

**THUNDRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**AUTUMN WEEK 12**  
**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Maths Booster starts 8.00 Library - Juniors - am
WHAT'S ON LATER	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Library - Year 1&2 Year 6 English booster starts 3.20 Choir starts at lunchtime
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45 Friends Committee Meeting - 7.45 The Feathers Inn
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Booster Session 8.00 Library - Juniors - am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Friends Event - Children's Karaoke
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Bikeability - Years 5&6
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 - Crucial Crew - Morgan's School - 9.45-11.45
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Spring Term - Finish 1.30
30 <sup>th</sup> March - 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day - School Closed
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term - Finish 1.30

## Birthdays

Chloe Haworth - 8<sup>th</sup> December  
 Jake Sawdy - 8<sup>th</sup> December  
 Francesc Thomas - 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
 Freddie Shirley - 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
 Zoe Thomas - 10<sup>th</sup> January

## Awards Friday 15th December 2017

### Head Teacher Awards

The whole of Thundridge School for all of their excellent shows, performed with great enthusiasm and commitment.

### Class Awards:

**Foundation Stage** - William Haworth & Preston Tyler  
 plus ditto below!

**Year 1&2** - Whole Class for an outstanding Christmas play performance

**Year 3&4** - Whole Class for an outstanding Christmas play performance

**Year 5&6** - Whole Class for an outstanding Christmas play performance

**Well done all of you!**

### Christmas Performances

We were treated to four fantastic performances. Foundation Stage, Years 1&2 and two performances from the Juniors. In all performances, the children's enthusiasm and enjoyment shone through. They all played their parts brilliantly and both the acting and singing were superb.

I was very proud of everyone and am sure all the parents were too!

An enormous amount of hard work goes into the production of these performances and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all members of staff who have worked incredibly hard and, of course, to the children themselves.

They are all stars!

### Foundation Stage - Happy Birthday Jesus



### Years 1&2 - Jesus's Christmas Party



### Christmas Cake Bake Off Winner - Jemima Bright

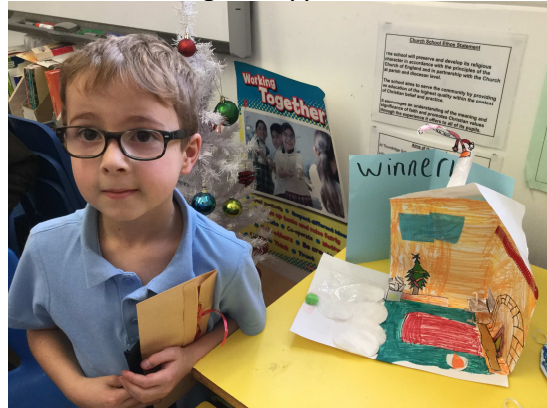


### Juniors - Panto Pandemonium



### Runner Ups - Laani Brown & Maisy Robinson

### Artwork Winners Infants - George Stopps



### Children's Council

The Christmas Stalls event took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Children made lovely Christmas themed decorations and cards to sell. There was great effort made in the Christmas cake decoration competition and some superb artwork entries too.

The book and toy stall proved very popular. Thank you to everyone who brought items in.

We raised £236.00, which will go towards buying a good selection of equipment for morning break times.

Well done to the Children's Council!

The cake and art competitions were judged by Mrs White, our Librarian, and Mrs Mann, representing the church.

### Juniors - Isabella Warner





### Cake Entries



### Attendance

As reported in previous newsletters, attendance at Thundridge has fallen below the National average. This is a focus for school improvement and needs to be addressed. On a positive note, attendance has improved to 95% this term (a rise of 1%) which is slightly below the Hertfordshire average. I have now introduced Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for attendance, the first of which were given out today.

Bronze certificates will be awarded to children who's attendance is 98% or higher for a whole term. Silver will be awarded to all those who have attended 100% for a whole term. Gold will be awarded for 100% attendance over any two terms.

100% attendance and the Silver award went to: Libby Adams, Tommy Brown, Oliver Chamberlain, Jack Field, Samuel Field, Finley Francis, Kieran Francis Rachel Grierson, George Hartfield, Chloe Haworth Henry Haworth, William Haworth, Mason King, Roxy Kripp, Phoebe Le Grys, Charlie Millhouse, Alfie Pearce Chloe Pearce, Maisy Robinson, Jake Ronan, Mollie Sampford-Curry, Martha Stopps, Sophie Ward Bethany Ward, Isabella Warner, Alex Warner Maisie Wright.

