

Summer Term

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newsletter

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Head's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful term we are having! So many great things have occurred: Year 6 and Year 2 were exemplary during SATs; we have had various trips and events; the Year 6 residential to Lodge Hill; and more! So much for everyone to remember and be proud of.

Walking around school, it has been heart-warming to see the excellence on display from everyone in the community. I am so excited for the future of Thakeham School. It is going places! We are already formulating plans for all the exciting things we are going to put in place for both the curriculum and the building come September. Watch this space...

A few reminders now:

Our Jubilee Day is taking place May 27th. See below for an overview of what we will be doing and remember it is a non-uniform day. Please remember that we have INSET after half term on Monday 6th June.

Best wishes for the weekend to you all from us here at Thakeham.

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Who Are We Celebrating This Week?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Edie (Oak)
Year 2 and Year 6
for SATS

Nikos (Maple)

Jasper (Acorn)
Talia-Angel (Acorn)
Eryn (Maple)

Gabe (Maple)

Message from Your Parent Governor: we need YOU!

Our Governing Board requires new Parent Governors. They are a wonderful and experienced FGB. Please see below for a message from Karen Bridle:

TPS Governing Body is a warm and welcoming group of volunteers, all from different backgrounds, with a range of skills and experiences, working together for the benefit of our school and children. Being a Parent Governor is both rewarding and interesting, providing a 'behind the scenes' look into the day to day running and management of the school to monitor performance and effectiveness. It's a great opportunity to get involved, work as a team and contribute to the future development of school plans.

We are keen to welcome a new Parent Governor who is interested and willing to give a little time, in helping us work towards improving and making a difference to our School. Training, guidance and lots of support are provided to help you feel comfortable and confident in the role.

We encourage you to come and try out this exciting and rewarding role for a term with the option of an 'opt-out' if it's not working for you. Please do speak to me (Karen Bridle), Mr McDonald or the office if you would like to know more. We'd be delighted to hear from you! 😊

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. Please remember we rarely authorise term time absences! **Purple target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are below. They are on the low side. So, we would really appreciate your support with getting everyone into school:

Acorn Class: **92.78%** Oak Class: **92.72%** Maple Class: **92.88%** Elder Class: **93.10%**

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Safeguarding

Safety first, always! As the weather becomes hotter, we will need to keep your little ones safe in the sun! **Please ensure your child comes to school with: a water bottle, sun cream and a sun hat (all named).** Some children will need shorts instead of joggers for their PE kits and we cannot take responsibility for any sunglasses that pupils wear. Please make sure they know that - if they choose to wear them.

Wellbeing

As a nation, we have all been through a lot recently – on top of everything that goes on generally in life. It is really important we look after ourselves. As they say, you cannot pour from an empty cup!

If you are in need of support for your mental health, do let us know and **we can confidentially direct you towards some excellent support.**

QE2 Jubilee Day – Friday May 27th

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we will:

- Allow pupils to come dressed in non-uniform. Please can pupils wear the colours red, white and/or blue. Please do not worry if you do not have these colours of clothing! It is optional.
- Pupils will be taking part in various themed activities in class across the morning
- We will be holding a whole-school 'afternoon tea' in the hall.
- In the afternoon, Mrs Hopkins will be leading a **May Music Festival**. The whole school will be taking part in music-themed activities and she has even arranged for a special guest musician!



General Notices

Car Park

A gentle reminder, that the car park should not be used for picking up and dropping off.

We always need to ensure space is free in our car park for deliveries and the emergency services. Further, we need to limit the risk of any damage to the carpark which could then require repairing – and take away time, resources and money from our pupils. Please use Steyning Grammar School's car park and walk down the slope.

Parent Council

We would like to set up a parent council. It would meet once a term and be an opportunity for parents to liaise directly with our Headteacher, Will McDonald. We would like it to be a positive forum whereby parents can be included, have a voice and take part in school improvement.

If you would like to take part, feel free to email the Head directly at head@thakehamps.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary

- 30th May to the 3rd June: HALF TERM
- 6th June: INSET DAY
- Week of 27th June: Year 6 Bikeability week
- 1st July: FOTS summer disco
- 4th July: INSET
- 7th July: Elder Summer performance
- 8th July: school reports to be sent home to parents
- Week of 11th July: school sports week
- 21st July: Year 6 final assembly and end of term

We communicate via several different methods: tapestry for those in EYFS, via email, via text, via letters and via the school newsletter. If you require any information, we are always happy to help! Teachers are free to chat with parents at pick up at the end of the day.

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Time to Shine!

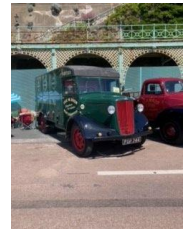
Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!



Congratulations to Ella for achieving a Sleepover Badge at Flip Out with Brownies, Lucy for playing the part of Pepper in a production of Annie, Erin for a football tournament medal and Holly for a rugby trophy!

Erin took part in the Worthing football tournament on Saturday 7th May, her team Henfield Wildcats won 3 games and Erin scored 2 goals. She and her team mates all received a medals.

Erin also took part in the 60th Anniversary of the London to Brighton historic Vehicle road run which took a total of 6hrs, in her nannie and Grandads Morris Van which is 77 years old! She was awarded a glass engraved tankard and a well deserved ice cream!



Our School Values

Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity - Reflection

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly.

DARREN'S THREE PEAK CHALLENGE FOR MAXWELL

- Ben Nevis • Skafell Pike • Snowdon •
- 450 miles cycling •



ON THE 8TH AUGUST 2022, DARREN IS TAKING ON THIS INCREDIBLE CHALLENGE TO RAISE MONEY TO FUND A SPECIALIST WHEELCHAIR FOR MAXWELL. THE WHEELCHAIR WILL ENABLE MAXWELL TO SIT UPRIGHT, MOVE INDEPENDENTLY & ALLOW HIM TO LIE COMPLETELY FLAT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT.

Maxwell is an amazing 10 year old boy who suffers from a life limiting condition called Mitochondrial disease. We need as many sponsors as possible to make this happen & transform the lives of little Maxwell & his family. Please get involved & donate whatever you can. We are truly grateful for any sponsors, no matter how small.



www.JustGiving.com/Darren-Dumigan2

JUBILEE LUNCHTIME COMPETITION

Join us for a school lunch from 23rd to 27th May to be entered into a prize draw.

Print or Download the template from www.mealselector.co.uk and email us your crown design by 27th May to u73041@compass-group.co.uk. The email must include your name, school and class.

2 winners will be contacted to receive their prize. Prizes are family tickets for "The Tower of London"

1 KS1 winner and 1 KS2 winner.



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- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
for weather
- Lots of energy!



Based on over 12,000 reviews





Thakeham Gardeners' Club



66th Flower Show

SATURDAY 16TH

JULY 2022

2pm-4pm

Thakeham Village Hall

Entry open to all

Admissions 50p per adult- children free

Refreshments

Trophies awarded at 3.30pm

Flower Show Organiser

Elizabeth-01798 815075

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THURSDAY 9TH JUNE
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CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022
SIXTH FORM AND YEAR ELEVEN
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