# THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



# 'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements' Friday 29th June 2018



### **Super Learning Hero Awards**

Congratulations goes to the following children for being given awards for the week commencing 25th June. These awards will be recognised in assembly on Tuesday 2nd July

Positive, Persevering

Co-operative, Caring

Curious, Questioning Quinn Reflective, Reviewing

Poppy Miles/Grace/James/ Emma

<u>Craig</u> Emma Rose nn Ruby Holly/Harry/Archie/ Bea/Ralph

Milo (Elder)/Ruby

Rocký/Jakúb/Toby/Jaime (Maple)

#### **Head teacher Award**

Jakub (Maple)/ Charlotte, Thomas, Dylan, Evelyn (Elder)

# Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a glorious, sunny fortnight we have had! This has helped with outdoor events such as Sports Week, Sports Days and Forest Schools! A reminder please to ensure your child comes to school with a hat, water bottle and sun cream on before school. We only have a few spare hats and unfortunately these have not been handed back to us.

Sports Week-World Cup

The children were delighted with the range of activities available during this week. There really was something for everyone. Thank you parents for your positive feedback on the week and Sports Days. The children also enjoyed learning about one of the countries participating in the World Cup to support out International Schools work. Look out for a Box2BFit after-school club which will be start in the autumn term and be run by Miss Brown. The children enjoyed this and the Skip2BFit session so much we are going to purchase the equipment to run this fitness/circuit style training session. This proved to be immensely popular with the children and we feel will have a positive impact on activity and fitness levels.

A huge thank you to Miss Brown for all her hard work in organising the week and Sports Days and all the staff in supporting them.

**FOTS After Sports Day Event** 

Thank you to all the parents who helped on the afternoon with stalls and clearing away, it really is very much appreciated. An initial count looks like we have raised around £440! Organisation of these events at the moment are falling down to myself and 2 other parents. This is very difficult to sustain and we would hate to lose these wonderful social events so please, if you have not been to a FOTS meeting before we are desperate to recruit you! Debbie (Chair) would really love to have another parent support as Co/Vice Chair too. Please see Debbie Pirkis (Mum to Colette and Marcus) for further details.

Ice-cream Thursdays are in full swing and just what we need in this hot weather. Please support these!

All money raised for FOTS events will help purchase much needed shade canopies for the playground.

Welcome to Vivi who started with us in Oak class this week. It has been lovely to see the children and staff welcome Vivi and rewarding to see Vivi settling in to life here at Thakeham.

**Road Safety** 

Wonderful to see the partnership work with Steyning Grammar School and The Ellie Thornton Foundation has made the front page of the County Times. <a href="https://www.wscountytimes.co.uk/news/schoolgirl-s-tragic-death-leads-to-safety-boost-for-families-1-8544997">https://www.wscountytimes.co.uk/news/schoolgirl-s-tragic-death-leads-to-safety-boost-for-families-1-8544997</a>

#### **Equaliteas**

As part of our learning about 'Democracy' (one of the British Values), we have celebrated a special Parliament event 'Equaliteas'. This commemorates 100 years of equal rights for women to vote. The whole school learnt about this in assembly this week with KS2 children (Maple and Elder), delving deeper and also taking part in a number of debates. The level of discussion and questioning was very impressive indeed—the children were true 'Curious Questioning Quinns'. Back in the day, debates would have taken place over a cup of tea and a slice of cake. I had the pleasure of baking with some of the KS2 children a very special shortbread recipe provide by the head pastry chef of the House of Commons!



#### Looking after our community

Good to see the Wombles out on duty this week looking after our community. They do a marvellous job, thank you to Mrs Byatt and Mrs Younger for their help with this project. As part of the Community Award, in the next few weeks, children in Year 6 will be helping at Thakeham Pre-School, gardening at Trinity Church and hosting a tea and cake afternoon for residents of Sussex Downs Care Home, which is linked to their WW2 project.

We are delighted to have collected lots of plastics for re-cycling and in turn have been presented with a house and bench for our playground by Barratt Homes and Powerday. The children are really enjoying these Look out for the article in the County Times soon!



#### **Transition**

Our 'new' Acorns had a wonderful time this week joining together from a number of pre schools and nurseries. We are very excited about them starting with us in September. That does mean of course that we will have to say good bye to our amazing Year 6 pupils. Please check website dates for dates and times of events in the next couple of weeks. We will send reminders too. The pupils have been well supported by visits to their new schools. We have a number of children joining us in September in year groups across the school. These will join us on the transition afternoon 18th July and I am sure be warmly welcomed.

#### **Bikes and Scooters**

We are really pleased that children are choosing to ride these to school. We do need these to be securely locked to the fence and removed (along with bike chains) at the end of the day. Many are falling over and could block the entrance/exit to the school. We cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to these. Once we have raised enough money for shade canopies we can look to focus on a suitable storage rack in the future

With very Best Wishes

Mrs S. Norton

Headteacher

### **Photo of the Fortnight**



# <u>Netball</u>

On Thursday last week, a group of year 3 and 4s went over to West Chiltington for a netball tournament. The children were fantastic, working well together, passing the ball around and scoring in the nets. Thakeham managed to come away with an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place! A huge well done to all those who took part.



#### **Sports Week**

Last week the children participated in our much anticipated World Cup Football week. They took part in a range of activities including traditional dance from their chosen world cup country, a whole school visit to Out of Bounds for foot-golf and bowling, a skip2bfit workshop and a very impressive freestyle football workshop. The week has been jam packed with excitement and it has been fantastic to see the children trying out their new skills in skipping or football tricks on the playground.













#### **Sports Day**

What an amazing first sports day at our new school! It was fantastic to have so many parents come and join us for our circuit of activities and to cheer on the children during the races. The children thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities that were based on the skills they had been learning during their athletics PE sessions. It was very pleasing to see so many children supporting others throughout the day, really showing off their Co-operative Caring Craig side. There were some phenomenal javelin throwers in KS2 and a huge amount of Persevering Poppy's, especially in the last (very hot) 400m races! A huge congratulation to Malala who won the overall team event with a massive 872 points!

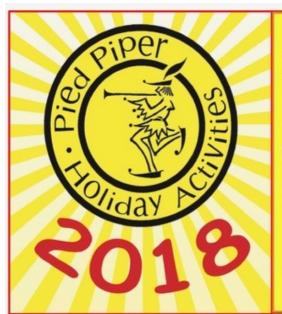
Overall KS1 and KS2 scores

- 1. Malala 872
- 2. Grylls 850
- 3. Fránk 681
- 4. Edison 679









# SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

# Windlesham House \*\*\* New for 2018 \*\*\*\*

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#### Wombles

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June the Wombles put on their gloves and collected their black sacks to help tidy Thakeham Road. Unfortunately we found lots of sweetie wrappers and drinks bottles this time. Nevertheless, we rolled up ourselves and collected all that we could before it became too hot. The children decided that reminding their classmates will help keep the area around our school clean. Well done Wombles!



# "Makin' Moves" Camps

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Includes Sports, Games, Art, Dance, Drama, Singing and Cooking

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1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018
Storrington Primary School
Activity Camp (no performance)
Individual days can be booked



6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Sullington Parish Hall





13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018
Thakeham Primary School
The Greatest Showman



28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 Sullington Parish Hall

The Descendants 2

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