

Week Ending 15th September



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such a positive first week back. The children have settled so well, the smart school uniform has continued and the children have worked really hard. It really has been a pleasure to spend time with the children both in class and outside.

This week our focus school value has been 'Respect'. We have talked about ways of being respectful at home and at school. Let your child's class teacher know if they have been thinking about this at home and working hard to show respect. We would love to hear about children who really understand and show our school values. We have had a number of visitors to school over the past week, several of which have commented about the lovely manners that the Thongsley children have so well done children!

Today was our first celebration assembly and it was great to see family and friends there to congratulate children on what they have achieved. Certificates for these children will be sent home next week having been on display in the main entrance. We hope that the 'Meet the Teacher' events have proven to be useful this week. We will keep you informed about further workshops/information sessions and celebration events over the coming weeks.

Best wishes, Miss Moule



Celebrated this week....



Foundation Stage will start awards in a couple of weeks...

Miss Mckenna's Class: Rianne Harris, Mercedes Holgate and Jordan Hunt

Miss Ford's Class: Ethan Davies, Artjoms Minzars and Vanessa Johwa

Mrs Norman's Class: Gvidas Teiserskis, Oscar Parsons and Juceline Ca

Mr Hamilton's Class: Scarlet Smith, Pola Bobowik and Jaiden Durrell.

Mr Gibbs' Class: Eloise Davies, Mariana Sanuo Mendes and Ryan Haygreen

Mrs Bryan and Miss Todds' Class: Rocci-J Lucken-Kelly, Jailen Harris and Harrison Fowle

Miss Frampton/Mr Dunstone's Class: Kuba Gizynski, Alise Jurcisina and Konrad Saja

Mrs Kerlake's Class: Luca Rogers, Lauren Grayson and Sami Ahmed

Mrs Matthews' Class: Kate-Lyn Hepworth, Jolie-Ann Nacion and Dante Selleck

Miss Groves' Class: Sammy Geere, Olivia Hunter and Ksenija Tomasevska

Year 6 are out on a trip so will have double next week!

Gold Dustpan winners: Miss Mckenna's and Mrs Kerlake's!

Bug Club

You might have already seen the letter from Mr Gordon inviting you to find out about Bug Club. We have two parent information sessions on 26th September, one at 2.30pm and one at 6.30pm in the large hall. Mr Gordon will be sharing with you a very exciting resource that we have purchased which will allow your children to access a range of books online at home.

The possibilities with Bug Club are endless and we really want to share them with you so you can best support your children at

Attendance for week ending 8th September

Miss Mckenna's Class: **95.1%** School Target=96%

Miss Ford's Class: **98.3%** Above school target

Mrs Norman's Class: **94.4%** Meeting school target

Mr Hamilton's Class: **97.2%** Below school target

Mr Gibbs' Class: **97%**

Mrs Bryan and Miss Todds' Class: **100%**

Miss Frampton/Mr Dunstone's Class: **95.7%**

Mrs Kerlake's Class: **80.2%**

Mrs Matthews' Class: **95.1%**

Miss Groves' Class: **97.7%**

Mr Gordon's Class: **98.4%**

Miss Trahearn's Class: **96.7%**

The class with the highest attendance is Miss Todd's and Mrs Bryans Class.

Fire Drills and Invacuation

As I am sure you will know, schools have to have procedures in place for evacuation from the school in the case of a fire. In addition, schools have to have procedures in place for keeping the children safe inside the school building if there were to be an incident or situation occurring outside the school. Over the next few weeks, we will be having a number of practices so that the children are used to what has to happen if we need to evacuate or invacuate the school. They may come home and say they have heard the fire alarm and lined up outside or that they have had to gather inside school in a safe place. This is so that they are confident with what needs to happen in either situation.

In the eventuality, that the fire bell sounds after school as the children are being released. Can you please allow the teachers to follow the school procedure which is to walk as a class, line up and be registered as we remain responsible for your children whilst they are on school premises? We will release them as soon as we are happy that the site is safe. Can we ask you to gather, as parents, in a group, away from the children and the building until we are able to release the children.

Your support is appreciated as always.

Term Dates for Autumn Term 2017-2018

New events added are underlined

Friday 15th September-Year Five Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 19th September-Year Six Meet The Teacher

Monday 25th September-Year 4 trip to Peterborough Museum for Roman Day

Tuesday 26th September-Year 5 trip to West Stow

Tuesday 26th September-Bug Club launch event for parents (2.30pm/6.30pm)

Wednesday 27th September-Year 3 trip to Flag Fen

Monday 2nd October-Year 4 Maths Games Workshop
(2.30pm)

Wednesday 18th October-Year 3 Computing Workshop
(2.30pm)

Thursday 19th October- Year One DT Workshop

Mon - Fri 23rd October - 27th October-Half Term-School closed

Mon 30th October-Staff Training -School closed

Tuesday 31st October -Back to School-School open

Wednesday 1st November-Parents Evening

Wednesday 8th November-School Photo Day

Tuesday 19th December- Term Ends-Last day of school

Wednesday 3rd January 2018-Back to School-School open

Safeguarding

Over the Summer, many children seem to have had new technology devices and seem to be enjoying playing a range of new games on them. There are some amazing apps, games and social media opportunities that our children are benefitting from. However, we have some serious concerns about some games and activities that children have been talking about in school. Some of the games that we have heard about including Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto which have high levels of violence and sexual content and are all inappropriate for young children. Access to these games and some social media sites can increase both sexual and physical behaviours which can be harmful. It also leaves children vulnerable to grooming, sexual exploitation and even radicalisation.

In addition, children have been talking about viewing films rated 15 or 18. Again, these films will contain high levels of violence and are inappropriate for children below the age specified on the film rating. Can we please ask you to check what your children may be viewing at home or when with friends? Phones and the internet make it very easy for the children to access material without you knowing.

If your child mentions something that we are concerned about linked to inappropriate films and games, we will give you a call to let you know. We are all working together to keep your children safe so we hope we can look forward to your support with this issue.

If you would like more help or advice please look at the following sites:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

www.pegi.info/

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/>

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

For September, Thongsley are one of the nominated blue tokens in Tesco Huntingdon. Please share with family and friends to help us raise as much as possible.