



All Things

Thurlby

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Dear Parents

Congratulations

Thurlby Stars Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Thurlby Stars for demonstrating one of our Thurlby Values this week. Our winners are:

- Reception** - Ella-Rose and Teddy
- Year 1** - Max and Joshua
- Year 2** - Lily-Rose and Jude
- Year 3** - Arabella and Alfie
- Year 4** - Krisha and Thomas
- Year 5** - Jessica W and Ava-Rose
- Year 6** - Charlotte-May and Alexei

Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 25th April 2022, was 96%.

Car Park Safety Competition

We are launching a competition for our children to create an engaging poster urging people to:

- reduce their speed
- park considerately
- promote healthier lifestyle choices when travelling to and from school each day

As you know, we have sent out reminders, previously, explaining that some of the driving and parking near the school site is dangerous and inconsiderate which compromises the safety of you, your children and the local residents.

The winning poster will be displayed around the village in the hope that driving and parking improves for the safety of our community.

Please read our reasons for this correspondence and the competition guidelines carefully:

- Cars drive too quickly right outside our school gates and in the local streets surrounding our school
- Some individuals seem to forget or ignore the fact that there are children crossing and that, every single day, these children put their lives in driver's hands
- Parking inconsiderately, either within the car park or along the nearby streets, is also often hazardous and again, children have said they feel 'unsafe when getting out of the car to cross the road to school'
- Local residents do not appreciate people parking directly outside their driveways; meaning there are times when they cannot leave their house to get to work/an appointment
- There would be times where the Emergency Services would not be able to attend an incident down Crown Lane or a neighbouring road causing what could be a fatal delay to save someone's life/property

We urge you to park and stride whenever possible and if you can't, PLEASE drive and park safely.

Competition Rules:

- These posters should be completed at home
- The poster must be on plain A4 paper
- Please ensure that the spelling of all words is correct
- The poster must be clearly written, in large lettering, with felt tips/sharpened pencils and not colouring pencils as it needs to stand out to drivers
- The poster should be simple and effective with phrases/slogans e.g. 'slow down', 'park sensibly', 'safety first', 'no need for speed', 'park and stride'
- Children may work with their siblings from other year groups / friends to complete a joint poster
- The deadline for the entries is Monday 23rd May
- Children should hand their poster in to Mrs Pengelly or Mrs Burton at the office
- The winner will be chosen by Mrs Finch and the PTFA

We look forward to receiving your wonderful artwork. Thank you ☺

IMPORTANT - Online Safety Update for Parents

It has come to our attention that children are using gaming /websites inappropriately whilst at home. This involves playing games that are NOT AGE APPROPRIATE, creating false accounts, sending unkind messages to people and using search engines to look at unsuitable subjects online. Age restrictions are placed on games/websites to protect children from content that is harmful to their emotional and mental wellbeing.

It is important that children feel confident in disclosing to adults when they see or experience something which upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable - whether that is to talk to a trusted adult in school or family member. As school staff and parents, we must all be mindful that this sort of thing exists and even if you think that your child is responsible whilst gaming/ online, they can be easily influenced by friends or outside sources so PLEASE CHECK.

We should always be available to; listen to our children, reassure them and discuss when they feel uncomfortable online.

Please see the support materials below on parental controls for apps such as; YouTube, Netflix, Xbox, PlayStation and a variety of other popular services presented by Internet Matters.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Also a reminder that TikTok has recently updated their parental controls so parents/carers can have more control over what their children are doing online. **Please note, TikTok has an age limit of 13.**

Swimming

As you are aware our first swimming sessions began this week. We just wanted to say how proud we were of our children. We appreciate how daunting an experience swimming can be for some children, especially if they haven't been swimming for a long time or are not overly confident in the water. We have received wonderful feedback that they all displayed lovely manners throughout their time at the pool and were so kind and encouraging to each other. Well done children, such super stars!





Nut Free School

As we have welcomed a number of new families to school in recent weeks, this is just a reminder to all our parents that it is imperative that nuts or nut products are not included in any of your child's snacks or packed lunch items. This includes any nut-based chocolate spreads e.g., Nutella.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Year 5 trip to London Zoo - Tuesday 28th June

Just a reminder that the first instalment deadline of £15.00 is due **today**. This can be made via our ParentMail system. Cash only payments can also be accepted by the office. Please ensure these payments are sent in a sealed envelope marked clearly with your child's name and year group.

Year 6 trip to Matilda, Cambridge Theatre, London - Wednesday 13th July

Just a reminder that the second instalment deadline of £15.00 is due **today**. This can be made via our ParentMail system. Cash only payments can also be accepted by the office. Please ensure these payments are sent in a sealed envelope marked clearly with your child's name and year group.

Mrs K Finch
Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Thursday 5 th May -	National Child Measurement Programme (Rec/Y6) - Health Team in school
Monday 9th May -	SATs week for Year 6 (Monday to Thursday)
Thursday 12 th May -	Reception visit to Tiny Steps farm
Monday 16th May -	KS1 SATs starts for Year 2
Friday 27 th May -	End of Term 5
Monday 6 th June -	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 28 th June -	Year 5 trip to London Zoo
Friday 8 th July -	Sports Day
Monday 11 th July -	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th July -	Year 6 trip to Matilda, Cambridge Theatre, London
Friday 22 nd July -	End of Term 6