

THUNDRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN WEEKS 9, 10 & 11
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2017

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK	
Tuesday 21 st November	WOW Maths Day Pret-a-Portrait individual photos Library - Years 1&2 - am
Wednesday 22 nd November	French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45 Mad Science Club - Collect 4.30
Thursday 23 rd November	Nasal Flu Vaccine - Reception to Year 4 - 1.00
Friday 24 th November	Year 6 Booster Session 8.00 Year 3&4 Class Assembly - Village Hall 9.15 Library - Juniors - am
WHAT'S ON LATER	
Tuesday 28 th November	Friends Christmas Coffee Morning - The Feathers Inn 9.15am Library - Years 1&2 - am
Wednesday 29 th November	French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45 Mad Science Club - Collect 4.30
Friday 1 st December	Occasional Day - School Closed
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Choir rehearsal morning and evening performance
Thursday 7 th December	Children's Council Christmas Stalls Event - In school at 2.00
Saturday 9 th December	Friends Christmas Fayre/Shopping Event in school - 12.00-3.00
Tuesday 12 th December	FS/KS1 Christmas school play dress rehearsal-morning
Wednesday 13 th December	FS/KS1 Christmas school play-10.00 Christmas Lunch - Children to wear Christmas jumpers KS2 Christmas school play dress rehearsal - afternoon
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas school play 2.00 & 6.30 Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December	Free Non Uniform Day The Friends Committee Movie Night at The Feathers Inn (straight from school until 6.00)
Monday 18 th December	Pantomime - Hertford Theatre - 1.30 - Reception to Year 6
Tuesday 19 th December	Last Day of Term - Finish 1.30 Friends Tuck Shop
Wednesday 3 rd January	First Day of Spring Term

Happy Birthday to:
 Mr Clark - 18th November
 Isabella Warner - 19th November
 Zac Earl - 23rd November
 Joe Evans - 1st December
 Charlie Millhouse - 5th December
 Mrs Whatmore - 7th December

Awards Friday 3rd November 2017

Head Teacher Award:

Charlotte Chamberlain for consistent effort and being a wonderful role model.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage - William Haworth

Year 1&2 - Ronnie Best & Neve Chappell

Year 3&4 - Rose Adams & Chloe Pearce

Year 5&6 - Joe Evans & Roxy Kripp

Lunch Staff Awards:

Foundation Stage - William Haworth

Year 1&2 - Jack Turner

Year 3&4 - Freddie Shirley

Year 5&6 - Kieran Francis

Well done all of you!

Awards Friday 10th November 2017

Head Teacher Award

Max Thomas for a diligent and conscientious approach to all his learning including Booster.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage - Arley Fenton & Bradley King

Year 1&2 - Thomas Smyth & Jack Turner

Year 3&4 - Representing the school well on both trips

Year 5&6 - Rachel Grierson & Maisy Robinson

Lunch Staff Awards:

Foundation Stage - Phoebe Le Gry

Year 1&2 - Ava Field

Year 3&4 - Joseph Fox

Year 5&6 - Alfie Pearce

Well done all of you!

Awards Friday 17th November 2017

Head Teacher Award

Jake Sawdy for a significant improvement in his attitude towards learning and excellent work on time.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage - Amy Johnson & Michael Mann

Year 1&2 - Henry Haworth & Sydney Marshall

Year 3&4 - Mason King & Isabella Le Gry

Year 5&6 - Emily Nicholson & Ruby Robinson

Lunch Staff Awards:

Foundation Stage - Hayden Mann

Year 1&2 - Jack Stone

Year 3&4 - Lewis Greatrex

Year 5&6 - Keri Brown

Well done all of you!

Ofsted

We are extremely pleased to report that following our Ofsted Inspection of Tuesday 17th October, we remain a Good school. The lines of enquiry were those expected as we had already identified the areas for improvement and included them in our School Development Plan. The full report can be viewed on the Ofsted website.

We would like to add that many positive comments were made. These included praise for teaching, including TAs throughout the school, the work of SEND, the leadership, for identifying and addressing particular issues early to allow interventions to begin robustly, as well as the management of data and progress. It was also noted that the children were well behaved and engaged with their learning.

