

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

2018



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations to Jeni (Acorn), Nikos (Acorn), Grace (Acorn), Luke (Oak), Amber (Maple), Callum (Maple) and Jakub (Elder) on their awards as presented in Celebration assembly on Monday 29th October.

Congratulations to Florin (Oak), Emily (Maple), Emilia (Elder) and Sophie (Elder) on their awards as presented in Celebration assembly on Monday 5th November.

Congratulations to Gabe (Acorn), Leighton (Oak), Peter (Oak), Grace (Maple) and William (Elder) on their awards as presented in Celebration assembly on Monday 12th November.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Sam (Elder), Tilly (Maple) and Adam (Maple) who have all featured in the Hall of Fame to date.

Headteacher award

Congratulations to Brooke (Elder) and William (Elder) who were presented their awards in Celebration Assembly on 12th November 2018.

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to Zane, Brooke, Vivi, Beth and Emma Rose this week for your outstanding achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to Grace, Emma Rose, Josie, Maddie, Zane and Archie last week for your outstanding achievements outside of school.

Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

'Our Place in the World' - Working with and looking after our local community

Air pollution is a big problem in the UK today and to help raise awareness, Sussex Air has commissioned two leading charities, Sustrans and Living Streets, to work with a number of primary schools, of which we are one, in or near Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA). They will be working with our pupil Eco Warriors and Junior Road Safety Officers on fun, hands on activities to raise awareness of air pollution and develop solutions to tackle it across the course of the year.

'Sustrans' will work with our children to investigate the two main pollutants; Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Matter, mapping cleaner air walking and cycling routes, looking for signs of air pollution in our local area such as traffic levels and types of lichen and working on walking and cycling to school competitions.

'Living Streets' visited our school recently to launch the 'Wow' project linked to encouraging children who can walk to school, to do so. The children listened thoughtfully and were especially excited to meet their mascot 'Strider' who definitely captured the children's interests. We have carried out surveys in school capturing the modes of transport children use to travel to school and further activities and resources will be explored across the year. For further information see <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

Steining Grammar School Art Partnership

You will be aware that we already work closely with SGS utilising the skills of their PE teachers to work alongside our own teachers in leading PE lessons across Year 1-6 and the positive impact this has on pupil engagement and skills. We have also welcomed students to our school to read with our Oak class pupils and to lead assemblies linked to celebrations or global issues. Our recent exciting collaboration was an Art based project which we are looking forward to unveiling shortly—see overleaf for more details. I am sure you agree that our re-location has supported these important links which we are keen to utilise to enrich our curriculum.

Exciting changes at St Mary's Church, Thakeham

I was honoured to be invited to celebrate the licensing of Sara-Jane Stevens, new priest at St Mary's Church last week. It was a very special service that saw the church packed out and wishing Sara-Jane well in her new role in our local church. Allison Goodfellow (Church Warden) has been instrumental in working with us to maintain and develop links with the church, for which we are very grateful. We have enjoyed welcoming her to our school for assemblies and events over the past few years. Both Allison and Sara-Jane will be visiting us soon to meet children and staff during an assembly. We look forward to welcoming our new local vicar and working closely together. **Please make December 13th 6:15pm a date in your calendar to visit the church for our KS2 Christmas Service.**

Staffing Update

Mr Gilligan will be leaving us, with his last day being 21st of November. As he is still unwell he won't be returning to work. I am sure that parents will join me in thanking him for his contributions over the past 7 years. We wish him well for the future.

Cleaning will continue to be undertaken by Churchills who hold the contract with WSCC for schools. We will shortly be advertising for a Premises Manager to undertake relevant duties. My sincere thanks to staff and parents for their support with jobs, really going the extra mile to ensure the school runs smoothly. The support has been very much appreciated.

