

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Friday 17th July 2020



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 29th June 2020, awarded in online Celebration assembly on 6th July 2020:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Eloise (Acorn)
Reuben (Maple)
Clem (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Erin (Oak)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Amelie (Acorn)
Jessica (Oak)

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Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Max (Oak)
Gabe (Oak)
Callum (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn
Grace (Maple)
Leyla (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Kaden (Acorn)

Governor Awards

Sam, Nathan, Josie, Clem & George

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to:

Erin who read 8 books and her older sister **Brooke** who read 10 books during the month of June to raise money for Wadars Animal Rescue. The girls decided to help the charity after reading that it was in desperate need of donations after they read about it in Wadar's latest newsletter. Both girls raised over a £100! We are very proud that they took action and put their reading skills to the test for such a good cause.



This week **Aria** learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers. She shocked her parents by riding off unaided at the second attempt, and rode around like a natural. Time for a much-deserved bigger bike now for the summer holiday.

Also this week **Aria** learnt the sign language to the national anthem as part of her Olympics project work. Mummy works with sign language for a living so taught Aria the signs, but she grasped it very quickly and performed the anthem for her work last week. Well done Aria!



Thank you so much to parents/carers for keeping us up to date with your child's achievements outside of school whilst you've been away. It has been wonderful to hear how they have been getting on. Similarly it has been a joy to hear about all the kind deeds your children have been involved with during the past few months. We are really proud of the children for being such 'Co-operative, Caring Craigs.'

In September we will be revert to sharing achievements outside of school in our 'Celebration Assemblies.'



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Fond Farewells

We are so pleased to have been able to welcome Year 6 children back to school since June. It has enabled them to complete the very final step of their primary journey with us at Thakeham. They have really enjoyed their last few weeks at school and I am sure will leave with very fond memories of their time with us.

Thank you to Team Elder for keeping the children inspired and motivated right up to the last minute. I really am in awe of the dedication and passion which goes into everything they do for the class. Even with lockdown challenges we ensured we celebrated each child in Year 6 through a Leavers' Assembly which we filmed. As you can imagine with 15 children to talk about and photos to share of the past few years, we have encountered incredible difficulties in uploading this to share with you, but we are showing a Positive, Persevering Poppy attitude and will finalise work on this with the aim of getting it to you early next week as we do have an INSET day on Monday. I know Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Bowbrick also have contingency plans in place to ensure the leavers' hoodies are delivered when they finally arrive.

A special thanks to FOTS for the pizza and ice cream treats for the Year 6 children as their special end of school treat. They were very much appreciated by the children!

Year 6 leave behind many memories for the staff and children to remember them by and this week another has been added to the collection. The children have been working hard on creating the recycled bottle top art work that forms part of our Mindfulness Garden. Unfortunately much of this work has been on hold during the past few months but we are pleased that this has been achieved along with the raised planters, skilfully built by our Premises Manager, Mr Howse. The talented artists are featured below along with the a separate photo of Emilia whose design was chosen.



So a final farewell to all our wonderful Year 6 children and parents. We are certain they are well prepared for the next step in their learning journey and will continue to go from strength to strength in their new school.

We were pleased Mrs James, our Chair of Governors presented (at the classroom door), the Governors' Awards today, congratulations to the Sam, Josie, Clem, Nathan and George for achieving this high standard, a culmination of a number of years of hard work and effort.

We also said farewell to Mr Howse who had his last day today. Mr Howse has been with us for a year and really shown great care and dedication in his Premises Manager role, keeping our school safe and helping us to continue to improve it. We wish him all the very best in his new role.

Our Thakeham Rainbow

Thank you to everyone who submitted their artwork for our Thakeham Rainbow. Staff, children and governors all contributed to this wonderful piece of art that has held so much symbolic meaning during this time.



Looking Ahead

Parents will have received today a detailed, and hopefully informative powerpoint outlining arrangements for September. Although all children are back in September, it still isn't business as usual and we are required to work towards a set of guidance from the DfE and the local authority to ensure we keep everyone safe alongside continuing with a broad and inspiring curriculum.

We will support children back to school in September and I know continue to work with you to ensure your child is happy and thriving. Please do let us know in September if you have any questions or if your child is particularly anxious or you feel they need further support in any way. Such communication is welcomed and indeed essential.

We really are looking forward to seeing you all again. It has been such a long time that we have been apart, but I know the staff team have worked incredibly hard to keep the children motivated and still feel they are part of the school. Your support with home learning has been fantastic and very much appreciated. I know how difficult this has been and the impact on families.

Your feedback on home learning and the wrap around care for children has been very welcome. I am honoured to work with such a dedicated and caring team of staff. Everyone has gone the extra mile and made such a difference.

A final word of thanks to parents for their cards and gifts for staff over the past few days, which have been much appreciated. Staff were overwhelmed by the beautiful flowers and cards presented at the end of school today on behalf of a huge number of families to every staff member. We cannot thank you enough for this and all your kind words over the past few months. What a lovely thought indeed!

