

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

1st July 2019



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 10th Jun 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 17th June 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

William (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Nikos (Acorn)
Leighton (Oak)
Florin (Oak)
Leonie (Maple)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Nathan (Elder)
Clem (Elder)
Jakub (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Ruby (Elder)

Hall of Fame

Grace (Elder)

Headteacher award

Jasper (Elder)

Ruby (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 17th June 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 24th June 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Evie (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Melvin (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Sam (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Lucy (Acorn)
Casper (Oak)
Adam (Maple)

Hall of Fame

Colette (Maple)

Headteacher award

This Term's Governor Awards:

Annabelle (Elder)

Beth (Maple)

Callum (Maple)

Emma-Rose (Maple)

Emilia (Elder)

Jaime (Elder)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to

- Emma Rose on her fabulous gymnastics achievements
- Zane for his personal best in a park 5K fun run
- Will for outstanding swimming success
- George & Archie for their activity fun day challenges
- Isla for her 'Construction' Rainbows badge



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer Weather

At last the summer is here! After what seems like an endless deluge of rain we are at last enjoying the sunshine and blue skies! **Please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream on and a sun hat.** They can bring sun cream with them to re-apply, for example at lunchtime, but they must be able to apply this themselves as we are not permitted to do so. We have more shade available on the playground now, thanks to the fundraising efforts of FOTS and some school funding and we are looking forward to purchasing another



sun canopy with the proceeds of the Village Day alongside some school funding, to be installed early in the autumn term.

Please also ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle. If possible it would be good to consider the impact on the environment of single-use plastics and if you have not already done so please consider environmentally friendly alternatives.

Absence from school

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of requests for absence due to holiday from school. Headteachers are unable to grant **any** leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, they should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school. Examples of this would be:

- an organised educational course
- an organised sports competition or approved public performance
- a music or dance exam
- funeral of an immediate relative - 2 days
- religious observation on days officially set apart by the religious body to which the parents belong - 1 day
- close family wedding - 1 day
- medical appointments which cannot be arranged outside the school day.

Genuine illness will be authorised, although the school reserves the right to ask for medical clarification if a child's medical absences are above the amount expected for a usually healthy child.

Fixed Penalty Notice

Parents/carers should be aware that STARS Network of Schools will follow the West Sussex County Council guidelines on issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) and unauthorised absence of 10 sessions or more (each half day counts as one session) which could result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) by the County Pupil Entitlement: Investigation team. **On DfE guidance, any unauthorised holidays of five consecutive days or more will be referred to the County resulting in the issuing of a FPN.**

A Fixed Penalty Notice gives the parents/carers the opportunity to discharge themselves of their legal responsibility if a £120 fine is paid (per adult with parental responsibility for each child) within 28 days or £60 if paid within 21 days of the date the Notice was issued. Failure to pay the FPN may result in a prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. Parents/carers who are prosecuted for the non-payment of an FPN will receive a criminal record unless evidence is provided to show that no offence has been committed.

It is important to note that unauthorised absence of 10 school sessions can also be eligible for a FPN within a 10 school week period (not just consecutive days).

- Pupils are **only** in school for 190 days each year.
- **There are 175 other days for holidays and other activities.**
- 80% attendance represents **1 day off a week.**
- 90% attendance represents **1 day off per fortnight.**

Please note pupils whose attendance is below 90% are classed by the Department for Education as persistent absentees and we are required to submit pupil data to the DfE and WSCC regarding this each term.

STARS Challenge

Nathan and Jakub in Year 5 joined other STARS children on a local challenge—walking up Chanctonbury Ring recently. The weather was perfect as was their attitude, displaying characteristics of all 4 Super Learning Heroes on the way! It was my pleasure to accompany them on the challenge and spend the day in their company. How lucky we are to have such wonderful children in our school! The boys were awarded a STARS Challenge certificate and a well-deserved Headteacher Award for their all round excellent attitude and perseverance. Photos are being compiled into a slideshow for us which we hope to share as soon as received.