To conclude, we would like to send our appreciation to Governors for the support they give to the school. We would also like to publically thank all the staff who work so hard day in and day out as without such dedication by all, we would not be where we are now, which is a GOOD SCHOOL of which we are very proud.

Year 3&4 Roman Trip

As part of the Year 3&4 class work on the 'The Romans' they visited the Roman Baths at Welwyn. It is an excellent example of a Roman Villa discovered under the A1.

The children were given lots of interesting facts by their guide Nick and then given lots of opportunities to try on costumes, play games, and explore all the show cases.

In the afternoon they went to Mill Green. Here they learnt about how the Mill still works and grinds the flour. They then were able to taste the food like Romans may have eaten.

The rest of the afternoon was spent looking at and sketching Roman artefacts, using tesserae blocks to make a mosaic floor, exploring materials found in Roman digs and listening to a story. All the children reported on a really fun day where they learnt so much.



Parking

When bringing your child to school, PLEASE do not pull up on the yellow zig-zag lines to drop off your child. This is extremely dangerous as it not only blocks the main entrance to the school but yesterday resulted in a near miss with a child being run over.

Please allow time to park (ideally at The Feathers Inn, The Anchor or the Village Hall car park) and escort your child into school.

Children should not be coming into school unaccompanied.

I have two Parish Councillors coming to meet with me on Wednesday to complain about inconsiderate parking amongst other things. It is a constant problem and takes up a considerable amount of office and leadership time.

Please park with consideration, not on the pavement, yellow lines or the zig zag lines.

Netball & Football

Hunsdon School were unable to play matches on 2nd November. Our next fixture was against Stapleford School on 9th November the football team lost but great effort was made by the goalkeeper. The netball team won 10-3, well played everyone.

All netball and football practices/matches have now finished and will commence again in January.

Skip2bfit

All the children took part in a Skip2bfit workshop this week. Details and photographs will follow in the next newsletter. The counted skipping ropes are available to purchase from Zoe for £5.00 each.

Children in Need

Today the children came to school wearing 'Pudsey' spotty hats, bandanas and ears etc. in aid of Children in Need. We will let you know in the next newsletter how much the children raised.



Children's Council....

On Thursday 7th December the Children's Council will be holding their Christmas Stalls event in the school at 2.00pm. It will consist of:

A Bake Off

The children can make/decorate a cake/cup cake with a Christmas theme, entry fee 50p.

Christmas Gifts

All classes will be making Christmas gifts for you to purchase.

Please see the Children's Council letter (attached) for full details.

School Uniform

We still have a small number of book bags, PE bags and PE t-shirts in stock, all other uniform is now to be purchased from the Kids Connection shop in Hertford.

Reminders.....

Staff Car Park

The car park is for staff and visitor use only please. Parents (except those with disabled badge) are to park on the road or the Village Hall when dropping off for Booster or Breakfast Club.

Wellies/Outdoor Footwear

Every child needs a change of footwear to change into at lunchtime on the school field please. Wellies must be in school for wet, muddy days and spare trainers for those who wish to play football. Both need to be kept on the wellie hogs.

Individual Photographs - Tuesday 21st November

A reminder Pret-a-Portrait will be in school on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photographs of your children. If you have younger siblings not at school you can arrive at 8.45am for these to be taken.

Nasal Flu Vaccine - Thursday 23rd November Years Reception to Year 4

Those who registered for their children to have the nasal flu immunisation will be vaccinated on Thursday 23rd November.

Year 3&4 Class Assembly - Friday 24th November

The class assembly will be held in the Village Hall starting at approximately 9.15am, everyone welcome.

Occasional Day - Friday 1st December

A reminder the school will be closed on Friday 1st December for our Occasional Day.

Friends of Thundridge School

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December 12.00-3.00pm

Please do come along and support Thundridge School Christmas Fayre... we have over 20 stallholders booked for the event, refreshments will be available, and there will be lots to do for the children too - games, arts & crafts ... not to mention Santa himself! Loads of ways the children can get involved ... please see attached document for further information.