Parents of Oak class have already been informed by letter that due to family commitments, Mrs Double will be leaving Thakeham at the end of this term. We thank Mrs Double for her hard work since starting with us in September, especially implementing a wealth of creative learning opportunities for the class and inspiring us all with her wonderful displays and art skills!

We have appointed Mr Picken who will start with Oak class in January following the Christmas break. We are delighted to have Mr Picken join our team and are confident he will form genuinely positive, caring relationships with everyone in our school community. He is an experienced KS1 and 2 teacher with high expectations who will support our Ofsted development area of providing challenge for our eager children. We were very impressed with the children's outcomes from the lessons that we observed and all other areas as part of the rigorous interview process. Mr Picken has worked in a variety of different sized schools both in the UK and overseas, including Colombia where he is currently teaching in an international school. Mr Picken, who is British, is looking forward to re-locating back to West Sussex with his family.

Mrs Constable continues to be suffering with ear/balance issues and is missing us terribly, as we are her. I have passed on everyone's good wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back as soon as possible.

Please check our website calendar regularly for key dates. Dates to note for the next few weeks ahead:

- Friday 16th November ' - Children in Need Day' - please bring in your clean un-wanted clothes this week for our Bring and Buy Sale after school on this day. We hope you will browse and buy!
- Friday 16th November—Parliament Activity Day
- Friday 30th November— Non-uniform day in return for chocolate/bottles for our Christmas Fair
- Friday 7th December—Please bring in cake donations for our Christmas Fair
- Friday 7th December—Decorations Afternoon—come and help us make decorations to adorn our hall for the Christmas Fair (from 1pm)
- Saturday 8th December 12-4pm Christmas Fair (in our school hall)
- Monday 10th December 1:30pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal—Acorn and Oak & performances 11th & 12th @2pm
- Thursday 13th December 6:15pm Maple & Elder Christmas Church service @ St Mary's Church, Thakeham

- Friday 14th December—Christmas Lunch & Class Parties
- Monday 17th December—Choir carol singing at Sussex Downs Care Home (afternoon)

Lots to look forward to!

Best Wishes, Mrs Sam Norton

ART DAY

Steining Grammar Art Students and Art coordinator Mrs Modder spent the day in school with all of our pupils last Wednesday to create a joint piece of art work across our schools. This involved every child in our school working creatively exploring water colour paints mixing them with salt, blending different colours, using wax resist and stippling, all linked to our tree theme. We had a lovely day, learnt new techniques and were very lucky to be supported by the experts next door. We are hoping to unveil our art installation in the next few weeks!

Mrs Hoare



Class Charities

After much debate and discussion we are delighted with the choice of charities that our classes will be supporting with various fundraising ideas throughout the year:

Oak: Wadurs <http://www.wadars.co.uk/> (Ferring based animal rescue)

Maple: Cancer Research <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org>

Elder: Ellie Thornton Foundation

This supports our School Values work on 'care' and 'responsibility.'



Elder Class Commemorate WW1

To commemorate the 100th centenary of the end of WW1 and Armistice Day, Elder class spent the week focusing on the lives and experiences of the young soldiers involved and the impact that their decisions have made on our lives today.

Through reading letters written in the trenches, of soldiers, some of whom never made it home, we drew the face of our own soldiers, developed a family tree for them, wrote letters home and created their biographies. The whole class shown great empathy and respect throughout the week's work.

On Thursday, Elder Class led the whole school in a Remembrance assembly which included singing, a question and answer session and a recital of the poem Flanders Field by John McCrae.

Mrs Hopkins



FOTS Chair Wanted!



After many, many years of leading our school to raise much needed funds to buy resources and putting on countless events with help from the FOTS team, Debbie Pirkis is planning on stepping down as Chair of FOTS at the end of this term. Debbie has been a fantastic ambassador putting her heart and soul into supporting our wonderful school. Huge thanks go to Debbie for her for all her hard work and dedication.

