

**THUNDRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**AUTUM WEEKS 1-3**

**TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

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| **WHAT’S GOING ON NEXT WEEK** | |
| Tuesday 18th September | Library – Years 1&2  Choir – Years 3-6 – Collect 4.00 |
| Wednesday 19th September | French – Years 1-6- Collect 4.00 |
| Thursday 20th September | Rounders – Years 3-6–Collect 4.10 |
| Friday 21st September | Library – Juniors |
| **WHAT’S ON LATER** | |
| Monday 24th September | Netball/Football Club–Collect 4.00 |
| Tuesday 25th September | Library – Years 1&2  Choir – Years 3-6 – Collect 4.00 |
| Wednesday 26th September | French – Years 1-6- Collect 4.00 |
| Thursday 27th September | Rounders – Years 3-6–Collect 4.10 |
| Friday 28th September | Library – Juniors  Harvest Church Service 2.00 |
| Wednesday 3rd October | Friends Committee Meeting - Feathers Inn 7.30 |
| Friday 19th October | Friends School Disco (tentative) |
| Sunday 2nd December | Friends Christmas Fayre (tentative) |
| Tuesday 16th October | FS Curriculum Meeting – 9.00 |
| Monday 22nd October | Parent Consultation Evening  3.30-6.50 |
| Wednesday 24th October | Parent Consultation Evening  3.30-5.20 |
| 29th October–2nd November | HALF TERM |
| Monday 12th November | Flu Vaccine – Whole School – 12.30 |
| Monday 26th November | Year 1&2 Dance Workshop |
| Friday 30th November | Occasional Day – School Closed |
| Wednesday 5th December | Pantomime – Years R-Year 6 – pm |
| Wednesday 12th December | Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Performance – 10.00am |
| Thursday 13th December | KS2 Christmas Performance –  2.30 & 6.30 |
| Friday 21st December | Last day of term – Finish 1.30 |
| Monday 7th January | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 8th Januray | First day of Spring Term |

**Birthdays….**

**Mr Higgins – 12th September**

**Neve Chappell – 20th September**

**Zoe Rose – 20th September**

**Arley Fenton – 22nd September**

**Awards Friday 7th September 2018**

**Head Teacher Award**

To the whole school!

For a fantastic, positive start to the new school year.

**Class Awards:**

**Foundation Stage** –

Whole class award for a fab week!

**Year 1&2** –

Billy Baker & Hayden Mann

**Year 3&4 –**

Macy Cyl

All of Year 3 for a good start to the school year

**Year 5&6** –

Billy Cyl & Arthur Wilson

Well done all of you!

**Awards Friday 14th September 2018**

**Head Teacher Award**

Alfie Pearce for giving 100% to EVERYTHING!

&

Harper Rose for getting on with everyone and being a wonderful friend with amazing manners.

**Class Awards:**

**Foundation Stage** –

Ollie Brewer

**Year 1&2** –

William Haworth & Jack Turner

**Year 3&4 –**

Jack Stone & George Stopps

**Year 5&6** –

Chloe Pearce & Isabella Warner

**Lunch Staff Awards:**

Kian Bartlett, Ronnie Best, Josie Brown &

Maisie Wright

Well done all of you!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and welcome back to the new school year.

All staff would like to thank parents for their end of term gifts, they are all greatly appreciated.

# Welcome back and to let you know it has been a really positive start with the new lining up procedure, a significantly revised Behaviour Policy and this has already shown to be effective and consistent.

**Welcome**

**Welcome to our new pupils:**

Nursery – Aoife, Dana, Harper, Jude, Leona & Ollie

Reception – Archie

Year 1 - Ioanna & Marina,

Year 2 – Henry

Year 4 – Macy

Year 5 – Arthur

Year 6 – Billy

**Goodbye to**

It is with regret that I have to inform you that sadly Mrs Gambles and Mrs Whatmore are leaving Thundridge School.

Mrs Gambles has started a new role as a Sixth Form Learning Mentor at Goffs Academy and Mrs Whatmore will be leaving at the beginning of October to take on a new role as a Care Assistant.

Both have been a great asset to the school and will be greatly missed but we wish them all the best in their new roles.

Miss Gaze is covering Mrs Gambles position, as her role as 1:1 Teaching Assistant was lost last term through uncertainty of the continuation of County funding. Mrs Whatmore’s Teaching Assistant position is advertised on ‘Teach in Herts’.

Jane said thank you for her wonderful gifts received over the years.

**Curricuulum Meetings**

The meetings all went well with positive feedback from parents/carers. If you were not able to attend the meeting and you would like a handout from your child’s class please let Zoe know.

# **Home/School Agreement and Behaviour Policy**

# A reminder to send the signed new Home/School Agreement in by the end of the week, Friday 21st September.

**Report Slips**

To be signed, commented and returned by Friday 21st September please.

# **Values & Aims**

# Also a reminder to parents to come into School Reception to read and vote for your preferred version. The staff working in small groups have created 4 different versions and the children voted at the beginning of term. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The deadline is this Friday, 21st as these need to go onto our School Development Plan for Governors to see.

