

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 14th July 2023



Our last full week of term is at an end! We celebrated with Year 6 on Tuesday following the publication of our SATs results. I am so enormously proud of each of them for their hard work and dedication. They kept their cool and tried their best all year and should be so proud of their achievements.

This will be the final newsletter of this academic year. There are so many people to thank. I feel incredibly grateful and blessed to be headteacher in a school that has such a proactive and supportive parent community. Special thanks must go to the Core PTA Committee and all who have volunteered at PTA events this year. We are in awe of your unwavering dedication and determination. A huge thanks also to those of you who give up your precious time to do gardening and maintenance work around the school. We are so grateful.

Many thanks to those parents and grandparents who have volunteered to help on trips, sporting events and the like. Without you, these events could not go ahead.

I would also like to thank Liz Moore, our Chair of Governors and the governing body as a whole for their steadfast determination to ensure our school is the best that it can be. A special mention and thank you to Jenny Askew who steps down as governor at the end of term.

We are also hugely grateful to those who volunteer to help with the academic success of our children. A big thanks to Mr Baron for his work in Key Stage 2 and also to the Village Reading Group who come in weekly to hear our year 2, 3 and 4 children read.

The East of England Summer Sumdog maths contest starts today and lasts until 20th July. All of Ants and Butterflies have their logins. It's a perfect rainy weather activity! I hope the children enjoy it and improve their maths at the same time as trying their best in the competition!

Year 6 have enjoyed the main part of their activity week this week. They round it off with a trip to Cambridge on Monday. Highlights so far have included an archery session run by Mr Parsons and kindly funded by the PTA.

Ants and Butterflies spent a magical day in the forest at Haslingfield on Wednesday. Great fun was had by all. It was great for them to spend the day in the open air doing a range of fun activities.

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Yesterday the children from Reception to Year 5 spent part of the morning in their new classes and we welcomed next year's reception class into school. The children enjoyed spending time with their new teachers in their new classrooms. Hopefully everyone in next year's KS2 will have received a letter about equipment for next year. I would encourage you to read it carefully. I have attached to this newsletter our uniform expectations. Our aim is that our uniform is smart yet comfortable.

Butterflies had a fun time earlier in the week trialling a Science off the Page box doing all sorts of activities to help them learn more about the work and discoveries of Maria Sibylla Merian, the 17th century German artist and naturalist. The children really enjoyed all the elements of the workshop including watching a virtual presentation by an actor playing the role of Maria and lots of practical activities designed to help them learn more about her life work and the impact it still has today.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Symmons, Mrs Harley, Miss Gough, Miss Earnshaw and Mrs Travers. Caterpillar Class have been so lucky to have Miss Earnshaw and Miss Gough supporting them this term and they will be missed. Mrs Harley has done a wonderful job in Bumblebees on Wednesdays this term and we look forward to hopefully benefitting from her expertise next year. Mrs Symmons has done a fantastic job in developing our outdoor learning and we hope it won't be a proper goodbye but more of a 'see you soon!' We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Travers who has been a valued member of our staff team for 4 years. Thank you, Mrs Travers, for everything you have done for the children who have been lucky enough to have been taught by you.

It just leaves me to say a final huge thank you to you and your children for making my first two terms as headteacher so rewarding and happy and to wish you all safe and happy summers.

Best wishes,

Lucy How



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

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Useful dates!

17 th July	Year 6 trip to Cambridge
18 th July	Key Stage 1 Concert 2.30pm
19 th July	Leavers' Service (Parents of Year 6 children and other leavers are welcome to attend) 2.30pm
6 th September	Class information meetings (After school) – amended date from last week
11 th September	Individual school photos
29 th September	MacMillan Coffee morning
17 th October	Parent Consultations
19 th October	Parent Consultations
8 th November	Flu Immunisations
9 th November	Story-telling assembly
Week beginning 13 th November	Anti-bullying week
24 th November	Decoration Day
13 th December	Nativity (afternoon)
14 th December	Nativity (evening)
15 th December	Festive Friday
18 th December	Christingles
19 th December	KS2 Music concert
20 th December	Carol Service (afternoon)
18 th January	Young Voices
7 th March	World Book Day
7 th March	Parent Consultations
12 th March	Parent Consultations
16 th -17 th March	Daffodil Weekend

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Term Dates

Summer 2023		
	Term Ends	Wednesday 19th July
Autumn 2023		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 1st September</i>
	Term Begins	Monday 4 th September
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 20th October</i>
	Half Term	23 rd October – 27 th October
	Term Ends	Wednesday 20th December
Spring 2024	Term Begins	Thursday 4th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 16th February</i>
	Half Term	19th-23rd February
	Term Ends	Thursday 28th March
Summer 2024		
	Term Begins	Monday 15th April
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	27th May – 31 st May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd June</i>
	Term Ends	Friday 19 th July
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd July</i>

Safeguarding at Thriplow

Lucy How is the designated safeguarding lead at Thriplow School.
If you have a concern about a child, please come and speak to me or email me.
Alternatively please speak to any member of staff who will be able to pass on information.

