

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Friday 5th October 2018



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 1st October 2018. These awards will be recognised in Celebration assembly on Monday 8th October

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Co-operative, Caring
Craig
Grace B/Nathan M (Elder)

Curious, Questioning
Quinn
Adam (Maple)

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby
Grace (Acorn)/Harrison
(Oak)/Jaime (Elder)

Headteacher award

Frankie/Oliver/Max

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 24th September 2018. These awards were recognised in Celebration assembly on Monday 1st October

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Archie/George (Oak)

Joshua (Maple)

Drew (Elder)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to Callum, Lucas, Jaime, Amber and Archie for your outstanding achievements outside of school



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Open Door Policy

We hope you feel your child is settling in well to the new school year. We have always enjoyed positive relationships with parents, indeed this was a notable strength from our recent Ofsted inspection. From time to time it is natural that you may have questions or concerns and so we ask that you please speak in the first instance to your child's class teacher who will be happy to listen and help. I am equally happy to meet with parents too, though would always suggest, if it is a class issue that you do talk initially with the class teacher.

Parent/Carer Volunteers

We are lucky enough to have a few regular helpers in school. They really enjoy the time with the children supporting with reading and other aspects of learning. If this is something you may be interested in, please speak to either myself or your child's classteacher who will discuss the requirements with you. Please note any regular volunteer in school will be required to have a DBS and child protection/safeguarding training.

Plea: We have selected a shade canopy for our playground but WSCC now require a structural engineer to assess the effectiveness of said structure. Is there a parent or someone you know who would be willing to offer this service to the school without cost please? Please let me know asap if you can help!

Maths Mastery

We are delighted to be part of a Maths Mastery Teacher Research Group via the Sussex Maths Hub. Mrs Double and Miss Brown will be the key leads for this project which we are hoping will take our maths teaching and learning to new heights, supporting children to broaden and deepen their understanding of mathematics. We are keen for parents to be involved with this as much as possible so will be in touch later this term to offer a workshop and class visit for you to attend. Parent feedback has suggested that you would find it helpful to have a better understanding of our methods and approaches in school so we are hoping uptake will be good.

Staff Update

We welcome Mrs Stickings to our school team! Mrs Stickings works at lunchtimes as our Midday Meals Supervisor in the hall, ensuring everyone gets their lunch in a timely fashion, that children receive help and support as needed and the lunch hall is left clean and tidy. Mrs Stickings has settled in really well and is a much valued and respected member of school!

Mr Gilligan continues to be unwell and is off sick for a further 2 weeks. Premises Manager duties are currently being undertaken by myself and Mrs Mills (School Business Manager) and cleaning by a contract cleaning company. I have been very touched by the offer of support and help from our parent body with jobs, your support is very much appreciated.

Parking

I would like to thank parents for their sensible approach to parking in the mornings/after school whilst we do not have Mr Gilligan on car park duty. The only issue that has arisen is the parking of parents on a couple of occasions in an area that is not designated as a marked bay, causing other parents to be blocked in. **If there are no spaces available in our car park, please use the SGS car park.**

FOTS

We may be a small school but we have 78 families on roll. I am delighted that 4 were able to join us last night for our 1st FOTS meeting of the year. This is double the numbers at points last year, however we really do hope to be able to draw on wider support in order to put on events that your child would like to come too as well as events for grown ups too. We hope through our newly established class reps that more parents will be able to show their support for the school and volunteer at an event or 2 across the year—**many hands truly do make light work!**
Out class reps are follows:

Acorns (Reception): Hannah Smith (Evelyn's Mum)

Year 1 (Oak class): Gilly Hall (Poppy & Maddy's Mum)

Year 2 (Oak class) Pip Jennings (Ruby & Sadie's mum)

Year 3 TBC

Year 4 TBC

Year 5: Claire Forrester (Millie and Noah)

On **Friday 19th October** we will be holding a Movie Night (Hotel Transylvania 2) from 6-8pm in our school hall. Letters go out in book bags today with permission slips. We are looking for an additional 2-4 helpers for this event. Please let your class reps/Debbie Pirkis/me know if you may be able to help.