SPLASH

We were delighted to welcome SPLASH back to our school to lead an assembly for the whole-school. Their stories and songs helped the children understand in a really interactive way about not judging others, forgiveness and seeing the best in others, linking beautifully with our Super Learning Hero 'Co-operative, Caring Craig' and our school values of care and co-operation.

Transition

Pupils in Year 5 last week participated in a taster day at Steyning Grammar School. They took part in a wide range of activities across the curriculum and thoroughly enjoyed the day! This opportunity provided them with a

good flavour of life at the school in Year 7 and beyond. On Wednesday 3rd July, Year 6 pupils due to attend SGS will spend the day at Rock Road. In line with this the rest of our school will also transition and meet their new teacher as appropriate and we will be welcoming the new Reception children back again. This will be an opportunity to set the scene for learning and expectations for the academic year ahead.

Teaching arrangements for 2019-20 are as follows:

Acorn Class

Teachers: Mrs Turner & Mrs Hoare. Teaching Assistants: Mrs Jouanides

Oak Class

Teacher: Miss Makuch. Teaching Assistants: Mrs Younger & Mrs Petros

Maple Class

Teacher: Miss Killner Brown. Teaching Assistants: Mrs Elvery & Mrs Jouanides

Elder Class

Teacher Mrs Hopkins. Teaching Assistants: Mrs Ramsell & Mrs Bowbrick

School places

We are aware there has been tough competition for places at Thakeham over the past couple of years, particularly in Reception. WSCC delete the waiting lists after 1 term for Reception. We will have 2 places available in what will be Year 1 from September, if you are aware of anyone seeking a place, the school office and Admissions can be contacted to find out more. Further up the school in Years 4, 5 and 6 we are full, but we will have 1 place in Year 2 and possibly 2 places in Year 3.

Dates reminders

Next **Monday 8th July is an INSET day**. Teachers and governors will be working together at school evaluating the strengths from this academic year and identifying priorities for the year ahead.

All INSET dates for the academic year ahead have been finalised—please see dates section of this newsletter and the school website calendar.

FOTS are busy preparing for **Village Day** this **Saturday 6th July 12-4pm**. We will be taking **cake donations on Friday 5th July**, so please donate generously. The proceeds from the refreshments and BBQ will be divided between Thakeham Pre-School and will be our main source of income on the day we hope. **NB Friday is not a non-uniform day. We will be sending home raffle tickets for the children's raffle this week which we hope you will support generously. If you cannot join us on at Village Day, purchasing raffle tickets will be a great opportunity to show your support of the school.**

In memory of what would have been Ellie Thornton's 14th Birthday, we will be holding a 'danceathon' on **Weds 10th July**, to raise money for the Chestnut Tree House appeal and The Ellie Thornton Trust. Many of you will be aware that Ellie was a former Thakeham pupil who sadly was knocked over and killed in March 2017. Each class will be dancing to songs they have selected non-stop for a set time as linked to their age group. It will be a great opportunity for the children to have fun and raise important funds for 2 very important charities. We ask that each child bring in a suggested £1 donation.

Annual reports to parents will go home with children on **Friday 12th July**. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with your classteacher, appointments will be available on **Tuesday 16th July 3:30-4:30pm**. Please contact the office if you would like to book an appointment.

We are really looking forward to the **Elder Class production** on **9th at 1:30pm** and **10th at 6:30pm**.

Sports Week takes place week beginning 15th July. This will be linked to the European Games taking place in Minsk. Children will be involved in a wide range of sports. Each class will also learn about life and culture in a European country. **The children should wear their school PE kit to school each day** (though we suggest a change of kit part way through the week—especially for the older ones!) **Please do not send your child in other sports wear. Trainers are essential this week.**



Our **Sports Day will be held on Friday 19th July**. We hope to have a few refreshments and stalls that Elder class children will be running so we hope you will make good use of these! All monies raised from the disco and sports day stalls will go towards bike/scooter racks.

Lettings

We are delighted to be hosting a range of exercise classes run by Kerri Chipper during the evenings:

Mondays: 7.30pm - 8.30pm FIT IN 3: This is a combination class; 20 mins Zumba, 20 mins combat/boxercise/20mins core and tone. £5 pay as you go.