98% and above attendance and the bronze award went to:

Rose Adams, Betsy Baker, Stanley Campbell, Charlotte Chamberlain, Neve Chappell, Ava Field, Leo Homer, Isabella Le Grys, Harrison MacLeod, Rylie Sampford, Max Thomas & Zoe Thomas.

### Church Service

We held our Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Thundridge today. It was lovely to see so many parents attend. The children sang and read beautifully as usual.

### Friends Christmas

Thank you so much to all the Friends Committee for all their hard work this term in raising vital funds for the school. They have been very active and have shown a real passion and commitment to Thundridge School. I am so grateful for their support, dedication and enthusiasm. Fund raising is going very well indeed!

### Christmas Parties

Good old fashioned party games, food and drink were enjoyed by the children in their classes. A big 'thank you' goes out to all parents who contributed towards the refreshments.

### Pantomime

The children had a lovely time at Rapunzel Pantomime yesterday, oh yes they did!

### Next Term....

#### First Day of term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Clubs start....

#### French

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, collect 3.45pm.

#### Booster

Maths Booster with Mr Higgins will start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.00am.

English Booster with Miss Greatrex will start on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 3.20pm.

#### Netball & Football

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

#### Mad Science

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - still places available.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!**

**Miss Greatrex & All The Staff At Thundridge School**



## FRIENDS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Dear all,

What a busy and fun-filled December we have had?!!

### Launch of Thund-raising Thermometer

At Assembly on Friday 8th December, the "Thund-raising Thermometer" was launched ... Finlay Francis (the designer) and Miss Greatrex cut the ribbon and everyone cheered!! It was a very exciting and momentous event! Thank you SO much to Cathy Davy at The Feathers Inn for having sponsored the production of this amazing masterpiece! It will be fantastic to measure our progress towards this target over the forthcoming months.



### Christmas Fayre

From the feedback we have received to date, the Christmas Fayre was a great success, attended by over 2/3 of the pupils and their families, as well as people from the local community. Santa's grotto was possibly the best yet ... thanks to Nikki Dobrowolski for her artistic flair! Katie, our Treasurer, is busy counting up the gold coins (bit like the giant in Jack & The Beanstalk in the Junior's performance!!) ... and we will be able to let you know how financially successful it was VERY SOON! Thank you SO SO much to everyone who helped make the event a success - in the organisation, the immediate preparation, the execution of the event itself ... and the inevitable clear up! Everyone worked so hard and we really are so grateful for the way in which friends, parents, relatives and children pulled together!





### Grand Draw

Congratulations to all the winners of prizes in the Grand Draw (see attachment)! Thank you also to everyone for buying - as well as selling - tickets to friends and family... ALL proceeds from this will go to the school as we had the good fortune of having Steven Oates, Ware sponsor the production of the tickets ... so even if you did not win, please be assured that EVERY pound you spent will make a difference as there are no costs to account for.

### Christmas Performances

We all hope you enjoyed the mulled wine, tea, coffee or beer at the different Christmas performances this week. The children did a fantastic job with their wonderful acting and singing!

### Easyfundraising

We are delighted to let you know that we now have blasted through the first £100.00 barrier and now have a balance of £116.93!! This is a great achievement in such a short time! Thank you to the 50 people who have currently signed up and who are ensuring that they do their online shopping VIA Easyfundraising! Every shop and every penny counts! Please do register as a supporter if you have not already and continue in remembering to shop VIA Easyfundraising! Remember also to encourage friends and relatives to join in supporting our cause too ... the Boxing Day sales could give us another fantastic boost in time for 2018!!

### Christmas Movie Night - Friday 15th

One of the TOP fundraising suggestions was implemented on Friday evening! Due to limited sound amplification, watching of the movie did not go exactly to plan for which we apologise to both yourselves and the children. That said, we hope that you enjoyed your extra 3 hours of freedom and that the children enjoyed themselves nonetheless - in being with their friends, playing festive games, eating popcorn & enjoying their Santa-box filled packed teas (not to mention their goodie bags at the end)... We have learned lessons from this and we know that at least next time, we will be using the Village Hall and will have sound system that everyone can hear!



### Parents Night out - Friday 15th

Only a few mums were able to make it out into Ware on Friday however, for those who made it, it was lovely to have a few drinks together and the opportunity to have more relaxed conversations compared to those we manage to squish in at the school gate.

Thank you as always for your support and we wish you a Merry Christmas!

**The Friends Committee**