Children will be sitting on seats this time (so no need to bring pillows etc). We would like to highlight that children **should not bring their own devices** with them to the movie night to enable them to focus on the film on offer. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

We hope you will be able to support our parent cyclists who plan to **cycle the South Downs** in aid of our school. Wow what a commitment! Please make a donation via their just giving website www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thakehamps

We hope you will be able to support the **Firework event on October 12th** organised by SGS, Thakeham Parish Council and ourselves. Tickets are on sale from our school office priced £5 (children under 5 free) in advance or bought on the gate £7 (children under 5 free). With Best Wishes, Sam Norton (Headteacher)

Eco Warriors



I am delighted to introduce Miles, Holly, Martha, Matthew, Casper and Brooke as our Eco Warriors this academic year. We will be working together to look for different ways to raise the awareness of reducing, reusing and recycling amongst staff and children and keeping our school as eco-friendly as possible. We are very thankful for the large compost bins that have been donated to our school

over the summer and therefore our focus this term will be on ensuring that all school fruit and vegetable waste are collected and put into the compost bins. Our Eco Warriors have already ordered mini waste bins for each class and their role each day will be to collect the waste from the classes and dinner hall and dispose of it in our compost bins. The worms will then start wriggling away and hopefully when we are ready to plant new bulbs or seeds ready for Spring and Summer we will have some lovely rich compost to use. Our second goal this term is to complete the last Waste Buster challenge which is a textiles clothing challenge which we would like to link to Children in Need so look out in the next newsletter for more information!



Mrs Stender

Thakeham Reporters

Jasper, Ollie, Emilia, Dylan and Isabella have the job of 'Thakeham Reporters', keeping the community up to date with all our exciting news through the bi-weekly School Newsletter, the quarterly edition of Thakeham Parish News AND THE MONTHLY EDITION OF Sussex Local. Writing, editing and publishing are just some of the key skills they use, working together as a team.



Mrs Hopkins

School Council



Congratulations to William, Josie, Mabel, Oliver, Vivi, and Poppy who have been elected as our new School Council members. They have taken a responsible approach to their duties already, discussing with their classes which charities they would like to support this year and have shared their thoughts on how to continue to improve our school. They are an enthusiastic, confident group who I know will do a fantastic job!

Mrs Norton

The Wombles

We have been part of Horsham District Council's 'Adopt a Street' scheme for 4 years. We look after Thakeham Road, Water Lane and Hillside Road.

Drew, Clem, Olivia, Martha, Timmy, Max, Chloe, Lily Sadie and Bea have joined together to become Wombles for Thakeham Primary for 2017-18. Armed with their litter pickers, gloves and high vis jackets they look after our local community, being co-operative, caring citizens for the future.

Mrs Double

Play Leaders

We have 10 Play Leaders this year who lead a range of fun activities at playtimes and lunchtimes. They ensure that each activity is inclusive and often have many children enthused to learn new skills. This year's play leaders are; Sophie, Grace, Annabelle, Yasmin, Harry, Jakub, Sam, Olly, Emilia and Jaime.

Miss Brown

The Bookworms

Our book worms this year are Ruby, Brooke, Grace and Emilia they will be working with Mrs Hoare and Mrs Strong to help keep the library well organised. They will be talking to children about book reviews and using the reading cloud to help report on the latest trends. We also hope to connect with a school in Bangladesh to share and compare favourite books. The book worms will also help run a library session during Thursday lunch time.

Mrs Hoare



National Fitness Day

Last week, the whole school took part in the National Fitness Day. This year change 4 life set up a fantastic challenge aimed at all ages called 'Train like a Jedi.' Olympic gold medallist Jade Jones guided the children through 12 special moves that helped them master the ways of the Jedi! The aim was to get all children active and moving for a minimum of 15 minutes which was more than achieved by each class!

Miss Brown



Digital Leaders

Our digital leaders this year are Adam, Rocky, George, TJ, William and Jasper. These children will be helping with the technology in our school. They will be in charge of taking photos and videos for school events. They will be helping in and around the classrooms to set up and log in to laptops especially in the younger classrooms. They will also be promoting the schools e-safety policy and work with each other to ensure that everyone is kept safe whilst online.



JRSO

JRSO's are working on Travel and transport at our site looks and the role of our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) will be invaluable to ensure those on feet and on wheels travel safely. This year's JRSOs are **Sophia-Rose, Olivia, Josie and Zane**.

Mrs Bowbrick



Year 3/4 Netball Tournament

On the 3rd October, a group of Maple class children took part in a very competitive netball tournament against other STARS schools. The children worked fantastically as a team and triumphed against many of their competitors only missing out on first place by one goal! A huge well done to the whole team who showed excellent team work and perseverance throughout, even when playing positions that they were not comfortable in!

Time travelling Oak

On Tuesday 24th September the Rainbow Theatre took us back to 1666 to meet Tom Farrier and Samuel Pepys. I had to paint black crosses on people's doors because they had to stay indoors for 28 days. I had to pretend I was at a bar and Tom Farrier came. I said "Did you start the fire?" he said "no" but he was actually lying. My favourite part was when we ducked down when the bombs went off.
By Sadie Jennings.



