

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 26th April 2024



We've had a lovely week in school and it's been great to have a bit of sunshine to end the week!

The children have very much enjoyed working on their skipping skills this week. Please encourage them to show off their skills to you at home! Our Year 6 play leaders have enjoyed encouraging the younger children with this.

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome back volunteers from Guide Dogs for the Blind to collect the money raised last term. A huge thank you to all the families in our school community for your help in encouraging your child to take part in the sponsored read, the 'name the guide dog' competition and the bunting competition. Together, the children have raised an amazing £1,700! The volunteers who visited yesterday were blown away by the amount and so grateful to the Thriplow families for their support.

We celebrated Holy Communion for Easter yesterday. We were delighted to welcome and encourage Leon, Felicity and Hamish who received communion in school for the first time.

On Tuesday we will say a sad goodbye to Miss B who has been teaching at Thriplow for almost 6 years. On behalf of the staff, I want to say a huge thank you to Miss B for all she has done during her time at Thriplow. We will miss her hugely and wish her all the best in the next chapter. Miss B has taught almost all the children at Thriplow over the years, and I know that they all have lots of fond memories of their time in Ants Class, as well the many other opportunities Miss B has given them such as maypole dancing, art club and time in the wildspace. Thank you so much, Miss B, for all you have done!

I apologise that after careful arrangements, our grounds works did not take place this week (as I'm sure you noticed!) At this stage, I am unsure when the works will start but when they do, please refer to the instructions shared in the newsletter last week!

We have some staff vacancies on our website – please visit <https://thriplow.demat.org.uk/staff-vacancies> for more information.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates!

3 rd May	PTA meeting in the hall. 9am
8 th May	Year 3/4 tennis festival
Week Beginning 13 th May	SATS week
17 th May	Celebration Collective worship at 9.10am – not in the afternoon
17 th May	End of SATs week tea party – Year 6 parents welcome (pm)
20 th – 24 th May	Year 5/6 residential to Hautbois
24 th May	No Celebration Collective Worship
7 th June	Class photos – note change of date
6 th June	Quad kids
6 th June	Holy Communion in school hall – all welcome. 9.10am
12 th June	Year 5/6 cricket
13 th June	Year 3/4 girls' football festival
Week Beginning 17 th June	Poetry Competition
18 th June	PTA meeting – Zoom 8pm
20 th June	Bees trip to St. Paul's (will be longer than a normal school day)
26 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Year 3/4 cricket
3 rd July	Ants and Butterflies trip to Wandlebury
10 th July	KS2 Production 2.30pm
11 th July	KS2 Production 6pm
12 th July	School Reports out
Week Beginning 15 th July	Year 6 Activity week
16 th July	Transition Morning
18 th July	Key Stage 1 Music Concert 2.30pm
19 th July	Leavers' Service 2.30pm
9 th -12 th September	Year 5 Bikeability
23 rd October	Individual and sibling photos

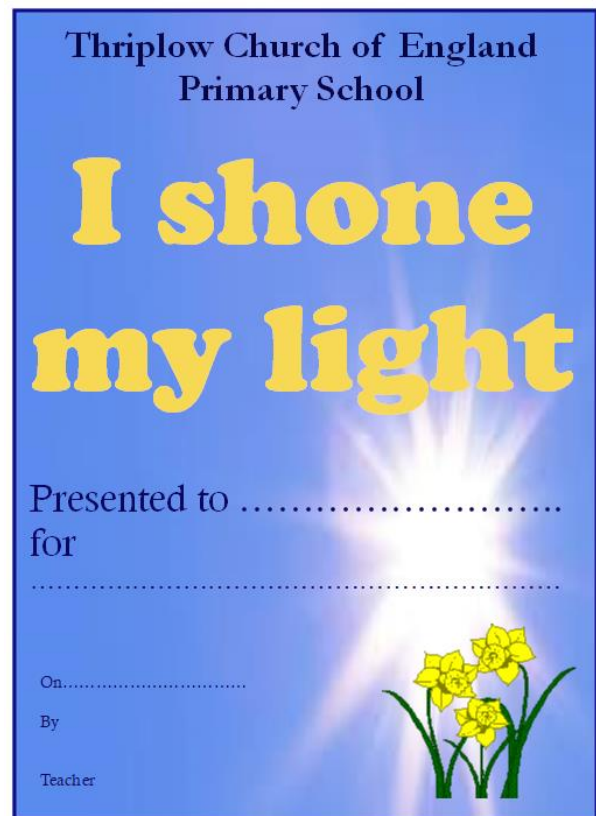
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Summer 2024		
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	27th May – 31 st May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd June</i>
	Term Ends	Friday 19 th July
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd July</i>
Autumn 2024		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 4th September
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 25th October</i>
	Half Term	28th October – 1 st November
	Term Ends	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025		
	Term Begins	Monday 6th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
	Half Term	17th-21 st February
	Term Ends	Friday 4 th April
Summer 2025		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 23rd April
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	26th May – 30th May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
	Term Ends	Wednesday 23 rd July

