

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Monday 12th July 2021



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their recent certificates awarded over the past two weeks:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Joshua (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Zack (Maple)
Freddie (Oak)
Lizzy (Elder)

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Jeni (Oak)
Mary (Maple)

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Miguel (Acorn)
Evelyn (Oak)
Bertie (Oak)

Headteacher award

Joshua (Elder)
Harriet (Elder)
Lizzy (Elder)

Governor award

Terry (Elder)
Oliver (Elder)
Mabel (Elder)
Tilly (Elder)



Time to Shine!

Congratulations to for your outstanding achievements outside of school

- Teela-Mae & Kaden for being such a great help to their Mum with their new baby brother Maddox!
- Eloise for swimming
- Amaya for completing a 5k inflatable running race
- Max for getting a football medal
- Elliott for getting a football medal
- Lucy for acting as Lavender in a production of Matilda and also as Pepper in a production of Annie
- Beth featured in the Sussex Local magazine for fundraising for the Charlie Gard Foundation
- Rowan won a Steyning FC football tournament



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Michael Rosen Virtual Visit

We were delighted to welcome Michael Rosen (virtually) to our classes on 1st July. Michael led three sessions for us which included interactive poetry readings of some of the children's favourite poems and the Eddie stories. The children really enjoyed joining in with all the actions and watching his animated expressions as he spoke. He answered questions from the children about being a poet and where his inspiration for his poetry came from. Beth, in year 6, even had the opportunity to perform her own Eddie story poem to him and he gave her invaluable feedback to allow her to continue to grow as a poet. After the sessions, the children were very excited to buy their own little bit of Michael Rosen magic at the 'Roving Book' book sale in school.



Movie Afternoon

Children had a welcome break from learning last Friday and we turned our rooms into a cinema complete with drinks and popcorn, whilst they watched a movie. A huge thank you to FOTS for the treat!



FOTS Fundraisers and treats

This week FOTS are collecting unwanted clothes as part of the Bags2School scheme to raise funds for the school. They are also collecting as previously advertised, books, DVDs, CDs, games consoles and Lego (subject to the conditions as set out on the flyer at the end of this newsletter and as previously advertised). Parents can drop off these items at the beginning/end of the day at the following times:

Monday 12th July: Acorns & Oak; Tuesday 13th July: Maple; Thursday 15th July: Elder

The front staff/visitor car park will be available for parents on these classes for the purpose of dropping of items on the days listed above. Please drive safely in and out and be mindful of pedestrians. Please do not use the car park at any other time or if you are not dropping items to be re-cycled. Thank you for your full co-operation.

FOTS are also kindly providing the end of year 6 pizza and ice-cream treat which we are very grateful for.

Traffic Issues

Over the past term, we have seen the area around the car park become much safer at drop off/collection times and have appreciated your support in this. We are however becoming increasingly concerned at the traffic situation that has developed in the coach bay area. With parents double parking in this area and mounting the pavement it is becoming difficult for both pedestrians to walk safely along the footpath and for other vehicle users to pass through, especially coaches.

A reminder that **this area is a drop-off zone only and should only be used for Elder class drop off/pick up.** Please **do not park on the pedestrian pathways and only park on the left hand side of this area, do not park on the other side too**, thereby restricting access for other vehicles, especially coaches and emergency vehicles. We are very lucky to be able to access around 60 spaces in the SGS car park next door, even when it is raining please use these spaces to park. Vehicles should not be left unattended in the drop off area. We will ask you to move your vehicle if these rules are not followed, your full co-operation is essential.

Covid-19 Update

As you will be aware, the government is set to move to stage 4 from 19th July easing restrictions (confirmation due today). With the backing of government and WSCC (see separate letter from Paul Wagstaff Director of Education and Skills) we will continue with our risk assessment until the end of term. We have reinvented the school and its system of controls many times over the past 18 months and will not be implementing significant changes for the last 5 days of term. We are mindful that the number of cases locally have increased significantly over the past 4 weeks causing much disruption and absence. The last thing we want is to increase the risk of an outbreak in the last week of term, which could lead to illness and disruption at the start of the summer holidays.

The only changes we will be implementing for the last week of term will be:

- to allow 2 adults per Year 6 child to attend the 'Leavers Assembly' (outside) on Friday 23rd September at 9am. In the case of inclement weather we will hold this in the hall (face coverings will be requested and windows/doors will be open)
- to support internal transition on Wednesday 21st July.

From 19th July close contacts of cases will be identified by NHS Test and Trace rather than schools (though schools may be contacted by NHS). If a child or anyone in the household/childcare bubble experiences Covid-19 symptoms, the rules of self-isolation for the whole-household/childcare/support bubble will remain in place. However from 16th August children under the age of 18 will not be required to self-isolate if deemed a close contact but will be advised to take a PCR test by NHS Test and Trace.

If a child presents as having Covid-19 symptoms whether this term or when we return after the break, they will be required to be collected, a PCR test should be booked and they should self-isolate until a negative PCR result has been returned; or self-isolate for 10 days after the first day of symptoms if positive.

From September 2021

We hope to reinstate whole-school assemblies, events, educational visits and dispel 'bubbles.' Face coverings will be optional (unless dealing with a suspected case when full PPE should be worn).