If you feel that a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection>

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Happy Birthday to **Pippa**, **Robyn**, **Amy**, **Monty**, **Jacob G-S** and **Thomas** who have celebrated their birthdays this week!



HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this week are as follows...

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	7	2367
Barenton	42	2347
Bassett	8	2593
Bury	21	2373

Well done **Barenton**!

The house points will be counted again on Tuesday to see who our winner of the term is!

Your child's school attendance is very important and we are here to help. If you need support to increase your child's attendance, please get in touch with Mrs How via the office.

Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR			
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
			Serious concern Possible court action

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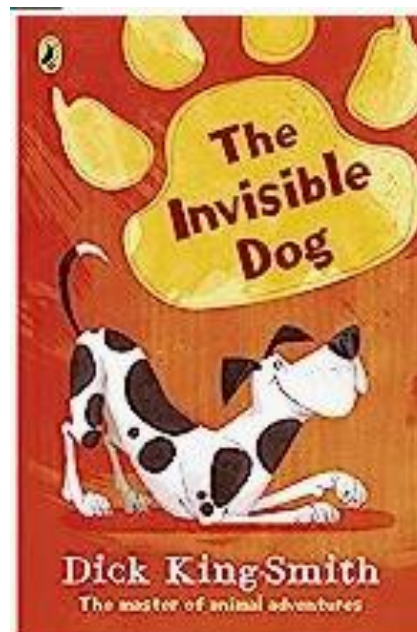
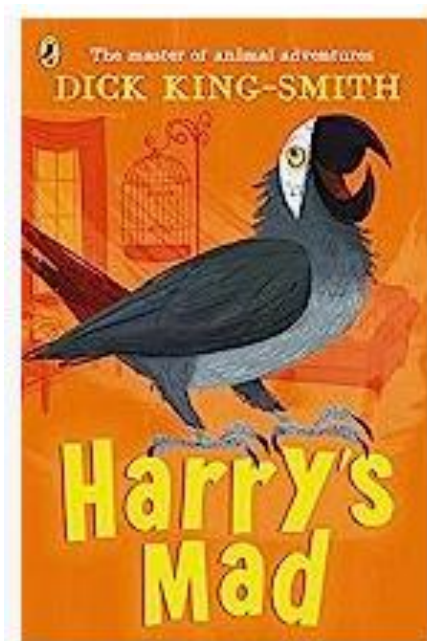
SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take the class photographs, your child should have brought home a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures.

Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline 18/07/2023



Many thanks to Monty for donating these books on the occasion of his 7th birthday!



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**Our certificate
winners this week
are:**

- All of Honeybees
- All of Bumblebees
- All of Year 6
- All of Caterpillars
- All of Key Stage 2
- Sophie Flanagan
- Felicity Barker

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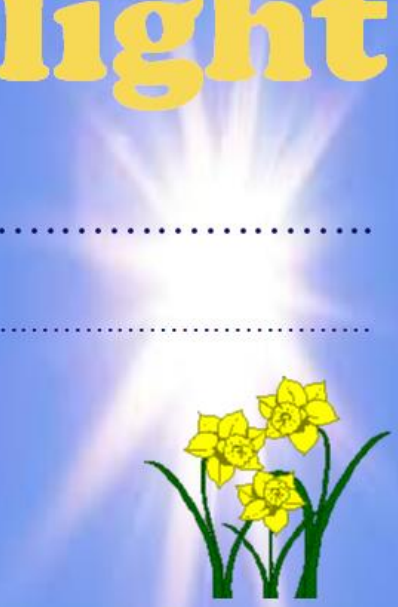
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my light**

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for
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On.....

By

Teacher



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Messages from the PTA

Ice cream sale

The final ice cream sale of the year will be Wednesday 19th July. Don't forget your £1 to enjoy an ice cream as we celebrate the start of the summer holidays.

Year reps

We now have year reps for all current year groups, which is fantastic. Thank you so much to those that have signed up. We are so grateful!

School painting - summer help needed!

