



THUNDRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN WEEK 11
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2017

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK	
Saturday 9 th December	Friends Christmas Fayre/Shopping Event in school - 12.00-3.00
WHAT'S ON LATER	
Tuesday 12 th December	FS/KS1 Christmas school play dress rehearsal-morning
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 (9.30) then FS Christmas school performances Christmas Lunch - Children to wear Christmas jumpers KS2 Christmas school play dress rehearsal - afternoon French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas school play 1.30 & 6.30 Foundation Stage Christmas party
Friday 15 th December	Library - Juniors - am Free Non Uniform Day Juniors Christmas party The Friends Committee Movie Night at The Feathers Inn (straight from school until 6.00)
Monday 18 th December	Pantomime - Hertford Theatre
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church at approx. 9.15am Last Day of Term - Finish 1.30 Friends Tuck Shop
Wednesday 3 rd January	First Day of Spring Term
22 nd to 25 th January	Bikeability - Years 5&6
12 th - 16 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 6 - Crucial Crew - Morgans School - 9.45-11.45
Thursday 29 th March	End of Spring Term - Finish 1.30
30 th March - 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 14 th - 17 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 25 th May	Inset Day - School Closed
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term
Friday 20 th July	Last day of term - Finish 1.30

Awards Friday 24th November 2017

Head Teacher Awards

Harrison Campbell & Oliver Chamberlain for enthusiasm, depth of challenge and quantity of work achieved in 'Wow Maths Day'.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage - Ralph Bradley-May & Arley Fenton
Year 1&2 - Betsy Baker & Mortimer Davy
Year 3&4 - Leo Homer & Rylie Sampford
Year 5&6 - Keari Brown & Isabella Warner

Well done all of you!

Awards Friday 30th November 2017

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage - William Haworth & Michael Mann
Year 1&2 - Isla Grierson & Jack Turner
Year 3&4 - Lewis Greatrex & Bethany Ward
Year 5&6 - Sophie Ward & All of 5&6 for consistent good spellings across the year

Well done all of you!

Awards Friday 8th December 2017

Head Teacher Award

Emily Nicholson for her extremely conscientious attitude and enthusiasm for learning.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage- Maisy Delve-James & Amy Johnson
Year 1&2 - Milan Cope & Lily Mann
Year 3&4 - India Bacon, Charlie Millhouse & Francesc Thomas
Year 5&6 - George Hartfield & Alfie Wilkinson

Well done all of you!

Christmas Performances

Performance times as follows:

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Year 1&2 to start at approximately 9.30am

Parents are welcome to go straight to the Village Hall for refreshments and to purchase raffle tickets after dropping their children at school.

Foundation Stage to start at approximately 10.30am

If you will not be watching the Year 1&2 performance, please ensure that their performance has finished before entering the Village Hall. If it has not, please wait quietly in the foyer.

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Years 3-6

Please note the earlier start time of the afternoon performance, approximate start of **1.30pm instead of 2.00pm**.

Parents are welcome to take their seats from 1.15pm at the Village Hall for refreshments and to purchase raffle tickets.

The children will go home in their costumes at the end of the day. Please drop children back at school in their costumes at 6.00pm for make-up touch up etc.

Evening Performance to start at approximately 6.30pm.

Once you have dropped your children at school at 6.00pm, refreshments and the chance to buy raffle tickets again will be prior to the performance. The draw will take place after the performance.

No booking or tickets are required for any performance.

If you have young children or babies that become unsettled, please would you kindly take them out of the village hall to settle them so this does not disrupt the performance.

Agility Festival

On 6th November the Year 3&4 class spent the morning at Wodson Park, taking part in a range of ability challenges. All the children had opportunities to try out balancing, an obstacle relay, javelin throwing, speed bouncing and high steppers. The morning ended with a skipping challenge to see how many skips the children could do in 1 minute. Across all the schools present, Chloe Pearce did the most skips winning a Pudsey wristband and badge.

Skip2bfit

What an amazing day the children (and adults) had on Tuesday 14 November. The skip2bfit day was organised to help children to see the benefits of a healthy lifestyle as well as motivating them always to try to improve on their own personal targets - whatever they may be. The main focus throughout however was to ensure all the children were enjoying themselves. This was made easy through our excellent coach David who was always on hand to demonstrate, encourage and motivate the children. All the children had opportunities to skip for 2 minutes using special skipping ropes that count each skip. After several attempts the children's improving scores were recorded along with the adults. At the end of the day

parents were invited to share in our awards. The top 'skipper' from each class was awarded a certificate:

Reception - Finlay Delve-James

Year 1 - Thomas Smyth

Year 2 - Sam Field

Year 3 - Dita Purser

Year 4 - Chloe Pearce

Year 5 - Jack Field

Year 6 - Emily Nicholson

The child who had skipped the most - Jack Field then had a skip off against the highest scoring adult - Zoe Rose.

Congratulations to Jack Field for this great achievement.



