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NEWSLETTER Wednesday 17th 2021

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SUPER HERO LEARNING AWARDS



THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Governor Award

Reuben (Elder)

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Jacob (Oak) Joshua (Elder) Peter (Elder) Kiva (Maple)

Hall of Fame George (Elder) Tamira (Oak)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cold Weather and Clothes

With the winter upon us and lots of bugs about, a reminder to ensure your child comes to school with a coat (and hat/gloves/scarf as needed). If doing Forest Schools, children will need warm, waterproof clothing too.

Staff Appointments

Mrs Blampied, one of our Teaching Assistants in Elder class will be starting her maternity leave in January 2022; we have appointed Mrs Ede to take on this role, she will hopefully be starting the role this term to enable Mrs Blampied to reduce her hours Mrs Ede is a familiar face in the school, having undertaken a voluntary TA role in Maple prior to the pandemic. Mrs Ede also kindly produced our Mindfulness Garden design which is developing nicely.

Mrs Macready has been appointed as class teacher for Elder class for the Spring term when Mrs Hopkins will move into the role as Acting Headteacher during this time. Mrs Macready has strong KS2 experience and is really looking forward to starting her role at Thakeham.

Both Mrs Macready and Mrs Ede will be in for induction and to meet the staff and children shortly.

Parent Governor Role

We continue to seek a parent to join our Governing Body and have extended the deadline to Friday 26th November. It is a busy time for the school and we really do hope to have a full complement of governors to continue to support our vision and aims.

If you are interested in supporting the school in this way we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office ahead of this date with your nomination.

Covid-19 Update

This continues to be a challenging time in schools locally with case rates in the community remaining high. As per my letter on Monday, we are aware of three pupil cases currently across Acorn, Maple and Elder classes. In addition, as of today we have one (non-class based) staff member with Covid-19 who has contracted it from their own children.

We encourage you to be vigilant to the signs of this virus including temperature, loss of taste/smell and a new continuous cough. Of course we are all aware that other symptoms seem to present too which can be difficult to distinguish from a cold. Also 1 in 3 cases are reportedly without symptoms (as two of the pupil cases are currently).

In my letter I suggested that alongside staff using LFD tests twice weekly that this may be something you wish to consider for your child and indeed many schools are individually being asked to recommend this to parents as cases rise.

I am really grateful for the excellent communication and support from families so far this term, keeping us updated if there are cases in their household and undertaking PCR test for everyone at home. In this case, if your child does not have symptoms, they can return to school, provided they have undertaken an LFD test. If there is a Covid-19 case in a household, we would also recommend daily LFD testing for your child to catch any infection as early as possible and limit the transmission.

If you have any questions, please do contact us.

Upcoming Events

19/11/21 Children in Need Day: Dress up/own clothes and a donation:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Def ault.aspx?shopid=5920

- 26/11/21 Growth Mindset Day
- 25-26/11/21 Drop off days for Bags2School
- 30/11/21 School Meeting for Parents: Therapeutic Approach to Behaviour
- 2/12/21 Warminghurst Church Tree Decorating with School Council
- 03/12/21 Non-uniform Day bring a chocolate/wine donation for the Christmas Tombola!
- 03/12/21 Decorations Afternoon in School
- 10/12/21 FOTS Jingle Mingle Event

Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton Headteacher







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Barnham

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Art Exhibition Weekend at the Old School 10—4pm 20-21 November

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