



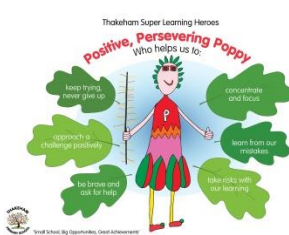
# NEWSLETTER 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## THAKEHAM PRIMARY SUPER HERO LEARNING AWARDS



Jessica (Maple)

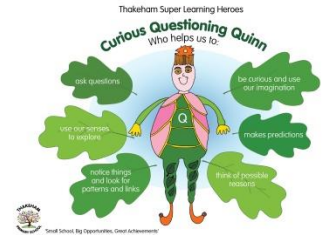
Noah S (Elder)



Amariaah (Oak)



Ava (Acorn)



### HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Chloe (Elder)

### GOVERNOR AWARD

Chloe (Elder)

## Time to Shine! Congratulations to:

Erin (Maple) and her sister had been chosen to decorate the Partridge Green Parish Council tree at St Michaels Church for this year's tree festival. They both did a wonderful job and local residents enjoyed viewing the trees with a cup of tea.

Erin also played a fantastic game of football on Sunday scoring 4 goals, Henfield girls went on to win 12-0.

Lucky Max managed to bag himself an autograph from footballer Rudigar at a recent Chelsea match.

Matthew for his superb football skills and his team winning the quarter finals!

Special mention to Sam Boswell (Oak) for rallying family members together to buy raffle tickets & raised an impressive £45!!!

# Message from Mrs Norton

## FOTS Thank you!

Thank you to parents for your kind donations of gifts for the class raffle hamper which was drawn last Friday. A big thank you to FOTS for organising this and beautifully wrapping the hampers that were much appreciated by the lucky winners Mrs Wastell, Mrs Bowbrick, Mrs Miller and Mr Boswell. Mrs Younger won the additional prize of a round of golf at Slinfold Country Club who kindly donated this prize.

Children were treated to a Christmas movie afternoon complete with popcorn and a drink this week and of course the lovely Christmas lunch yesterday complete with Christmas crackers kindly provided by FOTS. There is another small treat in store from FOTS tomorrow too as well as the exciting Elder Christmas games stalls that they have been busy preparing for with great enthusiasm. These are all free to the children with some lovely treats as prizes!



A huge heartfelt thank you from the children and I for all that FOTS have done for the children over the past year, in really limited conditions. I really hope the year ahead sees the return of everything we've missed over the past couple of years!

## Thank you to our amazing School Council!



## KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service

I hope you have enjoyed watching the videos posted for you today? It was such a joy to be able to hear the classes sing and so beautifully too.

As you will be aware, the lead up to the concerts were really impacted by illness in the school meaning that practice time was extremely limited indeed. With this in mind I thought the children showed great resilience and some children clearly enjoyed the limelight in KS1 which was heart-warming to watch!

## Oak Class Trip – Stick Man at the Theatre

What a wonderful time Oak class had at the theatre this week! It was their first trip out of school since before the pandemic and a wonderful opportunity for them to see the story they have been studying this term, brought to life!



We were very proud of the children on the visit and they behaved beautifully!





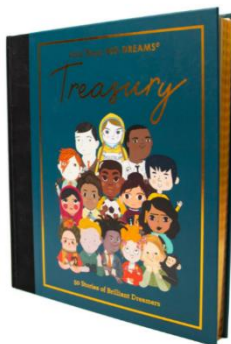
### House point Winners Autumn Term

Congratulations to Grylls and Malala House Teams achieving joint 1<sup>st</sup> with 1306 points each this term! They enjoyed wearing their house colours to school today!



### Fond Farewell – My Gifts to the Children

I was delighted to present this book to the children in my final assembly today. I hope the characters they meet on the pages inside will inspire them to dream big and realise their ambitions. The book will soon be available in the library and I hope will be read and enjoyed by many!



My second gift to the school is a lovely archway that will take pride of place in the seaside inspired

section of the Minfulness Garden. This is a joint present from Emma Rose and I. Emma Rose kindly gave the school a very generous gift before she left to go to secondary school. We think the archway will go beautifully in this area of the garden. Perhaps when it is installed in January, and this section complete, Emma Rose and I can come back to visit and 'officially open' it?