**Mr Thorn Does Phonics**

On a recent visit from our School Improvement Partner she recommended a phonics website accessed through You Tube with the above title. It is a very good resource as the letter and sounds are pronounced correctly (not Americanised) and is fun too! This is highly recommended from Nursery through to Year 2. The children love ‘Geraldine the Giraffe’.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

The Thundridge School attendance certificates are awarded for attendance per term. The following were awarded…

SPECIAL AWARD

100% OVER THE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR

Libby Adams, Jack Field, Finley Francis, Chloe Haworth, Henry Haworth, William Haworth, Mason King & Alfie Pearce.

GOLD AWARD - 100% OVER ANY TWO TERMS

Rose Adams, Oliver Chamberlain,

Arley Fenton, Lewis Greatrex, Rachel Grierson, Isabella Le Grys, Charlie Millhouse, Dita Purser, Martha Stopps, Zoe Thomas & Bethany Ward.

SILVER AWARD - 100% OVER THE SUMMER TERM

Kian Bartlett, Josie Brown, Tommy Brown, Ava Field, Isla Grierson, Fletcher Hart, Mason King, Sydney Marshall, Francesc Thomas & Jack Turner

BRONZE AWARD – 98% OR ABOVE OVER THE SUMMER TERM

Billy Baker, Harrison Campbell, Neve Chappell, Milan Cope, Zac Earl, Sam Field, George Hartfield, Lily-May Hewitt Makin, Leo Homer, Amy Johnson, Olly Judge, Bradley King, Elena Smyth & Callum Wareham

**Congratulations all of you!**

**Volunteers Required**

The Year 3&4 class need volunteers to listen to the children read on a Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.10-9.40am. The Foundation Stage class require volunteer helpers in the mornings. If you can help please let Zoe know. Remember we welcome parent, grandparents, aunts, uncles who are interested in helping the children and have the time available.

# **Rounders – Thursdays – Year 3-6**

# Rounders started yesterday, the club is now open to Years 3-6. Please let Zoe know if your children would like to join, finishes at 4.10pm.

# **Secondary Schools**

# I would strongly advise that you take a look around potential schools to get a feel for the ones you like as next year when your child is in Year 6 the application process is very short. You do of course visit again next year but you will have more of an idea of the schools you want to focus on.

**Presdales School**

Thursday 18th October – 5.30-8.30

Head Teacher Talks at 6.00, 7.00 & 8.00

**Richard Hale School**

Monday 15th October 6.00-8.30

Head Teacher Talk at 8.00

Tuesday 16th October 4.00-6.30

Head Teacher Talk at 6.00

**Simon Balle All-through School**

Saturday 22nd September - 8.30-12.30

Head Teacher Talks throughout the morning

**The Chauncy School**

Wednesday 10th October - 6.15-9.15

Head Teacher Talks at 6.30 & 7.45

**The Sele School**

Saturday 29th September - 9.00-12.30

Head Teacher Talks at 10.00 & 11.00

**Friends’ Second-Hand Uniform Sale:**

**Friday 21st September from 2.45pm**

   

Please come along to our second-hand uniform sale next Friday! There are SO many items for sale, and some great bargains to pick up! All clothes have also been washed by committee members too!

We have got jumpers, polo shirts, trousers, skirts, PE t-shirts, shorts, pumps, shoes and more! Some barely worn! The Year 6 pupils have kindly sorted everything into categories & sizes so “browsing” will be made much easier. Please do come along in advance of pick up on Friday so that you have time to have a look.

**Friends of Thundridge School**

**Welcome back!**

We hope that everyone has settled into school well and also received Mollie’s welcome letter sent last week (attached above just in case you missed it).

Things are revving up for the Friends Committee after our first meeting of the year last night, where it was great to welcome some new faces, discuss fund raising events and initiatives for the year and what we should spend the money on. If you did not make this meeting and would like to come to the next one, it is on the evening of **Wednesday 3rd October**, where we will start to shape the Christmas Fayre!

We have got lots on the horizon, including the 2018/19 Fundraising Thermometer Competition, Christmas Cards, Christmas Grand Draw and of course the Christmas Fayre! Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive further information regarding all these initiatives however, for now we do have some tentative dates which are listed in the calendar, so please do have a look above!

**We need you!!! … What do YOU think the Friends’ fundraising money should be spent on?**

We have been given a significant wish list of items from the school, which we will share with you very soon however, in addition to this, we would really like to know what YOU, the parents, think we should spend the money on that we raise. Either drop us an email with your thoughts and ideas or pop these into the Friends Suggestion Box, which can be found in the school reception area. We will be kicking off the Thund-raising thermometer competition very soon so if you can let us know by the end of next week that would be great.

**We need you!! …. Help with events?**

If you are able to help us out source or provide any of the following that would be great.

* School Discos : Low cost DJs, Dancers (for children to copy)
* Christmas Grand Draw : Sponsorship of ticket production, Prize donations
* Support at Events: Helping out on stalls at discos/fayres etc.

**We need you!! … Easyfundraising: A Reminder, or an Introduction?**



If you shop online, and have not done so already, please could you sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk to support our school? Last year (2017/18), we raised nearly £270.00 through easyfundraising. This, as our first year’s achievement, is really fantastic! We have 52 supporters signed up (which is also great) however as a school community, we need to all start using it more - every time we make purchases online!

It is a really easy way to raise money – and it does not cost a penny!!! You just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,300 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

Let us all get going on this great initiative, sign up and get shopping! Please visit our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thundridgeps/ and click ‘support us’. Thank you!

**Thank you for your support.**

**The Friends Committee**