

# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

30th September 2019



## Super Learning Hero Awards

**Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 16th September 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 23rd September 2019:**

Positive, Persevering

Poppy  
Poppy (Oak)  
Flossie (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby  
Evelyn (Oak)  
Emily (Maple)

**Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 23rd September 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 30th September 2019:**

Positive, Persevering

Poppy  
Max (Oak)  
Eryn (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig  
Archie (Elder)  
Josie (Elder)  
Holly (Elder)  
Ruby (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby  
Timmy (Maple)

Headteacher award

Leighton (Maple)  
Josie (Elder)  
Holly (Elder)

Governor Award

Josie (Elder)



## **Time to Shine!**

**Congratulations to Beth, Janneke and Archie for your outstanding achievements outside of school**

## Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Our School Values—Responsibility**

One of our Thakeham values is 'responsibility' which links with our School Vision of encouraging a strong sense of **respect** and **responsibility**, within our school, local **community** and the wider world.

Children in Oak, Maple and Elder classes have the opportunity of becoming monitors within their own class but also can apply for a wide range of jobs across the school. This year we were again very impressed both by the number and quality of applications we received. See overleaf for the successful applicants and their very important roles.

We are also delighted that children in Elder class are starting early on their Community Award work this year with groups this week supporting with Thakeham Village Hall Coffee Morning and Thakeham Village Play Group.

### Thakeham Reporters

Emilia, Flossie and Beth have the job of 'Thakeham Reporters', keeping the community up to date with all our exciting news. Their writing will be seen by different audiences 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



### Book Worms

Our book worms this year are Josephine, Emma – Rose, Holly, Tilly, Millie and Ruby. They will be working with Miss Makuch and Mrs Hoare to help inspire children with their love of reading and book knowledge, as well as keeping the library tidy well organised. They will be talking to children about book reviews and using the reading cloud to keep us updated on new books and new authors. The book worms will also help run a library session during Wednesday lunch time.

Mrs Hoare & Miss Makuch



### Green Force

Clem, Mabel, Noah, Amber, Isla R and Harrison have joined together to become the new Green Force Team for our school this year. They will be working with Mrs Stender and Mrs Turner to look after our school community, local community and learn more about our impact on the wider world community.

Throughout the year we will be taking on different projects around the school focusing on the 3 Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle) and keeping the roads, streets and surrounding areas clean and safe so keep an eye out to see what positive changes we are making!

We will encourage a strong sense of respect and responsibility, both within our local community and the wider world, supporting our children to be co-operative, caring citizens now and in the future.

Mrs Turner & Mrs Stender



### 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. The play leaders also support the running of inter and intra school competitions. This year's play leaders are; Martha, Leyla, Tilly, Emma-Rose, Colette, Emilia, Beth, Jaime, George and Nathan.

Miss Brown



### Digital Leaders

Our digital leaders this year are Archie, George, Leonie and Terry. 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 and tablets especially in the younger classrooms and supporting the teachers with any technical issues. They will also be promoting the schools e-safety policy, planning and presenting Internet Safety Day and work with each other to ensure that everyone is kept safe whilst online.

Mrs Hopkins



### School Council

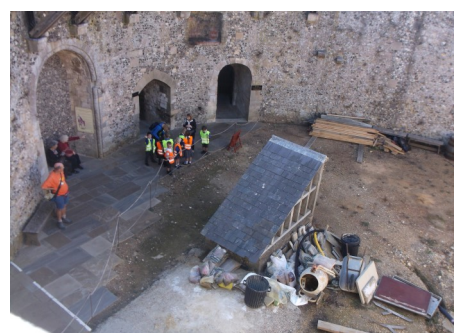
Congratulations to Charlie, Holly, Chloe, Joshua, Gabe and Flo who have been elected as our new School Council members. They will meet monthly to work with their classes on a range of projects this year. They are an enthusiastic, confident group who I know will do a fantastic job!

Mrs Norton



### **Oak Class Trip to Arundel Castle**

The children really enjoyed all the fun, interesting and scary facts that the guides shared with us. The children have all been busy writing thank you letters to the parent helpers and guides at Arundel Castle. The children should feel very proud of how they represented Thakeham Primary School with good listening and asking and answering questions carefully and sensibly.



### **Parking**

We are aware of issues with Steyning Grammar School Parents parking in Thakeham spaces in the mornings/after school. Please do let us know if you see this happening so we can deal with this as quickly as possible. We have made the office at SGS aware of the issue.