Year 3&4 Class Assembly

On 25th November the Year 3&4 class assembly was held in the Village Hall. Despite technological problems (well done to the children and the staff for handling these so well!) the audience enjoyed the informative and interesting work the class had done on their Roman's topic. This included the trip to the Roman Baths and Mill Green Museum as well as lots of cross curricular learning links such as artwork, music, legend writing and RE. Well done and thank you to the children and the staff.

Wow Maths

The whole school took part in a 'Wow Maths Day'. See below what they all got up to...

Foundation Stage

We went on a treasure hunt using and applying positional language. We were lucky enough to find the treasure box and it was filled with chocolate coins. We counted the coins and then as treat we ate them! The afternoon was filled with sorting and counting skittles, finding who had more and who had less treats. We also worked on a number recognition by playing bingo!

Year 1&2

The children had stations set up in the classroom and we covered all aspects of maths in our cafe, shop, building yard and games centre.

We were adding up prices and giving change in our shop. We totalled the cost of the pancake toppings in our cafe and had to find out the most expensive combination.

In our building yard we had to work together as a team to make a model that could hold a KG weight but at the same time was tall enough for a car to go under. We had to talk and listen and experiment with different shapes to see which shapes were the best to use. We played number and shape games with our friends and we worked on number bonds on the Interactive Whiteboard.

We were very loud but our teachers were proud of the way we stayed on task. We had a great day.

Year 3&4

We spent the morning solving a wide range of maths problems and playing maths games. Each child was able to pick different challenges to work their way through either on their own or in pairs.

In the afternoon following their legends theme they all pretended they were budding Robin Hoods practicing our archery skills and adding up our scores. They continued this by throwing balls into targets and combining our scores. All the children reported on a real fun maths day.

Year 5&6

Wow indeed! Year 5&6 had a great time applying their maths skills to a range of problems on our special maths day. They practised breaking problems down into simpler steps and working systematically. Our topic of World War 2 allowed us to explore the cryptic world of codebreaking. Inspired by the heroes of Bletchley Park the children showed great tenacity and insisted on continuing the exercise for the rest of the week!

Mad Science

Mad Science will continue again in the new year. Start date will be Wednesday 17th January. Please see the flyer attached to make a booking.

Choir

Our wonderful choir was again this year a part of the Hertford and Ware Christmas Carol Concert. The children had some very challenging songs to learn which they sang with the other schools and we had our own song 'Love Has Come.'

The choir really rose to the challenge, sang beautifully throughout and were a real credit to our school. 'Love Has Come' was sung with real feeling and they were AMAZING!

A heart-felt thanks to Mrs Gaze who puts in hours of work to make the choir so outstanding!

Christmas Lunch - Christmas Jumper

The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their regular uniform on the Christmas lunch day, Wednesday 13th December.

Children's Council....

Yesterday the Children's Council held their Christmas Stalls event in the school. We will be reporting on this and the funds raised in the next newsletter but early indications show that it was a great success. Thank you to all those Children's Council members and older children who helped run stalls and to all those who entered the competitions.

Reminders....

Church Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 19th December at approximately 9.15am at St Mary's Church, everyone welcome.

Year 6 Booster Sessions

Booster lessons have now finished until next term.

Parking

Parking has yet again been an issue and is taking up valuable leadership and admin time in dealing with the constant complaints. As stated in previous newsletters **please** park with consideration and allow the time to do so. Councillors have visited and also complained on behalf of the residents and will be putting notices on cars and have also asked the community police to do spot checks.

Individual Photographs

A reminder to order online by 15th December to receive the 15% earlybird discount.

Kind regards
Miss Greatrex

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



In addition to the Bottle Tombola, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Stallholder Raffle, Decorated Sweet Jar Tombola, Carol Singing, Miss Harris' Christmas Sweet Cones, The Night before Christmas goodies, Soft Toy Tombola, Jewellery making, Arts & Crafts, Biscuit Decorating, Junior Dragons Apprentice, Yucky Dip and lots more The Friends Committee are delighted to let you know that we also have **OVER 20 EXTERNAL STALLHOLDERS** attending for you to enjoy & help you out with your Christmas shopping (please see attached list). We also have Mulled Wine, a "Hot Dog BBQ" and Santa!!

Many external stallholders will not be able to accept card payments, so please make sure you bring either **cash or cheque books!**

A few reminders....

Buy/Sell the **GRAND DRAW TICKETS** and bring in money & stubs as well any spares to Zoe as these will continue to be sold at the Fayre.

Please bring in any **CAKES/BISCUITS/SAUSAGE ROLLS**

Also, please do not forget:

To buy tickets from Zoe for **CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT** (3-6pm on 15th December)

To put the 'PARENTS NIGHT OUT' in your diaries, **15th December** at THE MIXER, Ware, 7.30pm onwards.

Best wishes from the Friends ... for a happy and festive December! See you on the 9th!



Thank you as always for your continued support
The Friends Committee