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Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It has been a very busy start to the term but also a very productive one. The children all appear very happy and settled and are making very good progress in their learning. Can I also thank you all for your support in playing your part in making sure we adhere to our Risk Assessments in these demanding times. My main aim as always is to keep everyone safe and the school open.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

11 September			**18 September**		
Owl Class	-	Finlay Mercer	Owl Class		Darcie Edwards
Kite Class	-	Reuben Starkey	Kite Class		Elizabeth Ngugi
Osprey Class	-	Bailey Harrison	Osprey Class		Sofia Pistana
Falcon Class	-	Dylan Sellick	Falcon Class		Alexey Murfin
Kestrel Class	-	Thea Jennings	Kestrel Class		Meli Waitaqa
Merlin Class	-	Emily-Rose Carmon	Merlin Class		Emmy Turvey
Raven Class	-	Brandon Khumalo	Raven Class		Tegan Clark
Hawk Class	-	Eva Allan	Hawk Class		Laisa Kama
Eagle Class	-	Maisey Kettle	Eagle Class		Liam Bulmer
25 September			**2 October**		
Owl Class	-	Dexter Herbert	Owl Class		Paisley Walker
Kite Class	-	David Vunicagi	Kite Class		Layla Reith-Van Beers
Osprey Class	-	Isaac Dallimore	Osprey Class		George Harling
Falcon Class	-	Emily McFarlane	Falcon Class		Bonnie Barton
Kestrel Class	-	Sala Naiyaga	Kestrel Class		Kyla Sinclair
Merlin Class	-	Alesha Carasco	Merlin Class		Kelsang Tamang
Raven Class	-	Konner Haines	Raven Class		Ben Jeffery
Hawk Class	-	Finley Gordon	Hawk Class		Lily Young
Eagle Class	-	Krystal Ankomah	Eagle Class		Riley Walker

School Website - www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk

We continue to update our school website with new information and links for parents. Some are there because we see them as essential, others because the government has now made it statutory for us to do so. If there is anything you feel we could add that is not there, please let me know. We constantly try to improve the service we offer for families.

Parents Evening

It is highly unlikely that we will be able to have face to face Parents Meetings this term. Instead we will bring forward the Mid-Year Report from January to October so parents get a feel as to how children are doing in class. If parents have any concerns after this, then a phone conversation can be arranged. Your support with homework, reading, minute games etc. will always make a difference.

Internet Safety

In school we have a filtering system which aims to prevent children accessing anything from the internet that is unsuitable. I realise at home that this is not always the case. Please can parents be vigilant when your child is using the internet. Recent news stories are a great cause for concern and we are doing our best to educate children in school about what to do when using the internet to keep themselves safe. It is also advisable that parents check the history section on the internet tool bar to ensure that children are not accessing unsuitable sites. If the history section has been recently deleted on your child's computer, I would ask them why. As you are all aware, there are adults out there who try to make contact with children over the internet. I would not want any of our children to become the victims of such people. Visit: http://ceop.police.uk/ for more information.

Flu Vaccinations – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Wednesday 11 November

The Immunisation team will be coming into school on Wednesday 11 November to deliver the flu vaccine (a nasal spray) for all children. Consent forms were recently sent home and should be returned, completed & signed as soon as possible. The greater the uptake, the better the chance that we will not have an outbreak in school. If you have not received a copy of the Flu letter and consent form, please let Mrs Fung know in the School Office. Please remember to return the form before the deadline!

Starting School in September 2021

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, now is the time to apply for their school place.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions If you would like further advice or information contact 03330 142 903.

You can apply online from Monday 5 October 2020
The deadline for applications to be received by the local authority is Friday 15 January 2021

If your application is received after the closing date, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Visits to Thorney Island School for prospective parents are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Year 6 Children – Secondary School Applications

Saturday 31 October is the national closing date for secondary transfer applications. You must submit your completed application to the local authority by this date. Failure to do wo will affect the priority attached to your application.

Wear It Wild Day – Merlin and Raven Classes

Merlin Class are now the proud adoptive parents of Indeever the Snow Leopard and Raven Class the proud adoptive parents of a Red Panda named Mei Mei at Marwell Wildlife Zoo.
Thorney Island school was the first school to receive an online Zoom conversation with the zoo. The children learnt about lots of animals that they will be writing about later this term and learning why they are endangered and what they can do to help. In one picture the children were pretending to be hippos walking along the bottom of a lake!

Teddy Bears Picnic – Kite and Osprey Classes

Dates for your Diary – Please see below

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

October 2020

23 - INSET Day – **Children do not attend school on this day**
26 – 30 - Half Term

November 2020

2 - Children back to school after half term break
11 - Flu vaccinations – All Year Groups – more information to follow

December 2020

18 - Last day of Autumn Term

Term Dates and INSET Days 2020/2021

03 September 2020:	Start of Autumn Term
26 Oct – 30 Oct 2020:	Half Term
18 December 2020:	Break-up for Christmas Holiday
04 January 2021:	Start of Spring Term
15-19 February 2021:	Half Term
01 April 2021:	Break-up for Easter Holiday
19 April 2021:	Start of Summer Term
03 May 2021:	Bank Holiday
31 May – 4 June 2021:	Half Term
23 July 2021:	End of Summer Term

INSET Days

Friday 23 October 2020
Friday 12 February 2021
Friday 28 May 2021
Two to be set