### **Wet morning arrangements**

Unfortunately the weather has been pretty miserable as of late and with autumn firmly upon us, I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind parents/carers of our routines. In the mornings, if we have heavy rain, the office will open the automatic doors for those who would like to shelter. As space is limited in the corridor, and as the school grows, we cannot guarantee we will be able to operate this system indefinitely for health and safety reasons, which we hope you will understand.

Just before 8:45am a member of staff will open the grey secure door in the corridor for the children to come through to their classrooms. If parents/carers of children in Acorn class need to accompany their child to their classroom, at this point in the year that is fine, but other parents should say their goodbyes in the corridor, rather than come round too. This is to alleviate congestion in the narrow corridors.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher

### **Open Events at Thakeham Primary School FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2020**

If you are looking for a Reception place for your child next September, please book a visit to one of our open events to find out more about our small, caring, successful school.

3rd October @ 6.15-7.00pm  
10th October @ 10.45-11.30am  
13<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30-10.15am

To make an appointment please call 01903 740176 or email [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk)

### **Dates for your Diaries - Please check the website for up-to-date events**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE BOOKED THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS**

**Friday 18th Oct 2019**

**Friday 26th June 2020**

**Monday 20th July 2020**

<b>Monday 30th Sept</b>	FOTS AGM 7.30pm @ The White Lion, Thakeham (new faces very welcome)
<b>Friday 11th Oct</b>	FOTS Alternative Race Night—tickets available from the office
<b>Wednesday 16th Oct</b>	Acorns 6 week in meeting 9.00am
<b>Friday 18th Oct</b>	INSET
<b>Monday 21st - Friday 25th October</b>	Elder Class PGL Marchants Hill
<b>Thursday 24th Oct</b>	Flu Spray
<b>Mon 28th-Fri 1st Nov</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 4th Nov</b>	Parent/Teacher Consultations

### **Cleaning Vacancy at Thakeham Primary School**

Shield cleaning services are looking for a local and reliable cleaning operative to work as part of a duo to clean Thakeham Primary School.

The hours are 4.30pm to 7pm Monday to Friday at £9 per hour. This is term time only with the exception of INSET days and 1 week during the Summer. Cleaning experience would be a bonus due to the high standards needed but a full induction will be given.



A DBS will also be required paid by the company. If interested please call Stacey Rose the Area Manager or email [stacey@shieldgroup.co.uk](mailto:stacey@shieldgroup.co.uk)





## Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2020?



### Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and timesaving. If your application is received after the deadline of Thursday 31 October 2019 your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday 9 September 2019. 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



Apply online at:

☐ [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

Deadline: Thursday 31 October 2019



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## 2019/20 YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

Under 8s Team  
Pupils in Years 2 and 3

Under 10s Team  
Pupils in years 4 and 5

Under 12s Team  
Pupils in years 6 and 7

Training now at our newly rebuilt Abingworth ground.

Sign up for the new season at  
[www.thakehamvillagefc.co.uk](http://www.thakehamvillagefc.co.uk)



### Drum Kit + Guitar + Piano Lessons at Thakeham Primary

Great news! Drum kit lessons are now available to book at Thakeham Primary, provided by SAM Music Service. Piano and guitar lessons are currently fully booked, but please enquire now to join our waiting list and avoid future disappointment!

Learning to play an instrument can be a fantastic way to help with confidence, creativity, social skills and academic development. Our students are encouraged to progress through the accredited graded syllabuses such as Trinity Rock & Pop.

The teachers are experienced and passionate real-life musicians; lessons are fun and engaging; and parents / guardians are kept up to date with weekly online feedback via our unique, mobile friendly software "mySAM"!

There are limited spaces so please enquire as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as lessons will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

How to Enquire:

1. Email: [lessons@sussexmusic.com](mailto:lessons@sussexmusic.com) - include student name / school name / instrument
2. Web: [www.sussexmusic.com/schools](http://www.sussexmusic.com/schools) - complete the quick and easy contact form

What does it Cost:

- Individual 30min lessons are £15.50 per lesson
- Paired 30min lessons are £11.25 per lesson per person
- Lessons are paid for in half-termly blocks.
- We encourage individual lessons for the most efficient learning experience!
- SAM Music Service is Ofsted registered and accepts payment via Childcare Vouchers, thus helping to keep the price of lessons to a minimum.

Friends of Thakeham School presents....



## THE ALTERNATIVE CHARITY RACE NIGHT



All proceeds towards equipment for Thakeham primary school

**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7:30 PM  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Tickets £10pp including food – ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY

Tickets & sponsorship forms available from

FoTS class reps or the school office

**JOCKEY & HORSE OWNERSHIP, PRIZES,  
LICENSED CASH BAR**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1183539