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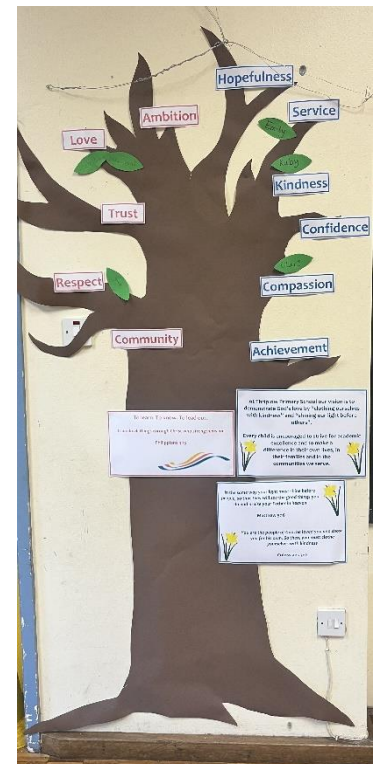
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Charles (Reception)
- Annabelle (Year 1)
- Leo (Year 2)
- Kyan (Year 2)
- Molly (Year 3)
- Nelly (Year 3)
- Amy (Year 4)
- Leo (Year 6)
- Kaitylen (Year 6)



The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

- Harrison (Trust)
- Edward (Ambition)
- Erin P (Trust)
- Esme (Trust)



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Safeguarding at Thriplow

Lucy How and Melissa Hardege are the designated safeguarding leads at Thriplow School.

If you have a concern about a child, please come and speak to or email either of us. 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>

HATS

Please make sure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day this term. The reason for bringing it every day is so that it becomes part of the routine meaning that when the sun does make an appearance, we are well-prepared and sun-safe. Please note that as the term progresses, and the weather gets hotter and sunnier, we will not be able to let children out to play without a hat for health and safety reasons.



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Happy Birthday to **Lucian** who has celebrated his birthday recently!



HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	40	89
Barenton	45	68
Bassett	62	132
Bury	69	96

Well done Bury!

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A poster for the Thriplow School PTA Summer Solstice Party. The background is a large orange circle with a teal gradient at the top and bottom. At the top, a string of colorful lights hangs across the circle. Below the lights, the text 'THRIPLow SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. The main title 'SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY' is in a large, white, hand-drawn, brush-stroke font. Below the title, the date 'Saturday 15 June 2024' and time '7pm 'til midnight' are written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the orange circle, there is a silhouette of a field of tall grass and wildflowers. Below the orange circle, there is a dark teal rectangular box containing white and yellow text. The text on the left describes the event: 'Enjoy a long summer's evening under a beautiful sailcloth marquee in the grounds of Thriplow School'. The text on the right describes the ticket price and what is included: 'Tickets £40 + booking fee includes welcome drink, food from Duxford Hog Roast, and an incredible evening of music'. Below this, it says 'Proceeds go to Thriplow Primary School PTA'. At the bottom left of the teal box is the Facebook link 'www.facebook.com/thriplowsummersolsticeparty'.

THRIPLow SCHOOL PTA
INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR

SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY

Saturday 15 June 2024
7pm 'til midnight

Enjoy a long summer's evening
under a beautiful sailcloth marquee
in the grounds of Thriplow School

Tickets £40 + booking fee
includes welcome drink,
food from Duxford Hog
Roast, and an incredible
evening of music

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Barrow of Booze

The committee are collecting bottles for this prize at the Summer Solstice Party. Maybe you have too much gin for the cupboard, too much white wine if you're a red wine drinker? Please hand in any donations of bottles or crates to office.

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THRIPLLOW SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS



SAWSTON FUN RUN & WALK

Starts 10.30am
Sunday 12th May 2024
3.8km (short route) or 7.4km (long route)
at Sawston Village College

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Run or Walk (3.8km or 7.4km)

- Register to run at www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk (or scan the QR code)
- Enter 'THRIPLLOW SCHOOL' as the team name
- Ask your friends and family to sponsor you on the Thriplow PTA team sponsorship page:
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/sawston-fun-run>
- Meet other runners from Thriplow School at 10am for a team photo and warm-up by the tennis courts
- Dress in yellow encouraged so that supporters can spot you!
- Wear your medal with pride!



REGISTRATION

3. Volunteer at the Thriplow PTA stall

- Help to fundraise by volunteering on the PTA stall at the event (we will only run a stall if we get enough volunteers)
- Parents and children who want to help please email
pta@thriplow.cambs.sch.uk
- All funds raised on the stall will go to Thriplow PTA

2. Support the runners

- Come and cheer on the runners!
- Supporters will meet outside the Brickhouse café (corner of Link Road)
- Donate to the sponsorship page



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship raised will be split 50/50 between the PTA and the Fun Run charity fund

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

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from the
App Store &
Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://be.real/en/privacy> | <https://be.real/en/terms>
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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years

Registration
forms can be
found on the
School
Website



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

Spaces are now limited at Breakfast Club.
If you require regular sessions that are not
already booked with us, please contact us on
ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com as soon
as possible.
Please note, ad-hoc sessions can't be
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