

# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'*

Friday 11th May 2018



## Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 30th April. These awards were recognised in assembly on Monday 7th May

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Harvey K (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Evelyn (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Jessica (Acorn) Amber (Oak)  
Holly (Maple)

Head Teacher Award

Grace/Isabella (Elder)

Governor Award

Grace/Isabella (Elder)

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 7th May. These awards will be recognised in assembly on Monday 14th May

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Emily (Oak)  
Harrison (Acorn)  
William (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Rocky (Maple)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Head Teacher Award

Charlie (Maple)

Governor Award

Time to Shine!



Congratulations to these children for their outstanding achievements outside of school, well done to all of you!



Coming back next week

## Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents & Carers,

### NSPCC—Speak Out Stay Safe



We were very impressed with children's attitudes to our visitors last week when 'Buddy' came to see us during assembly. Children learnt about different routes of support they could access to ensure their voice is heard if they have worries. Elder class learnt about what is meant by 'abuse' and the different forms this can take. Again the focus was on seeking help and feeling confident about speaking out. We are really grateful to our visitors from NSPCC for reinforcing and extending the work we do on safeguarding in school.

Below are some links that parents may find useful, many of which you can share with your child:

This resource was recently awarded the **PHSE Quality Assurance Mark** and helps to provide important on-line safety advice [www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware)

This website allows parents to discover the **risks associated with apps, games and social media sites** that their children may be accessing - many parents are unaware the many sites are not considered appropriate for use under the age of 13 ! [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

This website is run by CEOP - it allows **reporting of on-line behaviour and advice on keeping safe** [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.o2.co.uk/nspcc](http://www.o2.co.uk/nspcc) to help parents have the conversations to keep your children safe while they're online or call the new O2 & NSPCC online safety helpline for technical advice on 0808 800 5002.

Protecting young people involved with gangs  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYFw6kiRkus>

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbtSJCw\\_lqw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbtSJCw_lqw)

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I saw your willy  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch\\_WMjd6go](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch_WMjd6go)

Lucy and the boy  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwcl-VP3FYc>

Every month we aim to share safeguarding messages and useful information and links with you.

### Other visitors this week

I was delighted to show Mr Wergan, Head at Steyning Grammar School, around our school this week. He was very impressed not just with our fantastic building and resources but also the behaviour of the children and their positive attitude to learning. I also had the opportunity to see the new Art/DT building at the Rock Road site and the wonderful work going on inside. It was fantastic to see the familiar faces of our former pupils too!

Mrs Sharp, former interim Headteacher at Thakeham First School also visited us this week. She was delighted to see the children and so impressed with the opportunities the new site now affords the children.

Many prospective parents across the last two weeks have visited our school from far and wide enquiring about places for September. We are also delighted to have allocated all places for Reception in September!

## Official School Opening May 21st 1:30pm

I wrote to parents this week with news of our official school opening. We are delighted that Sally Gunnell OBE DL will be our special guest and proudly open our school. In assembly we have learnt a little about Sally and hope the children will be inspired to find out a bit more about our local celebrity Olympian! We will be joined by a whole host of visitors and I hope you will be among them. Please return the slip attached to the letter sent home this week to ensure we cater for the correct numbers.

### Secret Agent Training (AKA SATs)

We were very proud of the Year 2 children this week as they took their reading and maths tests. The children demonstrated they were just like the Super Learning Heroes 'Positive Persevering Poppy' really trying their best and 'Reflective Reviewing Ruby' thinking back and applying all their learning to the tests! Next week it will be the turn of Year 6 who I am sure will show great resilience and reflection. Plenty of sleep over the weekend children please! Remember to have fun too, you have all worked so hard, I am sure you will do very well indeed!

With very best wishes,

Mrs S. Norton (Headteacher)



### School Recycling Campaign Spring/Summer 2018

We are taking part in this exciting challenge and are in desperate need of your help. The idea of the campaign is for us to collect as many plastic bottles as possible which will be taken away, recycled and converted into a recycled plastic chair, bench or small play house for your playground. In order to promote the environmental credentials of Barratt Homes and to recognise **World Environment Day** and **World Oceans Day** on 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of June, in partnership with Powerday, Barratt invited our school to take part in a fun recycling project.



#### Why?

The world is suffocating under a rising tide of plastic. 1,000,000 bottles of water are bought every minute and only half of these empty bottles are recycled. 10m tonnes of plastic ends up in the oceans every year, damaging birds and sea-life. An operation led by a non-profit organisation Ocean Cleanup is due to begin in 2018.

In partnership with Barratt, Powerday are going to deliver a skip to our school in which pupils would collect as many plastic bottles as they can. After the skip is filled or once a certain date has been reached, the skip will be taken away and its contents recycled. A few weeks later, the collected plastic would be replaced with a piece of playground furniture and pupils will be able to see what their efforts has produced.

### Maple Class

As part of our geography unit on rivers, Maple class visited RSPB Pulborough Brooks on a class trip to learn about rivers first hand! Gloriously sunny, yet slightly cold, the day started with some map work to locate the River Arun and a rare opportunity to see some adders in their habitats! The children then measured the speed of the river before searching for its key features. After lunch, we drew some field sketches of the landscape and experienced river habitats through a little pond dipping!



### Photo of the Fortnight



**Information from West Sussex County Council**  
**Cryptosporidium outbreak linked to Gaston Farm - update**

PHE are still investigating an outbreak of Cryptosporidium linked to Gaston Farm in Slindon.

There have been cases linked to individual and family visits and not just school / nursery trips. The same restrictions apply to anyone who develops Cryptosporidium i.e. that they stay off school or nursery (work if the case is an adult) until 48 hours after the symptoms have gone and do not swim for at least 14 days after symptoms have gone.

