



# THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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We end the week that has seen some beautiful sunshine which is wonderful to see after a few gloomy months!

This week at Thorpedene, we have been treated to a selection of Sea Shanties sung to us by 3F during their class assembly - we definitely agree that the teachers need a coffee in the morning as they wrote in their own 'What shall we do with a Thorpedene teacher song'! They impressed us all by learning so many words to the songs as well as telling us all about the maritime history of Southend. Year 1 have been creating their own 'Wanted' posters for the trolls and have demonstrated their fantastic progress in handwriting - well done! We also supported Red Nose Day this year with our Taskmaster Challenges and dressing in red - look out in next weeks newsletter for our fundraising total!

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who attended the Parent Consultation session this week - this is a great opportunity to share with you how your children are learning and progressing. Our next session is on Monday 23rd March - please ensure if you are unable to attend that you let the school know as we can reallocate the appointment slots.

### PRIDE IN SHOEBURYNNESS!

We have been contacted by Bayo Alaba (Member of Parliament for Southend East and Rochford) to ask for our community to 'have their say' on the Government's 'Pride in place' programme. The scheme will allocate £20million to Shoeburyness over the next 10 years. The money will be allocated by a 'neighbourhood board' of people who live or work or have demonstrative interest in Shoebury. The community board will not act alone, they will consult local people when they make their decisions, and our school community will play a key role. Bayo would love to hear your views about what you would like to see money spent on and you can have your say here: [Bayo Alaba - For Southend East and Rochford](#)

*Mrs. Frost*

### THORPEDENE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Last Friday, our Parents Association held the Mothers Day (or someone special) sale, raising over £390 in the process. We hope all the mums and those who play the role of mum had a lovely day last weekend.





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## INFORMATION & ATTENDANCE

Class	%
2W	98.5%
5M	98.3%
3C	96.8%
2B	96.5%
4W	96.5%
1S	96.2%
5W	94.3%
3F	94.2%
1N	94.1%
6S	93.9%
6L	93.7%
4B	93.3%
Swans	92.9%
4SR	91.7%
5LG	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.7%</b>

Congratulations to 2W for getting 98.5% attendance and 5M, 3C, 2B, 4W and 1S for reaching the school attendance target of 96%

### ABSENCES

Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school, to safeguard your child we need to be informed each day by telephone, email or through the school app before 8.30am, confirming the name of your child, their class and the reason why your child is not in.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please note that medical appointments such as dentist and opticians should be made out of school hours or in the school holidays.

We are 2 weeks away from the Easter holidays so please try and book any appointments during this time.

Having appointments during school time will affect your child's attendance.



## Attendance Matters





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## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

### Thorpedene Stars!

Each week our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Frost, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Jackson-Mayo and Miss Carter) select one child each from across the school who has stood out for their demonstration of one of our Core Values of ACHIEVING, CARING, RESPECTING and CONFIDENCE.

Congratulations to the children below for being this week's stars!

- ★ Sofia in Swans for her CONFIDENCE and ACHIEVEMENT in independent writing ★
- ★ Jimmy in 3F for showing CONFIDENCE and perseverance this week - never give up! ★
- ★ Katrina in 3F for being so CARING towards her peers and celebrating in their successes! ★
- ★ Millie in 4W for challenging herself in Maths with word problems and being a CARING friend to others both in the classroom and on the playground. ★

Congratulations to the following students achieving in Accelerated Reader, Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots!



				<b>Most nuggets earned</b>	<b>Most time working</b>
Swans: Bailey	4SR: Evie	Yr3: Ilinca	1N: Luke	Emma (2W)	Destiny (4B)
1N: Oliver	4W: Wynter	Yr4: Archie	1S: Remie	Noah (3F)	Evie (4SR)
1S: Roman	5LG: Sophia-Rose	Yr5: Zahir	2B: Ivy	Destiny (4B)	Connor (5M)
2B: Jack M	5M: Maisie	Yr6: Alex	2W: Margot	Lewis (4SR)	Alex (6L)
2W: Sonny	5W: Sophie			Alex (6L)	
3C: Vinnie	6L: Evelyn				
3F: Jimmy	6S: Tanzim				
4B: Maddisyn					





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## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

This week in 1N, the children have been exploring different types of maps. They thoroughly enjoyed using the atlas and were excited to locate Shoebury. The children also learned about map symbols by creating their own keys. To bring their learning to life, they worked in groups to design a "messy map" of the classroom using a variety of objects. They had great fun and building their teamwork and creativity.