Some of the gates and outside equipment around the school could do with a splash of paint over the summer holidays. If you have any time over the summer holidays to help with some of the painting, please sign up on the PTA sign up sheet or message Meghan (07746 148777) and further details will be sent to you.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11Mz-2pVcWCGB_Na2PSO476Lm9fZzEQJLF_hT_ejkDbU/edit

2024 Event Survey

Don't forget that you have until Friday 21st July to complete the 2024 event survey. Whether you came to the Tipi party or not, we'd love to hear your views!

<https://forms.gle/HJ7EeMgPxUdWWYDN6>

IPADs

The school has requested around £5000 from the PTA to cover the cost of additional iPads. These will be used to support the new maths scheme being introduced at the school from September onwards and will therefore benefit all children at Thriplow Primary School. Funding the iPads will still leave the PTA with in excess of £10k to spend going forwards. The iPads will be ordered on Tuesday next week. If anyone has any concerns with this money being spent by the PTA, please get in touch with Meghan Bonner on or before Monday 17th July 2023.

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Facebook

Most of our communication is sent out on the PTA Facebook page. If you're not already a member, please join to keep up to date with all the latest news, events, activity and spending plans.

Thank you

As we come to the end of the term, the Core PTA wanted to send out a special thank you to you, the parent body.

By working together, we have hosted ice cream sales, a disco, refreshments at sports day and the KS2 production, a uniform swap, secured a £500 grant for sports equipment and planted and maintained the grounds of the school. We have also had an initial meeting about the 2024 Tipi Party. We have even had a kind parent trim the hedge at the front of the school back! Thank you!

We have also agreed to spend over £7000 on new iPADS, school trips (including those that have happened for KS1 and some forthcoming for all year groups), KS2 production costs, Year 6 leavers activities, a new brightly coloured picnic bench for the playground, school equipment and school maintenance items. This funding has and will make a huge difference to all our children.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and carers who have helped out over the summer term. 38 individuals have stepped up to make this happen, which is amazing! We are so grateful and look forward to working with the school and the whole parent body to continue benefiting all our children over the coming academic year.

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EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND DEVELOP

Enjoy a fun, award winning, arts and crafts
after school club and get creative with friends.



THE CREATION STATION ART CLUB IS AT THRILOW C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL!

A creative haven for your child to be inspired to paint, sculpt, collage, sketch and much more...giving you more time to get on with what you have to do and without the hassle of having to clear up any of the mess!

Classes will be held each Friday 3.30-4.30pm from 8th September for children in year 1 to 6. The cost of each session is £7.50 and you can book a half termly block online via:

<https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4811>

There is also now an option to pay monthly with a 10% discount.

This term is called "Inspired by Me." Each week your child will be involved in a wide range of fun art and crafts activities as we explore their thoughts, opinions and preferences, including sessions such as: my amazing world, my perfect pet or my own special place.

Over the term we use a wide variety of materials and techniques for maximum fun and learning such as, paints, collage, clay and many other things!

Overalls are available for messier activities. Children are welcome to bring a snack along to eat at the beginning of the session. It is also possible to book a single taster session (payable at the usual rate) using the link above. If you have any questions, please do get in touch at:

lyndsaylees@thecreationstation.co.uk

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Disney



**'DISNEY DANCE' – THE LITTLE PERFORMERS
WHY NOT TRY OUR NEW EXCITING CLUB?
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN KS1 & KS2.**

DISNEY DANCE:

Welcome to our new club 'Disney Dance', children will have the opportunity to learn exciting new dance routines to various Disney Songs!

This is a really exciting opportunity to do something a little different and have lots of fun with us!

All coaches are DBS checked and fully qualified in dance.

Club dates: **Monday 11th September – Monday 18th December 2023** (No classes during half term)

3.30 – 4.30pm – KS1 & KS2
(Mondays after school)

The Little Performers charge a small fee of:

'DISNEY DANCE' AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
£70.00 per child

Payment deadline – 03.07.23

Places are on a first come first serve basis. Your place is not confirmed until payment has been received. To secure your place please make payment via bank transfer by 03.07.23 & send a text message to 07794510852 to confirm payment has been sent.

The Little Performers

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Please reference your payment with 'TS' followed by your child's name.

The Little Performers ☺

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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



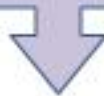
Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am



Early Starters from 8:30



Contact for more information:

Email: ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com

Phone: 01763 208055

Breakfast Club in September.

Please confirm with Ladybird Breakfast Club, the sessions you require for your child/children from September.

ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com

Registration forms can be found on the School Website

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What have we been up to recently?



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