There may be “secondary” cases of Cryptosporidium in people who have not visited Gaston Farm but acquired the infection from contact with other people affected by Cryptosporidium. Please continue to observe high levels of personal and hand hygiene at all times and especially before preparing or eating food and after going to the toilet.

The incubation period is 1 to 12 days with an average of 7 days. Symptoms may last for up to 2 weeks. If your child or a member of your family is currently unwell with symptoms then please seek advice from your GP. Your GP may arrange for a stool sample to be taken and sent to the laboratory for testing. If your child is now or has been unwell, please let the school or pre-school manager know. If any of your family is currently or has been unwell after a farm visit then please help our investigation by completing a brief questionnaire found at the link below. Please do a separate questionnaire for every member of the family who has been ill.

This questionnaire is completely confidential; information you provide will be handled and stored securely. It will help our investigations and understanding of this outbreak, help prevent future outbreaks and monitoring of the infection. Please follow the link below:  
[https://surveys.phe.org.uk/WestSussexOutbreak2018\(All\)](https://surveys.phe.org.uk/WestSussexOutbreak2018(All))

**Information from West Sussex County Council**  
**Energy offer**

Your Energy Sussex, the County Council’s not-for-profit energy supplier, has launched an offer for parents, carers and staff that will directly benefit West Sussex schools.

Your Energy Sussex was launched earlier this year to encourage more people to switch their home energy supplier and save money on their bills. It offers competitive home energy prices, high levels of customer service and supports residents who are struggling to pay their bills through a Fuel Poverty Fund.

As an incentive to switch to Your Energy Sussex, from 14th May new customers living in West Sussex can nominate a local school to receive a £10 donation per fuel switch. If a new customer decides to switch their home gas and electricity supply to Your Energy Sussex, the nominated school will receive £20. The offer is open to people living in West Sussex only and closes on the last day of the school summer term.

Further information is available at [www.yourenergysussex.org.uk/schools](http://www.yourenergysussex.org.uk/schools) or customers can call 0800 952 0001 to find out more or get a quote.

Your Energy Sussex is operated by the County Council’s Energy Team. It is a partnership between Sussex local authorities, including Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council and Robin Hood Energy, a fully licensed energy supplier owned by Nottingham City Council.

## Summer Camps

Sandra Wilson is running a number of summer camps in the area throughout the summer holidays. Listed below is the information on the camp running here at school. If you would like further information on other camps please contact Sandra directly.

### "Makin' Moves"

#### Exciting and Creative Holiday Camps

..... believe in what you can do!

Contact: 6 St Malo Close, Ferring, West Sussex, BN12 5HF

Mobile: 07817 644652 Email: sandra.wilson62@hotmail.co.uk

REF: SW/CL113

April 2018

Dear Parents

RE: **SUMMER CAMP – GREATEST SHOWMAN – THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are delighted to inform you that we have been invited to bring our holiday camps once again to Thakeham Primary School. These camps are for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 years. Makin' Moves camps have been running successfully for 16 years and offer a variety of activities that include dance, drama, singing, art, sports and games. Children work in groups reflective of their age and ability. The children are encouraged to make the most of their talents and solo and group performances are a great boost to their confidence.

Alongside the performance, which we work towards for the last day, the children make all of their own scenery so there is much opportunity for budding artists. On the sports side, we have a variety of team games including football matches (weather permitting) and team competitions run throughout the duration of the camp.

For your child to be included in the end performance it is desirable to attend every day, however, we will, of course, take bookings for individual days if required and if space is available. Thirty places will be available. Should you wish to register please do so by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Please be aware that once registered the full camp fee must be paid for all pupils. It would also be of great help if you could book your child/ren in as soon as possible as limited spaces are available. Camp details are as follows:

Dates: Monday 13th – Friday 17th August 2018 inclusive  
Times: 9.00am – 5.00pm Show: 4.00pm on the last day  
Price: £125 per pupil per camp  
Clothes: Old! We will get messy!  
Allergies: Please inform me beforehand  
Food: Please provide a healthy packed lunch

Kind regards

**Sandra**

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I wish to enrol my child/ren for the: Summer Camp

#### **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**

Monday 13th – Friday 17th August 2018 inclusive

Name/s: .....

Age/s: .....

Contact Numbers: .....

Email Address: .....

Allergies: .....

I enclose deposit cash/cheque/BACS for £25 per child: £.....

(Please make cheques payable to Sandra Wilson's School of Dance or bank transfer to account number 41711160 sort code 30-99-93)

**Principal: Sandra M WILSON NATD (Tap and Modern Stage)**

## **Ellie Thornton Memorial Garden**

Good news! Ellie's Harry Potter themed memorial garden in front of the new pre-school will be officially opened on the 10th July. There is still more to be done, and at the moment it's due to open and for everyone to come to an opening event after school. The 10th July is Ellie's Birthday. Please contact the pre-school for further details.



## **Scarlet Fever**

We have been informed by the School Nursing Service that there has been a rise in the number of cases of scarlet fever both locally and nationally.

Scarlet fever is on the list of notifiable diseases under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010. A registered medical practitioner must notify the proper officer of the relevant local authority where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a patient has a notifiable disease.

For more information go to: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and- other-childcare-facilities](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities)

## **FOTS**

FOTs will be holding a Quiz Night in the school hall on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm. £5 per person - bring your own drinks and snacks. Teams of up to 6 people. Either put a team together or just join another table.

Booking and payment slips are available from Debbie Pirkis.

Please come along and support this fun event and help our fundraising for playground sunshades.