2W had the best time during Science week - they made their own catapult answering their science question: How can you attack a castle? 2W worked well and absolutely enjoyed testing out their catapults in the afternoon.





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## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Below is our brand-new school menu, which will commence after the Easter break. Please can we remind you that if you would like your child to have a hot meal, it needs to be booked on the school app, at least 24 hours in advance. We are unable to add any extra hot dinners on the same day they are required.



### WEEK 1 LUNCH MENU




Week commencing: 13/04, 4/05, 1/06, 22/06, 13/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MEAT</b>	Beach - Bacon free pork sausage, ham, baked beans & veggie pasta/sauce	Beef mince/beef pasta Bolognaise with garlic bread slices & carrots	Beef pork, meat potatoes, mixed vegetables, forcemeat pudding & peas	Chicken, salmon & cauliflower curry with rice & chips	Half chicken and fish, veggie & chips with baked beans or peas
<b>VEGETARIAN /VEGAN</b>	Beach - Vegan sausage, baked beans & veggie pasta/sauce	Mince and cheese pasta with garlic bread/slice & carrots	Cashew - Cheese balls, meat potatoes, mixed vegetables, forcemeat pudding & peas	Cashew, bean & carrot curry with rice & chips	Plant based veggie & chip with baked beans or peas
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, hummus	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, hummus	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, hummus	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, hummus	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, hummus
<b>DESSERT</b>	Waffle	Fruit or Yogurt	Ice cream	Fruit or Yogurt	Sweet apple


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### WEEK 2 LUNCH MENU




Week commencing: 20/04, 11/05, 8/06, 29/06, 20/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MEAT</b>	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots
<b>VEGETARIAN /VEGAN</b>	Beach - Vegan sausage, baked beans & veggie pasta/sauce	Mince and cheese pasta with garlic bread/slice & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots
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### WEEK 3 LUNCH MENU



Week commencing: 27/04, 18/05, 15/06, 6/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MEAT</b>	Pork sausage roll & veggie potatoes with baked beans or sauce	Chicken & ham/potato bake with garlic bread/slice, peas & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots
<b>VEGETARIAN /VEGAN</b>	Vegan sausage roll & veggie potatoes with baked beans or sauce	Mince and cheese pasta with garlic bread/slice & carrots	Cashew - Cheese balls, meat potatoes, mixed vegetables, forcemeat pudding & peas	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots	Beef shepherd's pie with cheese sauce with veggie potatoes & carrots
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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 5.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery Open Evening for Prospective Parents: 3.35pm - 4.15pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 School Trip to Belfairs Woods
25 <sup>th</sup>	1N Parent Enrichment Session: 9.10am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery, EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade: 2.15pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS School Trip to Hadleigh Farm
27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Easter Activity: 2.15pm
30 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	EASTER HOLIDAY
<b>APRIL</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy Carnival: 3.15pm - 3.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 School Trip to Barleylands Farm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Swans Parent Enrichment Session: 9.10am
<b>MAY</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	5W Class Assembly: 9.05am
8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Egyptian Day <i>(children are invited to dress up as an Egyptian)</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
<b>JUNE</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Borough Sports
17 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos
19 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Super Sports
26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore with me Session: 2.30pm





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JULY	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Sports day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transition Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre: 3.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Borough Sports
8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Residential
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Session for Whole School: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon: 3.15pm - 4.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production: 1.45pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production: 6.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9.15am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