Stay safe and well, enjoy the sunshine over the summer, enjoy your children—without the need for home learning!! We look forward to seeing you all back safe and well in September.

Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton
Headteacher

Sports Day

Children both at home and at school enjoyed a fantastic week of sport and of course our Sports Day, with a few twists thrown in this year! Final scores as follows:

1st Grylls 489
2nd Edison 414
3rd Frank 409
4th Malala 372



Congratulations to Grylls on being the overall winners!

Miss Brown has been working tirelessly to put together videos and photos of Sports Day, but again technical hitches have delayed us in sending this to you. Look out for this in your inbox on Monday when we're back

Before/After School Clubs Autumn 1

We have worked very closely with our usual club providers to support them in returning safely to Thakeham in the autumn term. As we are now satisfied their risk assessments have been updated in terms of COVID-19, we are happy to welcome them back for children in key stage bubbles. Thank you if you have returned your forms to confirm your child would like a place at the clubs on offer. At this stage we hope to go ahead with cookery, KS2 football and KS2 netball. **If you have signed up for these you have a place (subject to any government changes).** Unfortunately we only had 3 children interested in KS1 football so this club is not viable and will not run.

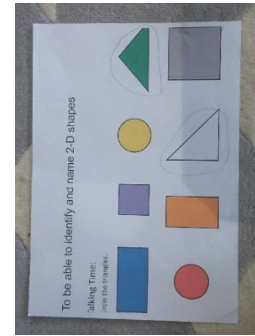
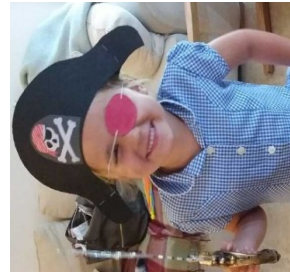
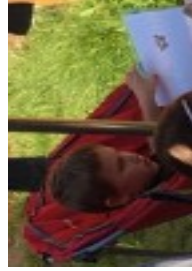
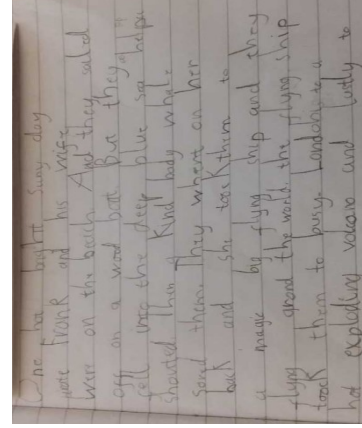
If you have signed up for Pottery, Capoeira or Dance they will be in contact with you directly regarding any confirmation of places.

Childcare & Holiday Clubs

West Sussex County Council have a website listing childcare providers and holiday clubs in the local area should you wish to use these over the summer holidays. To see what's available in your area please search using the link below:

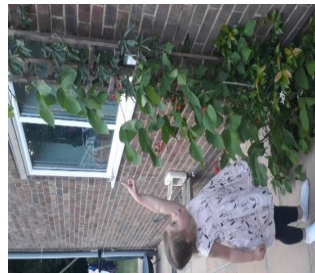
Acorn Class Learning– w/c 29th June & w/c 6th July

Literacy



Acorn Class home learning Summer 2 weeks 5/6
Pirates, Shape and Sports Week

Topic

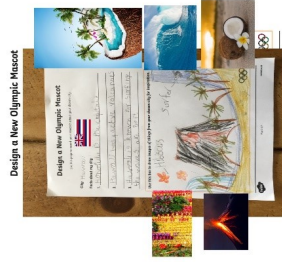


Maths

Oak Class Learning— w/c 29th June & w/c 6th July



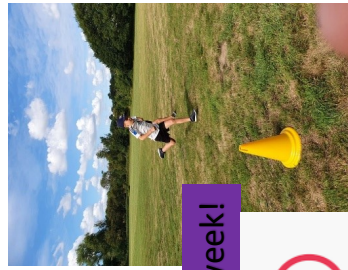
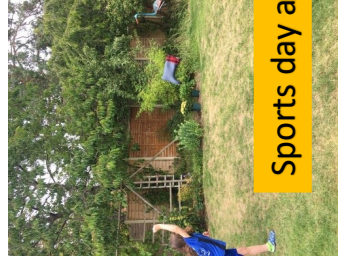
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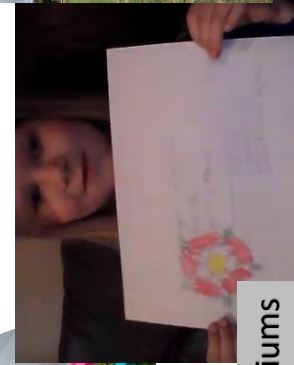
Design a New Olympic Mascot



Sports day at home



Oak class Olympic week!



Designing new sports stadiums



Winning points for our school house!