Harvest

Thank you to those who were able to come and join us in our Harvest Celebration on September 28th. It was lovely to welcome new families across the school and also Reverend Dawn Carn from Trinity Methodist Church. The children were very excited to share some of their work, from beautiful art work in Acorn and Oak class to a harvest Rap in Maple, and a thought provoking sketch form Elder class about being thankful for everything that we have not just the food we like. As always the children sang with joy and enthusiasm and were led beautifully by the choir who also performed

Thank you for your generous donations which have been greatly received by Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

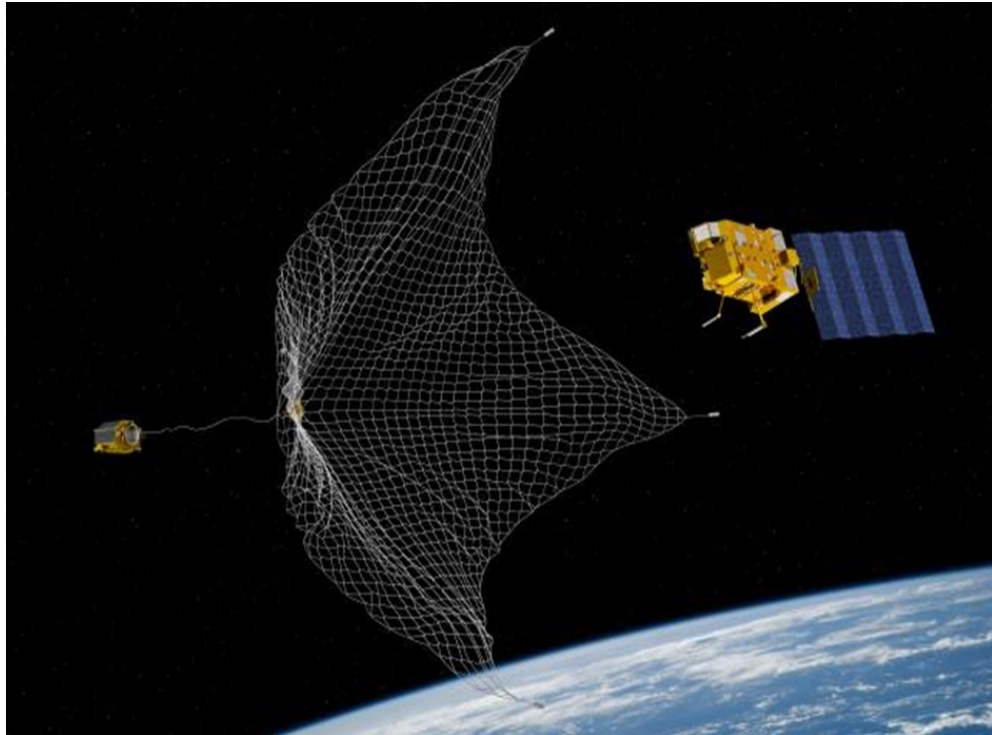


Elder Class visit by John Blackall Local Councillor for Horsham Council District

Elder class is learning all about Rules, Law and Democracy this half term. We have explored rules in our homes, school and Nationally and discussed how these rules came to pass by finding out more about what a democratic society is. On Friday 28th September we were privileged to welcome John Blackall who is a local Conservative Councillor in the Horsham District. He shared with us the history of how we became a Democratic society dating back to Saxon times and from this began to explain a little bit more about how Councillors and MPs are voted into their position today, their length of office and the campaigns that are beginning in preparation for May 2019. Elder class asked some sophisticated questions to further understand the difference between local and National elections and also find out a bit more about his job role and the different local tasks he is currently working. Later on the term we are going to focus more on the Rule of Law and are planning a Magistrates visit to make us more aware of justice in the local community and inform us about the process and role of the Magistrates court in the legal process which we are very much looking forward to!



Photo of the Fortnight



PLEASE HELP US TO RAISE MONEY FOR THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Sunday 28th October, Rob Pirkis, Lawrence and Cheryl Stockwell, and Carrie and Ben Nicholls are beginning the challenge of cycling 100 miles, nearly 4,000 meters of climbing along The South Downs Way, from Winchester to Eastbourne. Please support us to raise enough money to provide sun canopies for our school playground. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thakehamps



FOTS—Halloween

Join us in watching ...

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2



Friday 19th October
6:00 – 8:00pm

FOTS Halloween Movie Night, to be shown in the school hall on the BIG
Screenscreen!

Come along in your spooky Fancy Dress!!

All children will receive popcorn and drinks included in the ticket price of
£2.50 each.

Please complete the slip below and return this to the office with your payment in a
named envelope by Monday 15th October. No tickets will be issued for this event.

Halloween Movie Night Friday 19th October 2024



Hotel Transylvania 2



Name/s.....

Payment enclosed (£2.50 ea.).....

Contact Number.....

Who will be collecting (if not parent).....

