

**THUNDRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**AUTUMN WEEKS 8-10**

**19TH NOVEMBER 2020**

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| **WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK** | |
| Thursday 19th November | Year 1&2 – PE |
| Friday 20th November | EYFS – PE  Year 5&6 – PE & Library  Year 1&2 – Library |
| **WHAT’S ON LATER** | |
| Thursday 26th November | Year 1&2 – PE |
| Friday 27th November | Occasional Day – School Closed |
| Wednesday 2nd December | ‘Elf Day’ – Isabel Hospice |
| Monday 7th December | Individual Photographs |
| Tuesday 8th December | Year 6 – Height & Weight Measurements by School Nurses |
| Friday 11th December | Circus Skills Day – Whole School |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas Lunch  Wear a Christmas Jumper- Save the Children Fund |
| Friday 18th December | Last Day of Term – Finish 1.30 |
| Monday 4th January | Inset Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th January | First day of term |
| 15th – 19th February | Half Term |
| Friday 26th March | Last Day of Term |
| 29th March – 9th April | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 12th April | Inset Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 13th April | First day of Summer Term |
| Monday 3rd May | Bank Holiday |
| 31st May-4th June | Half Term |
| Wednesday 21st July | Last day of Summer Term |

**Birthdays**

**Acer Wray- Howard – 5th November**

**Miss Greatrex - 7th November**

**Lily Mann – 13th November**

**George Harbour – 16th November**

**Edward Sampford-John – 20th November**

**Jude Chappell – 24th November**

**Archie Chamberlain – 1st December**

**Thomas Staines – 8th December**

**Awards Friday 23rd October 2020**

**Head Teacher Award**  -

Tom Staines for absorbing all teaching and responding with excellent contributions in all subjects.

**Class Awards**

**Foundation Stage** – Florence Flint & Henry Mosely

**Year 1&2** – Fred Droy & Ollie Brewer

**Year 3&4** – Besty Baker & Hayden Mann

**Year 5&6** – Aden Kilighan & George Stopps

**Lunch Staff Awards** – Archie Chamberlain,

Florence Flint & Bradley King

Well Done Everyone!

**Awards Friday 6th November 2020**

**Head Teacher Award**  -

Ferne Turner for outstanding progress in all areas.

**Class Awards**

**Foundation Stage** – Cooper Martin

**Year 1&2** – Ralph Bradley-May & Harper Rose

**Year 3&4** – Neve Chappell & Bradley King

**Year 5&6** – Mason King & Lily Mann

**Lunch Staff Awards** – Ronnie Best, Albert Mosely

Lily-May Hewit-Makin

Well Done Everyone!

**Awards Friday 13th November 2020**

**Head Teacher Award**  -

Maisie Wright for always giving her best efforts not only academically.

**Class Awards**

**Foundation Stage** – Walter Bradley-May &

Harry Thomas

**Year 1&2** – Ollie Brewer, Archie Chamberlain &

Harper Rose

**Year 3&4** – Billy Baker & Acer Wray-Howard

**Year 5&6** – Stanley Campbell & Olly Judge

**Lunch Staff Awards** – Stanley Campbell,

Mortimer Davy & Harry Thomas

Well Done Everyone!

School is continuing to work as well as it can. Due to Covid-19 we will not be able to have our annual Christmas performances or go to Pantomime etc. this year but we do have some fun activities lined up for the children in December as well as supporting others in need.

**Monster Day**

Normally the Friends Committee would hold a Monster Disco in October. Due to the circumstances we were not able to hold one this year. Instead Mrs Le Grys, our Year 1&2 Teaching Assistant organised an in-house Monster Day at school. All the children came to school dressed as a monster.

The classes spent the day playing monster games and activities and ended the day with a Monster Quiz.

Each child was given a goody gift bag with their own special pencil wand to take home.

After school the Friends Committee held a ‘socially distanced class’ tuck shop selling gifts and confectionery.

Thank you so much for the great ideas Mrs Le Grys.

Everyone had a great day!

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**Remembrance Day**

This year the school came together to make a poppy tree for Remembrance Day. Years 5&6 explored key words and made their poppies based on this exploration. Years 3&4 chose to make their poppies with paint, collage, and pencils. Years 1&2 used air dough to form their poppies and painted them after and EYFS made poppies by hand printing. Our tree will be on display in Reception for the rest of November.

The children in this photograph are our new Nursery & Reception children this year. Unfortunately, due to absences and attending different days we could not take a photograph of all the new children.

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**Children in Need**

On 13th November the children were invited to come to school dressed in spots or yellow to represent Pudsey Bear for Children In Need. The children donated money and purchased Pudsey merchandise. £120.00 was raised after the cost of purchasing the merchandise.

EYFS really enjoyed the Children in Need day, they took part in counting, colouring and collaging activities. We spent some time learning about how Pudsey helps children.

Year 1&2 watched the duck race online on the whiteboard. They were very excited that Miss Hare’s duck came 2nd in the staff sweepstake.

Year 3&4 solved a Children in Need Maths challenge and in the afternoon took part in an online art class learning to draw Pudsey Bear properly.

Year 5&6 completed a skipping challenge during their PE lesson.

**EYFS & Year 1&2**



**Year 3&4**



**Year 5&6–During their PE Lesson Skipping Challenge**



**A message from Hertfordshire Libraries…**

**Libraries are open for Ready Reads**

We all know how it important it is for children to have access to books. Despite the current lockdown situation, Hertfordshire libraries are offering a new way to borrow books, Ready Reads- We select you collect. Families can order books for their children and themselves using the online form and then collect from a selected library. If families are unable to access online services, please encourage them to contact us on 0300 123 4049 and a member of our team will be able to help fill out the form. We understand some families have not felt able to visit the library for a while, this is an easy way to borrow. In addition, our requests service is fully operational so for specific books these can be ordered through our catalogue and picked up in the same way. Never have books been more important, not only supporting children with their reading but also with their health and wellbeing, enabling them to leave behind the daily stresses and escape into imaginary worlds. You can find the latest information about Hertfordshire libraries re-opening plans and our online services on our website.

**Kind regards**

**Miss Greatrex**

**Friends of Thundridge School**

During October it has become custom for us to hold our annual Monster Ball Disco. But, due to things being very different this year, we were unable to do so. So working alongside the school and the Friends, we were able to have a Monster Ball Fun Day on the last day of term along with a tuck shop after school. It was brilliant seeing everyone dressed up in their costumes and the effort made by everyone. The teachers did a brilliant job making the day fun for all the children, with extra credit going to Mrs Le Grys who came up with the idea in the first place along with many of the fun activities. We were able to make £144.00, so a huge thank you to everyone who donated.

You will be receiving your child’s personalised Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs, and bags as they arrive this week, we are sure you will be very pleased with them.

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Friends of Thundridge School**