Wednesdays: 6.15pm - 7.15pm Total Body Workout (a combat / boxercise/ core class) £5 pay as you go.
Wednesdays: 7.30pm - 8.30pm RETRO FIT easy to follow routines to music from the 80s/90s/00s and latest hits. £5 pay as you go.

Please contact before coming along to class

Kerri Chipper 07540387653

kerrichipper@yahoo.co.uk

We also host Matt Fiddes Martial Arts classes on Tuesdays. During the summer holidays we will be hosting a SPLASH activity club—see details in the flyer attached. If you are aware of any other clubs who may be interested in hiring our facilities, please let Sam Mills the School Business Manager know. We are hoping to increase the number of lettings over the forthcoming year which will in turn support the school's income and also provide a useful service to the community.

Please note our next school newsletter will be the last one of this academic year which will be published on Tuesday 23rd July (last day).

Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher

Elder Mosque Trip

To support our learning in class about Islam and their five pillars, Elder class were warmly welcomed to visit CICM (Crawley Islamic Centre & Mosque). They listened attentively to a talk by the Imam and proved this, by asking questions they had prepared or were then fascinated by, for over thirty minutes! Real life Curious Questioning Quinns! They were given a tour of the mosque and treated to refreshments. It was fantastic to hear afterwards, that this was one of the 'best trips ever' from a number of our class. Children in year six also reflected on the understanding of Islam with the work we did on Buddhism last academic year and compared the mosque to the Buddhist temple we visited in Hove.

Mrs Hopkins



Young Magistrates of the Year Competition

A huge congratulations and well done to William, Brooke and Annabelle in year 6 who performed fantastically in the Young Magistrates of the Year competition on Thursday 27 June at Worthing Magistrates Court.

Nine schools in West Sussex took part in the competition. The teams of three pupils were asked to watch a mock trial and then together use the information from the trial to write a short speech delivering their verdict to the court room. They also had a legal quiz to complete and were given the opportunity to visit the holding cells where the accused were held whilst waiting for their trial. It was an exciting evening! William, Brooke and Annabelle impressed everyone with how well they collaboratively as a team spoke confidently to the court and demonstrated great knowledge from what they have learnt about law and democracy. Although we didn't win, they were a credit to themselves and the school and should be so proud of their participation. Well done team!

Mrs Stender & Mrs Hopkins



Sporting Updates

Pupils from Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a fine afternoon of athletics activities recently as part of the STARS schedule of tournaments. It was a good opportunity to apply their skills and meet children of the same age from other local schools.



Image of the Fortnight



Book Fair Thurs July 4th - Wed July 10th 2019

We are delighted to invite you to the Travelling Book Fair every day after school from Thursday 4th July to Wednesday 10th July. The children will have an opportunity to visit the fair with their class to see the different books we have on offer. There will be over 200 books to choose from, starting from only £2.99. Payments can be in cash or a mobile phone payment can now be made at the event. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library. If you are able to help support and run this book fair alongside myself, please let me know.

Mrs Hopkins



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

Wednesday 3rd July	Whole school transition afternoon
Saturday 6th July	Thakeham Village Day
Monday 8th July	INSET—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 9th July	Elder Class Production 1.30pm
Wednesday 10th July	Danceathon in school
Wednesday 10th July	Elder Class production 6.30pm
Thursday 11th July	Maple Class Fabulous Finish 2.45pm
Friday 12th July	Acorn Class Fabulous Finish 2.45pm
Friday 12th July	Maple Class Trip to Weald and Downland Centre
Friday 12th July	Reports home to parents
Mon 15th -Fri 19th July	Sports Week
Wednesday 17th July	Oak Class Fabulous Finish
Friday 19th July	Sports Day
Friday 19th July	School discos
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 trip to Pizza Express
Monday 22nd July	Oak Class Fabulous Finish 2.45pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term & Leavers' Assembly

Summer Holidays—Wednesday 24th July – Tuesday 3rd September

PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE BOOKED THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd Sep 2019
 Tuesday 3rd Sep 2019
 Friday 18th Oct 2019
 Friday 26th June 2020