We would like to hear from you if you are able to either Chair (or Co-Chair) this voluntary role at our school and help make a difference. Please speak either to Debbie or Mrs Norton for further information. **Expressions of interest by Fri Nov 23rd please.**

School Twitter—Follow Us!



We are hoping to make greater use of Twitter across this school year, informing you of news and to share 'live' pupil celebrations etc. Please follow us:

Thakeham_PS

Our Parent Cycling Heroes!

We are proud to announce that Mr Pirkis, Mr & Mrs Nicholls and Mr & Mrs Stockwell successfully completed their challenge of cycling the South Downs Way in 3 days and, with a wide range of support from both our school, local and extended community raised **£2,040!!!!**

This much needed money will help fund shade canopies for our playground.
We are so very grateful for their support and dedication to the school!



Anti Bullying Week— Choose Respect!

This year the theme of Anti-bullying week has been 'Choose Respect' which has linked perfectly with our Super Learning Hero, Co-operative, Caring Craig. Acorn children have been learning about ways in which we are all different and this is a positive thing. They have designed their own mask, unique to them, inspired by Co-operative, Caring Craig's mask! Oak class have been learning about what bullying is and isn't, making 'Stop/Go' signs to remind them about what is kind/unkind behaviour. Maple have learnt about 'social bullying' including name calling, leaving people out etc. They designed great comic strip stories which we've compiled into a book for the library to be shared with the whole school. Elder focussed on banter and when this can become bullying and the impact. They identified a range of antonyms and synonyms to deepen their understanding of respect.

The children enjoyed sharing their learning with each other in assembly.



Children in Need Day Friday 16th November

Don't forget to bring in unwanted items of clothing this week for our Bring & Buy sale in aid of Children in Need! Our School Council and Eco Team have been busy organising the clothes ready to sell after school on Friday—please bring money with you to make a donation for any clothes you would like to take away. The bring and buy sale will also enable the Eco Team to complete the final Waste buster textiles challenge and will be a great achievement for them so early in their new role!

For a donation of £1, children are welcome to come dressed in their own spotty clothes on the day of the event!



Photo of the Fortnight



LOVE SCHOOL — Meals — WE'RE ALL EARS



Chartwells is the catering partner chosen to provide tasty and nutritious meals in your child's school and to coincide with National School Meals Week, we'd really love to know what you think of our school meals. Last year thousands of you completed our survey and it provided us with really valuable feedback. It helped us to understand what you like and what you think needs improving and we've been able to use the information to make changes and build plans around our food for the future.

HAVE YOUR SAY

12th November – 16th November 2018

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY
For your chance to win
8 x Family Ice Skating Tickets

**GO TO WWW.WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK
TO TAKE THE SURVEY**

Experience **CHRISTMAS** In Bognor Regis

www.lovebognorregis.co.uk/
christmas

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Design this year's Cool Milk Christmas card and one lucky winner will receive a £50 Amazon gift card and have their design professionally printed and sent to hundreds of people all over the UK!



Name

School/setting number

(this usually begins with an 'S', 'N' or '1')

Age

YOUR DESIGN
HERE

?

Use the space below to create your Christmas design.

Remember to include milk in your design and be careful to stay inside the box.

Please return entries by Friday 23rd November 2018 to:
FREEPOST Cool Milk
For terms and conditions visit www.coolmilk.com/card-competition-terms

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FRIENDS OF
STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO THE

Winter Fair

**Saturday
November 17, 2018
10am-4pm**

£1 entry. Children free.

Gift stalls
Stunning prizes in the Silent Auction
Food & drinks
Cash Prize Grand Raffle
Mulled wine Mince Pies
Santa's Grotto
Live music
Balloon Car
Tombola

Steyning Grammar School
Shooting Field, BN44 3RX
(Behind the leisure centre)

Plenty of Free parking Registered Charity No.1115430

Christmas Fair

**Saturday 17th
November
10am-2pm
Glebelands
Community
Centre, Ferring**

wadars
animal rescue

Children receive **FREE** gift from Santa!
While stocks last

Wide range of stalls, including....
Refreshments; raffle; pet treats & gifts; new and pre-loved jewellery; cakes jams & chutneys; Wadars Christmas cards....and much more!

