

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island CP School

### Newsletter No 2

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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. Your support with this as always is much appreciated.

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

<b>22 September</b>		<b>29 September</b>	
Owl Class	- Annora Thapa Kamal	Owl Class	- Aya Nyathi
Osprey Class	- Henry Le Poidevin	Osprey Class	- Cody Harrison
Falcon Class	- Ruby Carroll	Falcon Class	- Freya Billups
Kestrel Class	- Elsie Jennings	Kestrel Class	- Frankie Bateman
Raven Class	- Azaria Mtekateka	Raven Class	- Choegyal Tamang
Merlin Class	- Faye Phillips	Merlin Class	- Lucy Bull
Hawk Class	- Scarlett Shawashi	Hawk Class	- Lessie Hughes
Eagle Class	- Izzy Baldwin	Eagle Class	- Eliza Aitchison
<b>06 October</b>		<b>13 October</b>	
Owl Class	- Arthur Hircock	Owl Class	- Jenson Cockerill
Osprey Class	- George Farrow	Osprey Class	- Freddie Johnston
Falcon Class	- Toby Atkinson	Falcon Class	- Charlie Smith
Kestrel Class	- Lily Poole	Kestrel Class	- Niamh Ashton
Raven Class	- Keira Bowley	Raven Class	- Ellie-Mae Atkinson
Merlin Class	- Lucas Cockerill	Merlin Class	- Isaac Dallimore
Hawk Class	- Whole Class	Hawk Class	- Isabelle Tehan
Eagle Class	- Anna Edwards	Eagle Class	- Charlie Roxburgh

#### Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone for their support with our Harvest Festival. Chichester District Foodbank who provide food parcels for families in our local area who are struggling, were extremely impressed with all your donations. This goes a long way to helping the children achieve the schools Mission Statement which is:

To excite, challenge and support all learners to progress, **make a positive contribution** and achieve their potential.

#### INSET Days

Friday 20 October and Monday 30 October are both INSET Days. Children do not attend school on these days.

## Owl Class - Phonics Day

A big thank you to all the parents, children and staff for making this such a successful day.





## Osprey Class undertake Fieldwork and some Research



## Tuppenny Barn

Kestrels had a great time at Tuppenny Barn. They got to see where food comes from and how different fruits and vegetables grow. They picked their own apples and turned them into tasty muffins and juice. They then walked around the site and got to try lots of edible flowers and leaves, they loved them so much they kept going back for more!



## Osprey Class - Teddy Bears Picnic



The children had a great time with their teddy's and I would like to thank Mrs Young and Mrs Edwards for all their hard work preparing for the picnic.

## School Photographer: Re-arranged date

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 31 October. All children will be photographed individually and with their siblings.

### **Flu Vaccinations - Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Wednesday 22 November**

The West Sussex Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Wednesday 22 November to deliver the flu vaccine (a nasal spray) for all children. We will be sending further information out over the next few days. When you receive it, please read the letter carefully as this will explain how you should complete the online Consent Form. The deadline for completing the online form is Thursday 16 November at 11am. Please remember, the greater the update the better the chance we have of avoiding an outbreak of flu in school.

### **Starting School in September 2024**

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, 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](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) If you would like further advice or information contact 03330 142 903.

You can apply online from Monday 2 October 2023. The deadline for applications to be received by the local authority is Monday 15 January 2024.

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**

Tuesday 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 so will affect the priority attached to your application.

### **Parents Deployed or Away?**

If parents are away or deployed and your child is struggling please let the school know so we can put in place any necessary support.

### **Please can parents not pass food over the fence**

I know parents may think they are only passing it to their child, but our children are extremely kind and may share food which could result in another child having a severe allergic reaction. This is why at lunchtimes children are not allowed to share food and with any class activity involving food we have to check all ingredients. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

### **Photographing children on the playground**

Please can parents not take pictures of children on the playground at playtimes and lunchtimes. We have several children whose images are not allowed to be posted anywhere due to Safeguarding concerns. It would be very easy for one of these children to be in the background.



## Vacancy for a Parent Governors

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join the schools Full Governing Body and would be delighted to hear from anyone with an interest in fulfilling this voluntary role. Governors perform a vital strategic role and as part of the governing body you will attend termly committee and full governing body meetings, as well as being invited to attend school event and spend time in school during the working day. Full training will be offered.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs McCrossan, Clerk to Governors at [bursar@ticps.co.uk](mailto:bursar@ticps.co.uk)

You can find further information about the role of governors in school by clicking the following link <https://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Page/1354>

## International Week

A big thank you goes to Mr Vokes and all the staff for organising International Week. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about different countries and cultures as well as experience working with different teachers. It is also a time to eat lots of different food and undertake lots of creative activities.



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

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

16 October	International Week - No after school clubs this week
18 October	Parents Evening
19 October	Parents Evening
<b>20 October</b>	<b>INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day</b>
<b>30 October</b>	<b>INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day</b>
31 October	School Photographer
03 November	Eagle Class - SAT's Meeting - 2.30
14 November	Hawk Class to The Planetarium in Chichester
16 November	Owl Class Play and Share
17 November	Children in Need Disco - more details to follow nearer the time
20 November	After school clubs end this week
22 November	Flu vaccination/nasal spray - whole school - more details to follow
01 December	Rainbow Theatre performing Aladdin - whole school
05 December	Nativity - Owl, Merlin & Raven Classes - 9.30
06 December	Carol Service - Hawk & Eagle Classes - 9.15
06 December	Nativity - Owl, Merlin & Raven Classes - 2.00
07 December	Christmas Performance - Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel Classes - 9.15
07 December	Carol Service - Hawk & Eagle Classes - 2.30
08 December	Christmas Performance - Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel Classes- 2.15
12 December	Clarinet Assemblies - Merlin Class 9.30 - Raven Class 10.30
13 December	Osprey Class to Kings Theatre, Southsea - Hook (Panto)
14 December	Chartwells Traditional Christmas Lunch/Class Christmas Parties

### Term Date 2023/2024

01 September 2023	Start of Autumn Term
23-27 October 2023	Half Term
15 December 2023	End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
02 January 2024	Start of Spring Term
12-16 February 2024	Half Term
28 March 2024	End of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holiday
15 April 2024	Start of Summer Term
27-31 May 2024	Half Term
23 July 2024	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday

### INSET Days 2023/2024 - children do not attend school on these days

**Friday 20 October 2023**

**Monday 30 October 2023**

Monday 19 February 2024

Friday 24 May 2024

Monday 24 June 2024