Event	Completed (U)
Sprint	5/5 ✓
Standing Long Jump	1.28 m
Egg and Spoon race	10 m
Well Boot Toss	5/5 ✓
Marathon Challenge	5/5 ✓
Obstacle Course	16/16 ✓
Plank	5/5 ✓
Skipping	14/14 ✓
Ball bounces	3/3 ✓
Hurdles	3/3 ✓
Target Practise	3/3 ✓
Speed Bounce	2/2 ✓
Washing Line Challenge	5/5 ✓

Scorecard

Name: ERIN VIOUOLA
Class: OAK
Year Group: 2
House Team: GREEN



Making medals

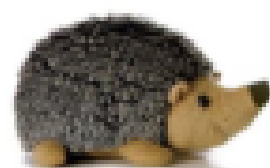


Baking treats after all our exercise

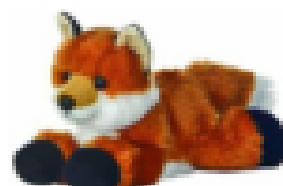




**Thakeham
Community
Events**
invites you to



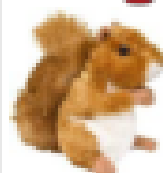
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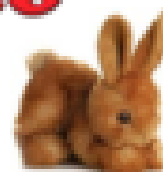
FluFFy Friends!

**20 fluffy toys are hiding in
windows all around Thakeham...**

Ask your grown-up to



help you find them!



**Simply snap a photo (from the street) of
the house / building where you see one
hiding and send it to us to be entered into
a draw to win one of our Fluffy Friends.**

Posters in windows will help you find them!

Grown-ups, send your photos to us by 26th July:

  Facebook Messenger: [@ThakehamEvents](https://www.facebook.com/ThakehamEvents)

 Twitter: [@ThakehamEvents](https://twitter.com/ThakehamEvents)

 or e-mail us at ThakehamEvents@outlook.com

Enter with as many DIFFERENT houses / buildings you find.
Each entry gives you a chance to win one of our Fluffy Friends.



West Sussex Libraries Reading Challenge

The West Sussex, Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is online this year! See attached.

Please keep any of your rewards so we can celebrate your achievements, when we return in September. Happy

Have you joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet?

Each year thousands of children across West Sussex take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their library.

This year the challenge is happening online and it's FREE to take part – register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children can read any books of their choice during the summer holiday and this year anything goes; books from home, books from school or choose from West Sussex Libraries fantastic collection of eBooks, eAudio or eComics! Try something new or reread an old favourite.

Record your reading online, unlocking rewards as you reach your target. There is no minimum number of books that children have to read to complete the challenge – it could be one or it could be 99!

Joining the library is free and easy to do [online](#) and you can find out more about what [West Sussex Libraries](#) offers for all the family.



SAM Online
www.sammusicservice.com
0800 756 9411



SAM's Online Summer Music Lessons

Remote music lessons via Zoom over the summer holidays - learn to play the guitar, drums, keyboard or to sing one-to-one from home!

[Watch a short video about online lessons](https://sammusicservice.com/) at —<https://sammusicservice.com/>

Dear parents, please find below some information about SAM Music Service's **online lessons taking place throughout the summer holidays**.

The summer is an ideal time to learn an instrument, whether you already play or are looking to start! Lessons take place online via Zoom with devices such as laptop, tablet, iPad or smartphone, meaning your child can have lessons from the comfort of your home. The times are very flexible, don't worry about committing to a lesson every week if you are away at certain points.

You can book a one-off taster lesson if you would like to try before booking a block of lessons.

Lessons are affordable at £16.50 per 30 minute individual lesson, suitable for both **children and adults**.

Childcare vouchers are accepted!

To enquire, just complete the short enquiry box on [SAM's website](#), and they'll be in touch soon!

Greenforce



Although we cannot be together as a Greenforce team at the moment and implement new challenges in school, we would like you to take up the 'Recycle it Right' pledge at home! We all love Busta and Pong and this is a great opportunity to support their campaign whilst also giving the school an opportunity to win an amazing prize!

Wastebuster and the West Sussex Waste Partnership are inviting West Sussex schools and families to take

part in the **"Recycle it Right" Pledge Challenge** from 30th June to 14th Aug 2020. The school gaining the highest percentage of family pledges will **win a year's subscription to National Geographic Kids for Schools**, including print magazines and unlimited online access to the National Geographic Kids online library of primary resources.

A new "West Sussex Wastebusters" family home learning website is launching alongside the Challenge on 30th June 2020, with enriching, child-led waste prevention and recycling focused activities for different ages. These home learning activities are supported by new "Busta and Pong" videos and competitions. Our children will earn rewards for completing activities and have chances to win fantastic prizes. If they wish, children can share their work with others via an online gallery. The website and home learning activities will remain available to families to access and enjoy throughout the summer holidays.

Please help support our environment and school by taking up this challenge!

