



**THUNDRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
SPRING WEEK 1-3
FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018**

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK	
Monday 15 th January	Agility Festival Years 3&4 - 9.15-11.00 Netball & Football Club-Collect 4.00
Tuesday 16 th January	Library - Year 1&2 Year 6 English Booster-Collect 4.20 Choir - Lunchtime
Wednesday 17 th January	French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45
Thursday 18 th January	Fun Day Lunch, everyone welcome to join £2.35 each, no packed lunch option. Junior Dragons - Tea, coffee & cakes from 3.20 Car Washes
Friday 19 th January	Year 6 Maths Booster - Starts 8.00 Library - Juniors - am Friends Karaoke/Disco Village Hall 5.00-7.00
WHAT'S ON LATER	
Monday 22 nd January	Bikeability- 22 nd -25 th - Years 5&6 Netball & Football Club-Collect 4.00
Tuesday 23 rd January	Library - Year 1&2 Year 6 English Booster-collect 4.20 Choir - Lunchtime
Wednesday 24 th January	French Club Years 1-6 Collect 3.45
Thursday 25 th January	Junior Dragon - 'Soak The Teachers' Car Washes
Friday 26 th January	Year 6 Maths Booster - Starts 8.00 Library - Juniors - am
12 th - 16 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 6 - Crucial Crew - Morgan's 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
4 th -8 th June	Year 5&6 - School Journey Week

Birthdays

Josie Brown - 12th January
Olly Judge - 17th January
Tommy Brown - 20th January
Miss Cooper - 23rd January
Isabelle Sampford-Poulter - 24th January

Awards Friday 5th January 2018

As we only had a 3 day week awards were not given out to all classes.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage-Finlay Delve-James & Michael Mann
Year 1&2 - Billy Baker
Well done all of you!

Awards Friday 11th January 2018

Head Teacher Award:

Finlay Delve-James for fantastic progress in phonics.

Class Awards:

Foundation Stage - Amy Johnson & Preston Tyler
Year 1&2 - George Stopps & Jack Turner
Year 3&4 - Joseph Fox & Freddie Shirley
Year 5&6 - Mia Allgood & George Hartfield

Lunch Staff Awards:

Hayden Mann, Chloe Pearce, Freddie Shirley & Evie Watson
Well done all of you!

I hope you all had a restful Christmas and again Happy New Year to you all. All the staff would like to express their thanks for presents received. These were very much appreciated.

Lunchtime Awards

We have reviewed our lunchtime awards system as at times it has been difficult for lunchtime staff to select only one child per class. There will still be certificates awarded each week but these will be awarded to four children, regardless of which classes they are in, who have stood out for specific reasons e.g. exemplary behaviour; being very helpful and caring or trying new foods. The lunchtime team feels that there will be more value to the awards and I have explained the new system to the children today in assembly.

Attendance

As you are aware, attendance is a significant focus on our school improvement plan. It was raised as an issue during our Ofsted inspection and also by the County Attendance Team. This is because our attendance in 2016/17 fell below the National average which is 96%.

We are obliged to send standardised County letters home to the parents of any child whose attendance fell below 95% during the Autumn term. Obviously in most cases this is due to sickness, such as the chickenpox outbreak last term, but we are still required to send the letters out.

Please understand the letter in the context to your child's absence.

If the absence is unauthorised (e.g. for holidays), we are required to send a second letter and report this to County who will monitor the situation. Please may I politely remind all parents that it is disruptive and detrimental to your child's education, and to the teaching staff, if holidays are taken in term time.

Can I also please ask again, that you ensure your children arrive at school on time at 8.55am. Please may I remind parents that lateness also has to be reported to Hertfordshire County Council. It is very disruptive for many involved, the children, staff, registers and lunch orders.

A letter will be sent to those parents concerned next week.

Junior Dragons

Over the next two weeks, the Year 6 children are aiming to complete their fundraising for the Junior Dragons Challenge. They are working with East Herts Council in support of the charity 'Ware in Bloom'.

Next Thursday afternoon, 18th January, they will be serving tea/coffee and cakes from 3.20pm for half an hour as well as plants to raise money for the charity. Everybody welcome!

On Thursday 25th, the children are organising a 'Soak the Teachers' event. More details to follow.

The group will also be offering an adult-supervised car wash service to parents and staff on each Thursday from £5.00, depending on the size of the car. All proceeds will also go to the charity. Please book in advance via Zoe in the office or via admin@thundridge.herts.sch.uk.

Letters Home

Please may I ask that you check with your children and inside their book bags for any letters sent home on a daily basis that need to be signed and returned. A considerable amount of time is spent chasing letters that often need an urgent reply in order to arrange transport etc. On many occasions we are not given very much notice by the organisers to arrange events. An email is normally sent out with the letters so you know to look out for the letters.

Medication

It would be appreciated if parents/carers could administer any medication before and after school where possible. Nurofen, for example, claims to give pain/high temperature relief for a longer period. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's will no longer be giving out vouchers in their stores. Please see the attached letter from the company.

Reminders....

Pupil Passports

Every child to return theirs please, copies in School Reception (attached).

Secondhand Uniform

We have secondhand uniform for sale in School Reception, 50p donation.

Clubs starting next week....

Netball & Football

Monday 15th January

Mad Science

Wednesday 17th January - still places available. Sign up via the attachment. Please collect at 4.30pm.

Friends of Thundridge School Committee

Happy New Year from the Friends Committee!

Sincere apologies however, the financial results for the December events are not yet available. The Treasurer has now reimbursed everyone and is finalising the end of year accounts, which we aim to publish shortly. We are delighted to let you know that the Friends Committee has purchased new sets of Lime Reading books as promised ... laptops are next on the agenda!

To kick off 2018 fun and "fundraising, as you are aware, we are holding a Disco/Karaoke event NEXT FRIDAY (Friday 19th January). Please may we ask you to sign your children up for this as soon as possible to give us an idea of numbers. If you are able to make or purchase any cakes for this event, please could you give them to Zoe on the morning of the 19th January.

As always, thank you for your valued support.

The Friends Committee

Next newsletter: 2nd February 2018

The newsletter is also available to download from our website.

www.thundridge.herts.sch.uk

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Kind regards
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