

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island CP School

### Newsletter No 7

March 2020

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It has been a very exciting start to the half term with many things happening such as World Book Day, lots of cooking which I have enjoyed tasting as well as many Hook Days. The teachers have spent a great deal of time planning and organising these events including going on pre-visits ready for the many educational visits that were due to take place. The children's enthusiasm throughout is always a pleasure to see which inspires the teachers to go above and beyond what is expected. As always I receive lots of feedback on the outstanding behaviour of the children when they are both in and out of school which is always good to hear, if not expected.

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

28 February			6 March		
Barn Owl Class	-	Macsen Tamang	Barn Owl Class	-	Peni Naiyaga
Tawny Owl Class	-	Scarlett Wright	Tawny Owl Class	-	Henry Copland
Osprey Class	-	Phoebe Rose	Osprey Class	-	Archie Herbert
Falcon Class	-	Meli Waitaqa	Falcon Class	-	Josephine Percival
Harrier Class	-	Sanna Sanyang	Harrier Class	-	Aston Biddlecombe
Kestrel Class	-	Lily Knight	Kestrel Class	-	Luca Scales
Merlin Class	-	Mishanè Keyser	Merlin Class	-	Ella Scott
Hawk Class	-	Scarlett Turvey	Hawk Class	-	Fatou Sanyang
Eagle Class		Ollie Mills	Eagle Class		Cayden Bowman
<b>13 March</b>					
Barn Owl Class	-	Amarah Daniel			
Tawny Owl Class	-	Jesse Johnson			
Osprey Class	-	Soraya Scott			
Falcon Class	-	Layla Longley			
Harrier Class	-	Eva Lane			
Kestrel Class	-	Finley Williamson			
Merlin Class	-	Harrison Porter			
Hawk Class	-	Mackenzie Roberts			
Eagle Class		Molly Graham			

#### Class Curriculum Letters

[http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/curriculum\\_letters.html](http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/curriculum_letters.html)

These letters contain valuable information to help you support your child's learning at home. Having this link should make accessing the websites suggested by teachers far easier.

Class Website Pages - <http://www.thorneyisland.w-sussex.sch.uk/Info.htm>

These are being updated and showcase all the exciting learning that has taken place so far this academic year, just go to the website and look under - Our Classes.

## World Book Day

A big thank you goes to Mr Vokes for organising the day and to all the staff and children for taking part. We have some extremely clever parents; the costumes and ideas were amazing.



The children and staff had a great day. We were all very impressed with the effort everyone had made.



All the children and staff looked fantastic and I would like to thank all parents for helping to make the day a great success; it was much appreciated.





### New School Councillors

School councillors are elected by the children twice a year for all classes except Eagle Class. To maintain continuity those elected in September in Eagle Class remain as councillors all year and Owl Class councillors are just elected for the second part of the academic year. The school councillors meet with me every fortnight to discuss - Successes - Needs - Problems - Responsibilities after holding a 'Class Meeting'. Governors occasionally attend these meetings too.

The new School Councillors are:

Eagle Class	Ollie Mills Lilly Booth	Harrier Class	Aiden Moulard Gracie Morris
Hawk Class	Mackenzie Roberts Matilda Baleiveicau	Falcon Class	Riley Reith-Van Beers Layla Longley
Merlin Class	Stanley Porter Lily Young	Osprey Class	Archie Herbert Felicity Farrow
Kestrel Class	Benjamin Jeffrey Lily Tucker	Barn Owl Class	George Harling Makelesi Naulumatua
		Tawny Owl Class	Jeremiah Boateng Tia Richards

I look forward to working with the new school councillors on projects within school. Hopefully they will oversee the installation of the adventure playground extension that was agreed by the previous councillors.

## STEM Club - £400 donation from Meccano

STEM club were kindly gifted over £400 worth of Meccano - STEM 'co-lab' kits and equipment, after Mt Stamp contacted them and explained how we were looking to develop our engineering skills. Both Mr Stamp and the children from STEM club are over the moon to be able to explore these fantastic kits and use their STEM skills to problem solve and create. STEM club are also going to use the kits to help them to design some emission free super cars of the future to enter into Meccano's latest STEM competition.



## Hook Days - Eagle Class, Kestrel Class and Harrier Class



Harrier and Kestrel Class flew off to the Brazilian Rainforest on the first day of term as a Hook into their topic whilst Eagle Class enjoyed hot dogs and line dancing as they started their study of North America. I was extremely impressed with the effort and thought children and parents had put in to their costumes.