Signatures..... Name..... Please note this film is rated PG



Fireworks Display

FoSGS and Friends of Thakeham Primary School are holding a Fireworks display with Thakeham Parish Council on 12th October 2018 at [Thakeham Village Hall](#), The Sportsfield, Storrington Road, Thakeham, RH20 3EJ.

Doors open at **6.30 pm** and there will be food and drink available to purchase at the event. The firework display will start at 7.15pm. We are delighted that Aurora who have provided the display at Rock Road for a number of years are back this year and that both schools and the Parish Council are working together on this event. The Village Hall is almost completed and is an excellent resource for the Thakeham Community.

Ticket purchased in advance: £5 (children under 5 free).

Tickets bought on the gate: £7 (children under 5 free).

Tickets will be available for purchase in advance from Rock Road reception, Church Street reception, Shooting Field reception and Thakeham Primary School reception from Friday 28th September.

CAR PARKING: This is available on site and a donation of £1 per car is requested on the night on a first come first served basis.

Please check the school website in case of postponement due to weather before attending on the night.

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



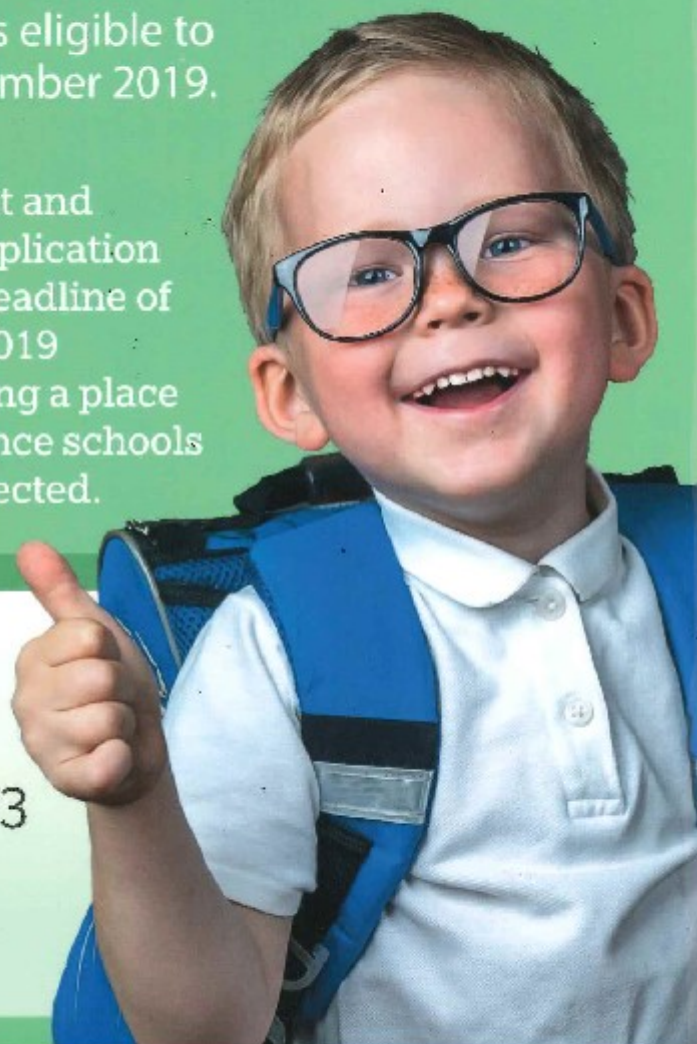


Was your child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?


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:

 www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Deadline: Tuesday 15 January 2019



Open Events for Prospective for Reception Sept 2019

We warmly welcome any families who have a child starting school in September 2019 to any of the following Open Events:

- 10th October @11am;
- 1st November @ 6.15pm

The sessions will last around an hour and will offer an opportunity for you to tour the school, meet myself and key staff and find out what life is like at Thakeham Primary School. Bookings can be made via the school office on 01903 740176 or office@thakehamps.co.uk



HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB AT LODGE HILL



WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER



- *Drop your child off at 8:30am for a full day of exciting outdoor activities!*
- *Pick up at 5pm*
- *These days are for 8-14 year olds and will include lunch and refreshments.*
- *£35 per child per day*
- *Spaces are limited*
- **BOOKING CLOSES WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

**CALL 01798 831411 OR EMAIL
ADMIN@LODGEHILL.ORG.UK TO BOOK
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND
FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO**



- ⇒ Places are limited
- ⇒ No half day bookings
- ⇒ Please wear outdoor appropriate clothing
- ⇒ Please make us aware of any dietary requirements
- ⇒ We are unable to store or administer medication
- ⇒ Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield, Nr Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1LZ



WARMINGHURST CHURCH
RH20 3AW



HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 7th October 6pm

**With the choir from
Windlesham House School**

All Welcome

Retiring collection for The Churches Conservation Trust

