

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

5th December 2019



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 18th November 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 25th November 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
George (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Lexi (Maple)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn
Millie (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Jeni (Oak)

Headteacher award

Sadie (Maple)
Harry (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 25th November 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 2nd December 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Dylan (Acorn)
Josie (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Eryn (Oak)
Bea (Maple)
Leyla (Elder)
Clem (Elder)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to our Janneke, Ben, Emma Rose, Chloe, Maddie, Isla, Dylan and Archie for their amazing achievements outside school.



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Festive Fun!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....! We launched the festive season with our 'Decorations Afternoon' last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many parents helping alongside the children to prepare the school for our Christmas Fair. The school was awash with glitter and joy which was heart warming to see. Thank you if you were able to attend that afternoon to support us.

The Christmas Fair was a great success! Huge thanks to the FOTS team and all the parents and children who helped both with preparations beforehand, during the event and the clearing up afterwards. Parents invested many, many hours in the event and it was probably our most successful Christmas Fair ever, not least of all with the funds raised. We are still calculating the final amount but it will be in excess of £1000!!! This will

support our work on developing our 'Mindfulness Garden' in the new year and also the purchase of new reading books for the children. This is a great example of the effective home-school support we are so lucky to have at Thakeham.

A very well done to Oak Class on their class charity work making fat ball bird feeders which they sold at the fair. They raised £16 and are keen to continue their fundraising efforts in the term ahead. Each class is linked to a charity and will also have opportunities throughout the year to support these.

Preparations for the Nativity and Christmas Church service at St. Mary's are in full swing and we look forward to welcoming you to these events. I know the children are working really hard learning their lines and the singing sounds amazing! A reminder that all dates and times for these events are on the school website calendar and at the end of the newsletter.

We were delighted to be welcomed once again to participate in the Warminghurst Church Christmas Tree Festival. The School Council worked alongside me to make Christmas decorations for our tree on the theme that we chose of 'Care' - one of our school values (linked to our Super Learning Hero, Co-operative, Caring Craig). The children selected photographs from our current collection, showing examples of children working together in various contexts. These were then made into Christmas decorations with a little added sparkle. The tree was finished in our school colours. I would like to encourage you to visit Warminghurst Church this weekend to take a look at the decorated trees from various local community organisations and of course a visit to this historic church is always a joy in itself. You will see details of the event at the end of this newsletter.

Finally to end the year, on the last day of term (Friday 20th December) the children will be enjoying their Christmas lunch, this year for free! And of course what better to follow it with than a class Christmas party!



Play Leader Training

Pupils performing the very important job of leading games during lunchtimes benefitted from some really high quality training from South Coast Sports this week. I know the children have already been putting their finely tuned skills into practice—well done everyone!

Staff Update

Some of you may be aware that Mrs Turner is currently covering a maternity leave for Mrs Byatt in Acorn class until the end of January 2020. Mrs Byatt has decided to spend more time with her new baby Jack and family and so won't be returning to her role at Thakeham.

Mrs Turner will continue to teach alongside Mrs Hoare in Acorn class until the end of the summer term so there will not be any disruption to teaching. Mrs Jouanides (who is covering Mrs Turner's TA position) will also remain in Acorn class in this role until the end of the summer term, so again providing consistency for the children.

Mrs Byatt has worked for Thakeham for over 5 years and has been a valued and committed member of staff, we wish her all the very best for the future.

In Oak class I am pleased to announce that following recent interviews, Mrs Allan will be joining Mrs Stender until the end of the academic year. Mrs Allan has had some time teaching the class recently and we are pleased is already getting to know the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Page for her hard work, stepping into support the class at short notice under the circumstances. I would also like to express my gratitude to parents for their understanding and support during this time.

With very Best Wishes, Mrs Sam Norton (Headteacher)

CENSUS DAY—WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SCHOOL FUNDING ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020

From September 2016, West Sussex County Council have made schools responsible for the administration and payment of hot school meals for children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2. As a school, we are obliged to provide all pupils in these year groups with a hot meal for the whole academic year, in line with the Universal Free School Meal government initiative.

The funding given to schools for these hot meals is calculated by counting how many children actually have a hot meal on two specific dates - one on 3rd October 2019 and one on 16 January 2020.

If, on any day during the academic year more children take a hot meal than the averaged number from these two dates the school must pay for the additional meals from the main school budget:

For example: If 20 extra meals are taken on just one day, the cost to the school will be £46.00. If 20 extra meals are taken every day for a year, the cost will be £8740.00

In order to ensure that we receive sufficient funding, so that we do not have to use money from the main school budget, we are requesting your help. On Thursday 16th January our plan is that we will provide **every child in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 with a hot meal**. We ask that you support us to obtain as much funding as possible by encouraging your child/ren to have their free hot dinner on that day. The menu is shown on the sheet below but will also be sent out to you via email.

If you are **unable** to support the school, we request that you return the completed slip to the school office by Thursday 19th December (paper copies can be obtained from the school office). **If you do not return the slip your child will be provided with their free hot meal on Thursday 16th January.**

If your child has a specific dietary need that Chartwells are not aware of, please contact them on 0845 603 7998, to ensure that the appropriate menu can be provided that day.