For further details call Wadars on 01903 247111.

Unfortunately dogs are not permitted in the Community Centre

Registered charity number 1146884

Food Super Heroes

Chartwells Catering has a Kitchen Staff vacancy at West Chiltington Community 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. 11.30am – 1.30pm, 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
nicola.eves@compass-group.co.uk

ENT LEARN LIVE

Sixth Form College Vacancy

Due to an internal promotion, we are seeking an energetic, enthusiastic and caring individual to join our Sixth Form College Administration team.

Steining Grammar School Sixth Form College is a unique, successful and dynamic learning community. Our 'Journey to Excellence' is built on traditions of excellence and highest expectations, combined with a commitment to innovation and new thinking - to support our students in being the best they can be in preparation for their exciting futures.

Ofsted (March 2017) continued to rate the school Good with Outstanding features, highlighting the following strengths:

- *Parents, pupils and sixth formers are rightly proud of Steining Grammar School and all that it achieves*
 - *The school vision "Every person the best they can be" creates an aspirational culture*
- Steining Grammar School is rapidly improving*

We are looking for an individual who will take an active role in supporting our mission statement.

You will play a key communication role for our Sixth Form College students, meeting their day to day needs and be part of an enthusiastic and dedicated administrative team.

We welcome the opportunity to hear from you and would be delighted to show you around our Sixth Form College facilities and the wider school community.

If you are interested in applying for the post, please complete the attached WSCC application form and return it to Terri Jeffrey, HR Manager or electronically to HRManager@sgs.uk.net by **Monday 26 November 2018**. Full details of the post can be located on our school website under the vacancies tab.

Please note, we will be interviewing for the post on Thursday 29 November.

Mini Soccer At Thakeham Village Football Club



We are currently offering open mini soccer training sessions to young players with a view to moving them into our new teams at Under 8s and Under 10s for season 2019/20.

Sessions are at 9:30am on term-time Saturdays at just £4 per session per child.

Thakeham Village Football Club is a FA Charter Standard Youth Club which is only awarded to clubs that meet high standards of child welfare and club administration.

To register your child or for more information please e-mail secretary@thakehamvillagefc.co.uk

For more information on the club please visit:
www.ThakehamVillageFC.co.uk

MAKE YOUR MARK

on
HORSHAM
PARK

Submit a favourite poem or enter your own to become a permanent part of **Poet's Corner** - 12 tree trunks displaying poetry to celebrate our local culture and heritage.

For info pick up a bookmark or email:
poetscorner@friendsofhorshampark.co.uk



FRIENDS OF HORSHAM PARK

HORSHAM DISTRICT
**YEAR OF
CULTURE**
2019

IF YOU WERE AN **ENGINEER** WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

FREE STEM COMPETITION FOR 3 – 19 YEAR OLDS

Please pass this email on to STEM Co-ordinators, Science & Technology Teachers, Engineering Tutors and any colleagues with an interest in STEM

The Primary Engineer and Secondary Engineer Leaders Award competition is open to children and students between the ages of 3 and 19. Pupils are asked to answer the question “If you were an engineer what would you do?”.

We ask them to find a problem, invent a solution, draw it, explain it and then send it in; this gives children the opportunity to use their writing and drawing skills as well as embrace their creativity.

We encourage schools to link up with an engineer so the pupils can interview them and find out about the world of engineering. In addition we run on-line interviews where we ask engineers to talk about their role and then the children get to ask questions via a chat facility.

In 2017/18 we engaged with over 37,000 children across the UK who all receive at least a certificate. We are now being supported by **Thales UK**, the **University of Southampton** and the **Winchester Science Centre** in the South region and will be holding our award ceremony at the University of Southampton in July next year. Entries from schools in the South region will be on display at our public exhibition at the university.

