



# Thurston CE Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter



In God's hands we are Truthful, we Persevere and we Aspire.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

## Christian Value Courage

## Outstanding Friday

Congratulations to this weeks  
'Outstanding Friday' winners:

Bee – Gustas  
Butterfly – Harrison  
Dolphin - Carter  
Penguin – Isabelle  
Turtle – Flo  
Whale – Isla  
Panda – Oscar  
Sun Bear – Elsie-Rose  
Elephant – Daisy  
Lion – Franek  
Puma – Eloise  
Tiger – Nick  
Leopard – Tommy

## Senior Leadership Team

Mr Bayes– Headteacher  
Mrs Wigzell– Deputy Head &  
KS1 Leader  
Miss McGregor– SENDCO  
Mrs Frankland– EY Leader  
Miss Earrye– KS2 Leader

## Dates for your Diary...

Monday 15th Jan—Deadline for applying for primary school places for Sept 2024

Thursday 18th Jan—Census Day—change of menu. Email sent to parents 11th Jan.

Tuesday 30th Jan—Modern Foreign Language Day. Parents invited to school at 3pm .

More details to follow.

Monday 19th Feb—Half term

Monday 26th Feb—All pupils back in school.

Thursday 28th Mar—Last day of term

Friday 12th Apr—PD Day

Monday 15th Apr—All pupils back in school.

## Reminders

### School Car Park

As you will be aware, the **school car park is not available for parking for any parents for school drop off or pick up**, with the exception of blue badge holders and we no longer offer any individual parking permits. The drop off zone is not for parking but for simply dropping off pupils in Years 3-6 ONLY and driving off safely at the start of the school day.

This is for the safety of all our pupils, parents and staff, as with over 300 pupils there is simply not sufficient space. Nonetheless since returning to school in January we have seen dozens of cars choosing to use the school car park anyway, even parking on verges, driving in the exit and ignoring other safety signage. As we are in the colder and wetter months we know it is tempting to use the school car park rather than walk a little further, however this week we had an extremely near miss of a child being hit by a car in the car park and we would like to avoid anyone getting seriously hurt. Please do ensure that anyone else collecting your children, such as grandparents, childminders or other family members are aware of this. Should you need to collect your child for an appointment during the school day then please do feel free to use the car park, but we do ask that you ensure gates are shut behind you.

Also, as a school, we ask pupils and parents to walk onto and off the premises using the pedestrian gate rather than walking through the car park - again for safety reasons. We would be grateful if adults could help us to set a good example to pupils with this, particularly those who may walking to school independently.

You will never have this day again so, with the guidance of God, make it count!



# This Week...



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## Teams Points

3rd Place— Yellow  
2nd Place— Green  
1st Place— Blue

## KS2 Home Learning

Year 5

Mathletics.

**PLEASE USE PAPER TO WORK OUT THE  
QUESTIONS—DON'T DO IT IN YOUR  
HEAD.**

Year 6

Mathletics and TT Rockstars

## Important

As we enter winter please ensure your child is sent to school with appropriate outdoorwear. Please name ALL items.

## Online Safety

Did you know the recommended minimum ages for the below apps?

WhatsApp 16

TikTok 13

Snap Chat 13

Instagram 13

Facebook 13

## Enhanced Lunchtimes

Earlier in the week we wrote to parents to inform them of our enhanced lunchtime plans aimed at relieving boredom and, in turn, minimising behaviour issues. This included the introduction of Year 5 Sports Leaders and additional staffing.

It has been an absolute pleasure outside at lunchtimes this week seeing pupils engage in a wide variety of activities and we have definitely seen a massive reduction in incidents resulting from poor behaviour choices during the lunch break.

Our Year 5 Sports Leaders have made a wonderful start to the role and their games have been popular with pupils of all ages.



## Cinderella—Actors and Singers Wanted!

The newly founded Thurston Community Players are currently rehearsing for the pantomime 'Cinderella' which they will be performing on 2nd & 3rd March at TCC. They are looking for 3 - 4 children in Year 6 (possibly Year 5) with a keen interest in acting and singing who might be interested in joining the cast and performing in some of the chorus numbers. They rehearse on a Wednesday evening (at TCC) and they would probably only need to attend around 5 rehearsals. If you are interested then please contact Sarah Cornell on 07900 242838 or [thurstoncommunityplayers@gmail.com](mailto:thurstoncommunityplayers@gmail.com)

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