm: KS2 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Thakeham
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 6-7:30pm FOTS Christmas Event
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:30-3pm: Elder Fab Finish
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch and parties
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January: INSET day
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Return to school

### **Parent Governor Role**

We are advertising this voluntary role again, as sadly we did not receive any parent nominations. Please consider if you can support the school by joining our Governing Body – closing date for nominations is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please see letter sent out before half term for further details.

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Thank you for attending your appointment to discuss how your child has settled in this term and the progress they are making so far. We hope you found these helpful, even though they were online once again for Covid-19 related reasons.

If you were unable to attend your appointment, please contact the school office this week so that a suitable time can be made for you and the teacher to arrange to meet.

### **Punctuality**

We are noticing that a number of children are regularly arriving after the bell has rung at 8:45am. Between 8:45-9:00am all children are engaged in spelling/phonics/handwriting/maths activities and we ensure the children are settled and prepared for learning. Please support your child to achieve their very best by ensuring they arrive ready to come into school each day at 8:45am.

### **Squid Game**

Rather worryingly, we are noticing a number of children in Maple Class are playing games outside on the playground on this theme. The rating for this programme is 15 and children in our school therefore should not have access to this material as its content is not suitable for them. If we continue to see children engaging in these games we will liaise

with you directly as all children in the class have been asked not to play these games. We see this as a safeguarding matter and ask that you carefully monitor what children are able to access unwittingly at home.

### **Autumn/Winter Attire**

We are definitely into autumn/winter now and therefore ask that your child comes to school suitable dressed wearing a waterproof coat and as the weather becomes colder, gloves/scarf/hat.

Best Wishes

Mrs Norton  
Headteacher

# FESTIVE MENU!

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

 Chartwells  
So much more than Fantastic Food

## MAINS

£2.33

Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn  
Fillet

Served with Roast Potatoes,  
Carrots, Peas, Stuffing, a Mini  
Sausage and Gravy

## DESSERTS

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread  
Choice of Fruit

Milk, Water or Fruit Squash

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS  
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

Alternatively, you can order now until the 5<sup>th</sup> December at  
[www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk)

or contact [73041@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:73041@compass-group.co.uk) for help and information