Thundridge School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December 12pm to 3pm

Santa's Grotto Arts & Crafts

Christmas Gift Stalls Face Painting

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Refreshments



Friends Christmas Coffee Morning-The Feathers Inn

Tuesday 28th November, 9.15am-10.30am

On Tuesday 28th November, the Friends Committee will be hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning at The Feathers Inn. EVERYONE is welcome to attend this event, including current, prospective and past parents too so please feel free to bring along your friends! Great chance to get to know new people, have a catch up and enjoy a coffee & mince pie after the school run! An honesty bar will be in operation at the Tea/Coffee Station....

Easyfundraising

We are now up to a total of 35 supporters and have raised £24.43 ... in 6 weeks! These supporters will be raising at least £211.00 in 12 months, which is great, however, if we, as a school community can increase this to have 100 supporters, we will have the potential to raise a minimum of £635, without spending a penny extra! Please do have a serious think about signing up, especially with Christmas (and Black Friday) approaching... For every £ you spend online, there are almost 3500 retailers ready and waiting to give a % of your spend back to Thundridge School! And if you do not sign up, the money will just stay with the retailer.

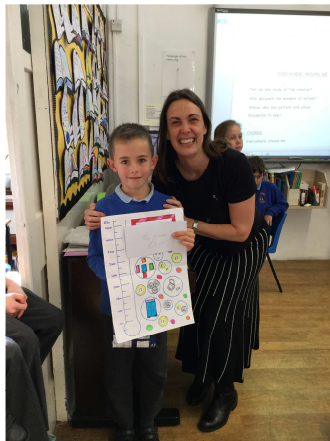
Kind regards
Miss Greatrex

Also, the more we can encourage our friends, relatives and neighbours to sign up to this, the more significant the earnings for our village school....and the more we can capitalise on this opportunity! The pupils are being rewarded with small bags of haribos for signing you up too! If you are already signed up with Easyfundraising for a different cause, please let Zoe know and we will make sure your child/children receive a prize too.

Thund-raising Thermometer Competition

Over the October half term holidays, pupils busily designed their entries for the Thundridge School "Thund-raising Thermometer Competition". On 3rd November, the creative entries were kindly judged by Mrs White, our school Librarian. We had dinosaurs, trees, butterflies, great designs of the school building, flowers and lots more. In Assembly, Mrs White announced the class winners - and the overall winner - giving specific and detailed feedback to the children regarding the features of their individual drawings! Prizes were awarded to everyone who entered. The class winners got an extra treat bag and some bonfire night marshmallows. In addition to these prizes, the overall winner 's design will be blown up to 2m tall, displayed at school, and used to track fundraising until the end of this academic year. Well done to all the children and in particular to the winner... Finley Francis for this excellent achievement.

Winner



Runner Ups



December Friends' Activities ... Get Involved with Christmas?

Please see attached "Get Involved with Christmas" document where the Friends are asking for your help in the run up to our Christmas Fayre. Here is a summary of important dates. Further details are outlined in document (which will also be sent out next week in book bags).

Christmas Fayre : Saturday 9th December

12.00pm-3.00pm Please come along and bring your friends and families!

- **Tombola** : Please bring in soft toys & bottles from now to 8th December LATEST (box in School Reception)
- **Cakes, cookies etc...**: Please could you make/buy cakes to sell at our refreshments stall and bring in on 8th December.
- **Decorated Jar Competition** : Please bring in decorated & filled jars from now to 8th December LATEST
- **Pupil Volunteers** : Please let Mollie know if your children are interested in helping out on stalls. Limited spaces - first come first served.
- **Grand Draw Tickets** : These will come home soon in book bags. Please buy/sell and return stubs or unsold tickets by 13th December LATEST

Christmas Movie Night at The Feathers Inn :

Friday 15th December

Tickets on sale now! £6.00 per child

Parents' Christmas Night Out : Friday 15th

December

Everyone welcome for a night out of festive fun ... starting at the Lodge, Ware, 7.30pm-8.00pm onwards...

Thank you as always for your support.

The Friends Committee