To find out more and register visit www.leadersaward.com, email info@leadersaward.com



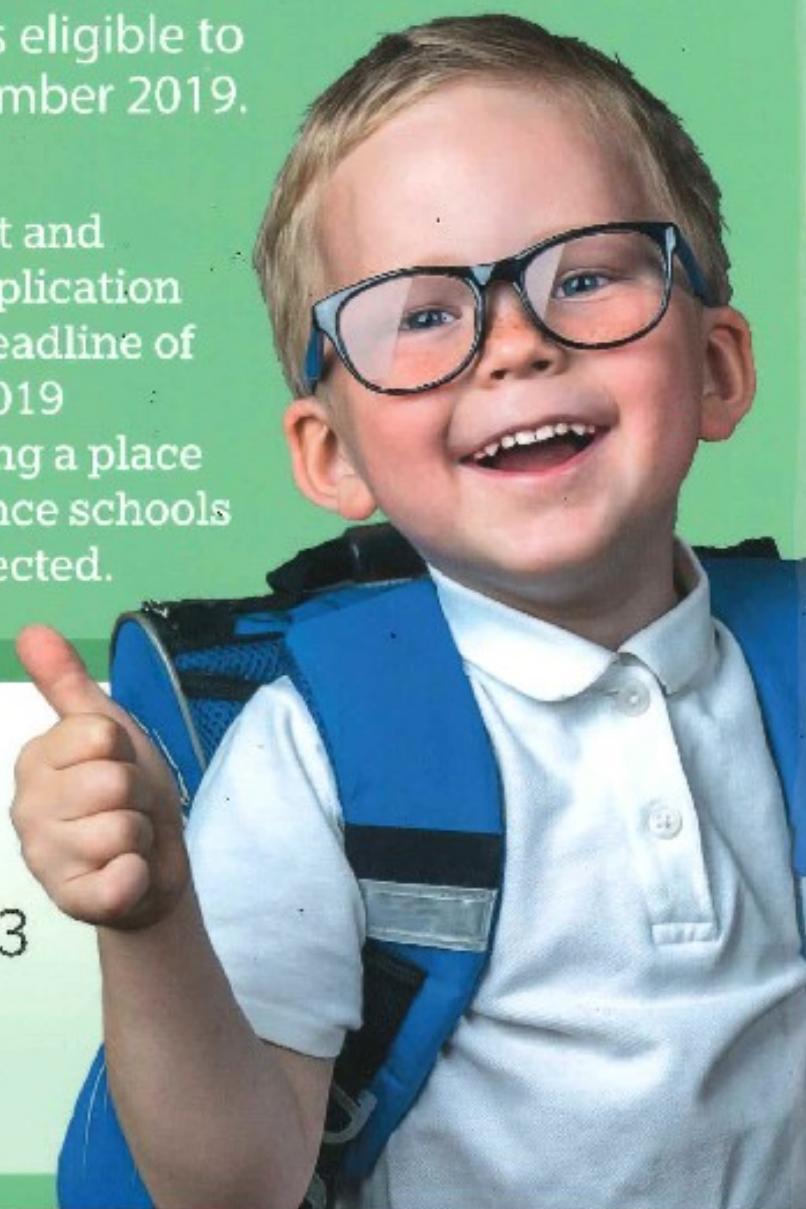


Was your child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?


If so then he or she is eligible to
start school in September 2019.

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and
timesaving. If your application
is received after the deadline of
Tuesday 15 January 2019
your chance of securing a place
at one of your preference schools
could be seriously affected.



You can apply online from
Monday 1 October 2018.
If you would like further
advice or information contact:

 03330 142 903

Free internet access to apply
online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
- Children and Family Centres



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Apply online at:

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Deadline: Tuesday 15 January 2019