Thank you to Logan and Ava's Dad for being so quick off the mark and volunteering last Friday evening to transport a wooden boat to school for this area of the garden. He has kindly offered to help prepare it ahead of planting in the spring. We have our school 'Greenforce' ready to help with planting along with another couple of children.

### Thank you!

I have been thoroughly spoilt this week with lovely leaving cards, Christmas cards and presents from the children and staff. I was very touched by the gifts from a group of parents across the school which were a lovely surprise earlier this week. The flowers are beautiful, I can testify the chocolates are delicious and I will be raising a glass to all of you this evening from my special bottle of grown up juice! I was taken aback by the John Lewis gift

voucher and will enjoy choosing something special after Christmas!



All of the gifts and good wishes have been very much appreciated. I will take very special memories of the school with me and look back fondly on the fantastic opportunities I have had at Thakeham over the past 7 years.

We are so lucky to have a wonderful community of fantastic children, staff, families and governors who all shown such care and commitment to the school. I feel very honoured to have led the school during this time, seeing children start in Reception and move all the way through to the end of Year 6. It has been a real privilege.

I have every faith that Mrs Hopkins will carry on the super work at Thakeham next term and I am sure you will continue to support her and the staff with the exciting ventures that lie ahead!

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy time with your families which may not have been possible last year. All the very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022!

PS Don't forget January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 is an INSET day – children return to school on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022. Also, 20<sup>th</sup> January is Census Day (menu is below). Meals need to be ordered by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (any special dietary requests need to be sent to Chartwells by Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec). Meals only need to be ordered for those who have children in KS2 (YR3-6)

Best Wishes  
Mrs Sam Norton  
Headteacher





## TASTE OF AMERICA

**20/01/2022**

**£2.33**

**Choose a Main**  
BBQ Chicken Fillet Sandwich & Fries  
or Macaroni Cheese

**On the Side**  
Green Beans & Sweetcorn or Salad

**For Dessert**  
Chocolate Fudge Brownie

**To Drink**  
Blackcurrant Squash,  
Milk or Water

Orders must be placed by 9th January 2022.  
Special Diet requests must be registered  
by 17th December 2021 at:  
westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk  
www.mealselector.co.uk / 01243 836130

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## CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

**WHEN**  
9:30am-3pm the first Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the Christmas holidays, W/C 20th December

**AGE GROUPS**  
School years 1-6

**WHERE**  
Durrington Infant and Junior School, BN13 2JD

**PRICE**  
1 day- £20, 2 days- £35, 3 days- £50, 4 days- £60



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## Drop in Play & Stay

**09.15 - 11.30**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**from**  
**21st September**

**No need to book.**  
**Just turn up at**  
**Storrington Village Hall**  
**59 West Street**  
**Storrington**  
**RH20 4DZ**




 A community focused group for parents/carers. Offering a safe environment for little ones to play, whilst parents/carers can have a drink and chat/catch up. Table top activities available during half terms, siblings welcome.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

**Free Fair Share Table & Jumble.**  
Social Prescriber available for one to one advice.

For more information contact: Sara on 07541 2070555  
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## Homework Club for Children aged 9-16

**Storrington Village Hub**  
**7 The Square**  
**Storrington RH20 4DJ**





**3 - 5pm**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**in Term Time**

**Free drinks and snacks provided**




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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

mon 20. Football Fun Day 9:30am-3pm

tue 21. Football Fun Day 9:30am-3pm

wed 22. Football Fun Day 9:30am-3pm

thurs 23. Football Fun Day 9:30am-3pm



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•Storrington Christmas  
Family Fun Day  
on Tuesday 21st December  
9.15 - 12pm

Storrington Village Hall  
59 West Street, Storrington RH20 4DZ

Join us for Christmas activities  
including:

- Fir cone bird feeders
- Messy play
- Edible playdoh Christmas creating
- Art and craft table

Drinks, Snacks,  
Tea & Coffee

Children must be  
accompanied by an adult  
at all times.

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