## Netball Tournament - Monday 10 February

I didn't get to see the netball tournament but from the match results it's clear to see the team have maintained their winning ways, beating Chidham 5 - 1, Southbourne 2 - 0 & Westbourne 2 - 0. Miss Goss felt they had an excellent evening with everyone playing really well. I would like to say a huge well done to all those that took part, especially the new players. The team will continue to train on a Monday after school in order to be ready for the next tournament in the summer. Again, parental support was amazing and much appreciated. I would also like to thank Miss Goss for taking the team and preparing them so well.



Team: Nyerah Charles, Aida Williams, Marian Delana, Krystal Ankomah, Khalel Kydd, Fatou Sanyang, Xavier Williams, Racheal Kafeero, Joshua Fryer.

## Vacancy for Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor on the schools Governing Body. If you are interested in this position please contact Mrs McCrossan, Clerk to Governors for further information. The school very much values the contribution made by all governors in particular parent governors.

## Sport Relief - 13 March

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, we raised a fantastic £186.





As you can see the children do a wide range of sports out of school including cheer leading, gymnastics, football (Girls and Boys), sailing, karate and lots, lots more.

The money we raised from this year's Sport Aid is being donated to Kacie who has been picked for the British Majorettes Squad and will hopefully be representing England at the European Championships in Spain later this year.

**Girls Football Tournament - Monday 9 March**



Team:  
Lilly Booth, Marian Delana, Aida Williams, Nyerah Charles, Alexis Martin, Maisey Kettle and Lily Martin.

The girls played extremely well winning 3 out of 4 games. Their skill level has certainly improved over the past 2 years, has as their goal scoring ability! All the children showed true sportsmanship and it was a very exciting evening. The parents that came to watch were very supportive and as always your help with transport was much appreciated.

<b>Thorney v Bosham</b>	<b>3 - 0</b>
Bosham v Chidham	0 - 4
<b>Thorney v Chidham</b>	<b>1 - 0</b>
<b>Bosham v Thorney</b>	<b>1 - 2</b>
Chidham v Bosham	1 - 0
<b>Chidham v Thorney</b>	<b>2 - 1</b>

**Ali Sparks - Famous Author Visits Thorney Island**



## Fiji Day - Merlin Class

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Peters who came in to support Merlin Class during their study of Fiji. The children had a fantastic day and learnt a great deal. As always the support we receive from our community is much appreciated.



## Aldi - A Big Thank You goes to Mrs Herbert and everyone for collecting the stickers



Two bags packed with resources and stickers arrived today. They will certainly ensure we have the right equipment for Sports Day in the summer.

Thank you for supporting the children with collecting the stickers it certainly did cause quite a stir in the school hall each morning as the children tried to collect all of them. Stickers and cards seem to have certainly survived the generations and are as popular as ever.

## Coronavirus

I did not want to spend a great deal of time discussing this as the situation is changing on a daily basis so this will be communicated through ParentMail or Facebook. Anything I wrote in the newsletter would be out of date as soon as it was written. With your support we hope to keep the school open as per government guidelines. However critical to this will be the availability and health of staff. At the time of writing this newsletter the school is missing 3 teachers, 2 TA's and a cleaner due to many reasons including surgery or pre-existing health conditions, all these staff are vital in the running of the school. Current staff can only cover so much and they have their own families to think about. If parents do not follow advice given by the school or government we are not going to beat this virus and if it gets into school, it may force our full closure. I do not want to have to make this call.

The backing and support of our military community has been second to none and much appreciated. We have set up weekly meetings to ensure we do all we can to support each other in this very difficult time. I cannot fault either the support I have received from school staff which again is much appreciated.

**Dates for your Diary - see attached sheet**

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### Term Dates 2020

06 January 2020: Start of Spring Term  
17-21 February 2020: Half Term  
03 April 2020: Break-up for Easter Holiday  
  
20 April 2020: Start of Summer Term  
08 May 2020: Bank Holiday  
25 - 29 May 2020: Half Term  
20 July 2020: End of Summer Term

### INSET Days

Friday 14 February 2020  
Friday 3 April 2020  
Friday 22 May 2020  
Monday 20 July 2020

In September 2020, we return to school on Thursday 3 September.

Half-term is 26 - 30 October 2020 (inc)