Thank you for your help in securing this funding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.




Chartwells Catering has a Kitchen Staff vacancy at Storrington Primary 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, 3 hours per day (10.45am to 1.45pm) 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



£2.35

Childrens Choice Menu

Thursday 16th January


Choose a main
Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips
Veggie Nuggets & Chips

on the side...
Baked Beans or Salad
Tomato Ketchup

for dessert...
Jammy Jack (flapjack)

for a drink...
Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

To enjoy our Census Day Menu, please order at www.menuselector.co.uk by Sunday 5th January.
Please take note ordering is for KS2 children only.



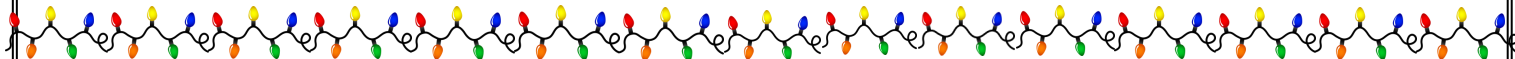
Dates for your Diaries - Please check the website for up-to-date events


PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE BOOKED THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS

Friday 26th June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 10th Dec	Selected Y3/4 Football Taster (afternoon)
Tuesday 10th Dec	Choir to Age UK Sullington 1pm (CHANGED)
Tuesday 10th Dec	KS2 Church Service—St Mary's Thakeham 6.15-7.00pm (CHANGED)
Wednesday 11th Dec	Acorn & Oak Nativity 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 12th Dec	Acorn & Oak Nativity 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 13th Dec	Oak Class Fabulous Finish 2.40pm
Wednesday 18th Dec	Elder Class Fabulous Finish 2.30pm
Thursday 19th Dec	Maple Class Fabulous Finish 2.30pm
Friday 20th Dec	Christmas lunch (whole school) 12.00-1.00pm
Friday 20th Dec	Christmas Parties (afternoon – all classes)
Friday 20th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM






**Christmas
—TREE—
FESTIVAL**

A festive display of trees decorated by local businesses, groups and schools, all set inside a beautiful church

**WARMINGHURST
CHURCH RH20 3AW**
6TH-8TH DECEMBER
10AM-4PM

**FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME**




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This popular community event is held biennially in the historic Warminghurst Church.

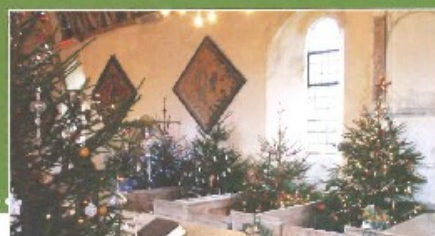
The unique space is transformed with beautiful Christmas trees which are sponsored and decorated by local schools, businesses and groups, for festival visitors to enjoy.

Additional attractions include:

- Refreshments • Music performances •
- Christmas gift stalls • Cakes and produce •
- Candlelit carol service • Raffle

New for this year:

- Market Stall with special guests including:
- Jubilee Bakes – delicious bakery business created by some very special young adults
 - The Floral Artisan – attractive wreaths & table centres
 - Floriana Flowers – beautiful paper flower decorations

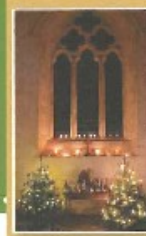


**CANDLELIT
CAROLS**

**Saturday 7th
December
4.15pm**

Informal carols
with readings,
mince pies and
mulled drink

(Space is limited)



For more info: e: info.fowc@gmail.com t: 01903 891312
 Check Facebook updates for the daily festival programme

CHRISTMAS @ TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15th December - 6.00 p.m.

Christingle Service

Saturday 21st December - 3.30 p.m.



Refreshments will be served after each service

www.westsussex.gov.uk

Horsham District
Year of Culture 2019



Christmas Tales by Torchlight

Thursday 5th December
5.30pm - 6.15pm

Everyone Welcome



Join us for a special Christmas story time

Tickets are free, but places must be booked in advance

Parents and Carers are asked to remain on the premises during this activity



Storrington Library

Ryecroft Lane, RH20 4PA
01903 839050

Everyone is welcome at our regular activities and special events and activities. Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk for our facilities statement.

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FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE - STORRINGTON
4.30 - 6.30
U11, U12 AND U13 (SCHOOL YEARS 6, 7 AND 8)

**£5 for two hour masterclass
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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Advanced Soccer School

Steyning Town Football Club, Steyning BN44 3RX

Monday 23rd December – Tuesday 24th December

Ages 5-12

Our advanced soccer school is on for two days, providing advanced training for boys and girls to learn new or develop their current technical and tactical knowledge of the game.

To book visit our website: www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Once on the site search for the course using the code: ADSS-STCFC-X-4

**Early bird price for the Course is just £32 for the two
days however this is only available until 13TH
December, Normal Price: £36 (£18 per day)**

Any questions or queries please contact Bradley.Duke@chelseafc.com

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