The following measures will need to be maintained:

- Supporting good hand hygiene—regular handwashing/sanitising; good respiratory hygiene—promoting the message of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'
- Enhanced cleaning of key touchpoints
- Ventilation of rooms wherever practical
- Following PHE advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19

Information on arrangements for the start/end of the day e.g. timings etc will be communicated shortly.

Free School Meals Summer Holiday Vouchers

Children eligible for Free School Meals eligible will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per child per week to cover the six-week school summer holiday period. We are due to receive the vouchers from Monday 12th July to Friday 23rd July (this will be via Edenred as before).

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

West Sussex County Council have also received funding to deliver the Governments Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). This programme provides activities and food nutrition education, as well as a meal to those who attend. For further information and details on how FSM families can access the HAF, please visit the HAF webpage or contact HAF@westsussex.gov.uk.

WSCC Community Hub

Those children and families that are not eligible for free school meals will be able to access support for food and essentials, should they be required, via the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 08:00 - 20:00 seven days a week. Further information can be found via West Sussex County Council website

Best Wishes, Mrs Sam Norton (Headteacher)

Digital Volunteers - Parent Support

With children spending more time online than ever before, it can be a huge challenge for parents & carers to keep up to date and know how to implement parental controls and privacy settings to help keep their children safe. On hand to offer friendly help and support, a team of Library Digital Volunteers are now offering a remote support for basic digital safety enquiries and can talk you through how to set up privacy settings and parental controls on a range of apps and devices.

To get in touch with this FREE service, please phone 0330 222 3455 or email your name, phone number and a brief description of the help needed to library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk.

For regular information about how to stay safe online sign up to the staying safe online e-newsletter, please visit the WSCC Staying Safe Online webpage to register.

Key Dates

Monday 12th July: Reports to parents (check book bags!)

Monday 12th July: Bags2School & Books/DVDs etc donations drop off for **Acorn and Oak** classes.

Tuesday 13th July: Bags2School & Books/DVDs etc donations drop off for **Maple** class.

Wednesday 14th July: INSET day—school closed for children.

Thursday 15th July: Bags2School & Books/DVDs etc donations drop off for **Elder** class.

Thursday 15th July: 3:30-4:30pm appointments available (Google Meet) if required to discuss reports. Booking via School Office required.

Friday 16th July: Morning—KS1 Sports activities; afternoon KS2 Sports activities. **No parents for these events sadly.**

Monday 18th June: Last opportunity for donations of pre-loved school uniform.

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd July—Sports Week—separate letter has been sent out.

Monday 19th July: 3:30-4:30pm appointments available (Google Meet) if required to discuss reports. Booking via School Office required.

Wednesday 21st July: Internal School Transition—9:15am—11am New Reception Children (new Acorns) and new Oak class to meet new teachers and class staff. 1-2:45pm New Maple and Elder Class to meet their new teachers and class staff.

Friday 23rd July: 9-10:15am Year 6 Leavers assembly—To be held externally, socially distanced (weather permitting); Year 6 parents only; in the hall in the event of inclement weather. **12pm Year 6 treat—pizza and ice-cream** (courtesy of FOTS), children only.

The Year 5/6 production will be recorded and relevant parents sent a link as we had to do last year.

On 11th May the Charlie Waller Trust ran an online self-harm session for parents and carers of young people engaged in or at risk of engaging in self-harming behaviour. The session was available to parents and carers in East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton and Hove. A recording was made of the full presentation. This is now available online for parents and carers to access for free. The link to access the recording and supporting resources can be found within the attached flyer.



SELF-HARM: PARENT AND CARER BESPOKE SESSION RECORDING

About the session:

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About the trainer:

Jenny Langley is the Schools' and Families' Programme trainer at the Charlie Waller Trust and writes about children's mental health

The session recording can be found on the West Sussex wellbeing website here:

[West Sussex Wellbeing Website](#)

Supporting resources and useful links can also be found on the same webpage

SUMMER CAMPS



**ASHINGTON
VILLAGE HALL
NETBALL
COURTS £16**

starsnccamps@gmail.com

**BEE Netball camps:
Tuesday 27th July 9am - 1pm
Tuesday 3rd August 9am-1pm**

**U11- U16 camps:
Wednesday 28th July 9am- 1pm
Wednesday 4th August 9am -
1pm**



CHAMPIONS SOCCER IS BACK!

This summer Champions Soccer is returning to Angmering for the 25th year and once again we would really love you to be part of it!

WHEN: Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July 2021

WHERE: Woodlands Park, Station Road,
Angmering

TIME: 9.30am-2.30pm

***COST:** £100.00 (£20 a day!)

FOR: Boys and girls aged 5 to 14 (all abilities)

Like with previous years, to reward our regular footballers and their parents, this summer we are running our unbelievable 'invite a friend/sibling' special offer. If you encourage someone to come to Champions Soccer this summer that has never been before both footballers will receive a £10 discount (5 days coaching for an amazing *£90!) and that's not all...at the end of the camp both footballers will be given a free leather football to take home with them to practice their newfound skills!

To receive the benefits of this fantastic offer simply post both completed forms and payments in the same envelope or send a single email if paying by bank transfer.

I am really looking forward to seeing you in the summer at what will almost certainly be the biggest and best Champions Soccer EVER!

Yours in sport,



Dave Oakes

Any questions or for additional booking forms please call/text:
07745682531

**GIVE COVID THE RED CARD AND LET'S PLAY
FOOTBALL!!**