Thakeham Village Day

Fancy Dress Competition

2 Categories: Preschool and Key Stage 1

£1.00 per entry - Judging will be at 1.45pm

Please bring your entry forms on the day to the Preschool Stand



THAKEHAM VILLAGE DAY

Saturday

6th July 12-4pm

@ Abingworth Football fields

We need your donations / help:

- Bottles for the Tombola (non-uniform day)
- Children's raffle prizes or vouchers
- Hamper raffle donations – 'Arts & Crafts' or 'Summer games'
- Sign-up to the stall rotas to help on the day

Thakeham Pre-School

Thakeham Parish Council



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22nd July - 2nd August

Based at Storrington Primary School

8.30am - 5.30pm

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19th & 20th August

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Email: matt.bluebellbushcraft@gmail.com



BOOK EVENTS FOR KIDS AT THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP

To Celebrate Independent Bookseller's Week and Horsham District Year of Culture, the Steyning Bookshop have some fabulous children's events coming up!



Sunday 16th June STEYNING CENTRE

DOORS OPEN 10.30am SHOW STARTS 11am

NICK SHARRATT'S BIG FATHER'S DAY FAMILY DRAW-ALONG

What better way to celebrate Father's Day than by joining celebrated author / illustrator Nick Sharratt for a big draw-along? Perhaps best-known for illustrating Jacqueline Wilson's Tracy Beaker series, Nick's distinctive, jolly, colourful drawings in books such as 'You Choose' and 'Ketchup on your Cornflakes' have made him a firm family favourite.

Nick will lead grown-ups and kids alike in a big draw-along, teaching us how to draw some of his favourite characters. Bring pencils/ pens. Paper will be provided.

FREE BACON BUTTIES FOR DADS SERVED FROM 10.30am. Coffee, tea & butties also on sale to non-dads.

Tickets £7 Adults £5 children. Call 01903 812062 to book or online via ticketsource.co.uk TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR.



Saturday 22nd June 10.30am at The Steyning Bookshop

Giraffes Can't Dance - Doodle fun with GUY PARKER-REES

Popular illustrator Guy Parker-Rees joins us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his classic picture book 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. Expect drawing, dancing and general hilarity!

Suitable for children aged 3-8.

Child ticket £4, accompanying adults free. Please book in advance. Call 01903 812062 or online via Ticketsource.



SATURDAY 15th JUNE - SUNDAY 23rd JUNE
STEYNING HIGH STREET.

'WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT' WEEK!

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury's timeless classic there will be a hunt for 10 Bear Hunt Bears hidden in Steyning shops.

There's a lovely prize of a 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' rucksack for the first correct list drawn out at the end of the week, plus stickers and posters for all entrants.

Just pop into The Steyning Bookshop any time to pick up an entry form!



Pulborough Rugby Club Girls Section

Pulborough Rugby Club are offering the opportunity to ALL girls from Year 6 upwards to come and try and have a go at the fantastic game of Girls Rugby, one of the fastest growing girls sports today by joining in with some 'Taster Touch Rugby' sessions!

When? - On every Tuesday night throughout the Summer holidays, from the 4th of June onwards, at 6:30pm to 8:00pm ish!

Where? - At the Pulborough Rugby Club's ground at Freeland, Cootham, on the main Pulborough A283 road, just outside Storrington, near the Glider Field. (RH20 4HP)

Why? - because we believe it is one of the best team games in the world for girls to show that their abilities can match the boys!

Why at Pulborough? - because we have nearly 90 girls playing already in our 4 different age groups (maybe you know some of them?). From our smallest Under 11's, through the Under 13's and Under 15's to our fantastic Under 18's who are the National Champions of England for the second year in a row and for the 3rd time in 4 years!!

So come on! Try it for fun! Come and have a go! You can contact Keith Woodcock on 07752 169852 or ask one of the girls in your school who plays already!





Holiday Club for Reception to yr5
29th July to 2nd August
8.45am – 3.15pm
At Thakeham Primary School
for more details or to book:
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Contact:
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U6-U14s - Boys & Girls - all birthdays welcome, normal LBP rules don't apply